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AUCTION, SALES THIS DAY.

G. DeBar sells real estate at 12 o'clock, m., at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, on Royal street.

Scott Thompson sells a double-cornered house, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, on Royal street.

We are obliged to Mr. Overall, of the Commercial Exchange and Reading Rooms, for the New York *Mercantile Journal* of the 15th.

ELECTION CONTINUED.—The following contested election cases were yesterday filed in the Fifth District Court:—W. Howell, the City Comptroller's office, *vs.* Nelson; Stone, for the Second District Recordership, *vs.* Gaudet; Gros, for Fire District Recordership, *vs.* Alsen.

AT BIENVILLE DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.—A grand dramatic entertainment for the benefit of the Association of the Touhy Guards, is to be given at the New Opera House, by the Juvenile Dramatic Association, on Tuesday evening, the 27th inst.

FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT CLERKSHIP.—Mr. S. P. De Labarre, a respectable and popular citizen of the second district, presents his candidacy for the Clerkship of the Second District Court, subject to the ratification of the National Democratic Convention.

LATE PERIODICALS.—We have courteously remembered by Mr. Hollo, of the Exchange Alley, the following: *Harper's Weekly*, and *Frank Leslie's* (with likeness of Gen. Lee) for March 24th; *Weekly Herald*, *Weekly News*, and the *Courrier des Etats-Unis*, weekly, New York, March 17; and *Godey's Lady's Book* for April.

The Steamship Montgomery, Capt. Ryder, sails at 5 o'clock this morning for New York, with a full freight and a number of passengers.

AMUSEMENTS.

VARIETIES THEATRE.—Boucicault's stirring military drama, "Jessie Brown, or The Relief of Lucknow," is the principal attraction for this evening. It is cast with most of the favorites.

MISS. G. DEBAR will take her benefit to-morrow night, for which occasion a splendid entertainment is promised. This excellent actress merits a full house; and we have no doubt that the announcement of her benefit will ensure one.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Miss Celeste will appear, to-night, for the first time but three, last engagement. She will make the most of her engagement, as it closes, positively, on Saturday night. She will appear in the "French Spy."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—In addition to the usual varied programme, "Excelsior" is "up" for every night. It is a superb pantomime; and its production reflects great credit on Mons. La Therne and the management.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

We publish the Civil Rights bill in the form in which it has passed both Houses and been sent to the President for signature. It is, next to the Freedmen's Bureau bill, annulled by the Executive veto, the most important measure which has been adopted by the present Congress. Should it become a law, it will be of practical concern to the whole population of the South, and, indeed, wherever else in the Union there is more than one race or color. It possesses much political significance from the fact that in it, for the first time in the history of the Government, Congress claims authority to regulate the civil status of populations in the various States for obligatory recognition by State authorities and in State courts. The Freedmen's Bureau system withdraws the negro from State tribunals where it is supposed his legal equality is denied him; and this system is provisional and confined in its operation to certain States of the South. The present measure proposes to enforce the universal recognition of such equality by minute specifications and penal provisions, and the second section of the Constitutional amendment prohibiting slavery is referred to as conferring power for thus legislating. But that section simply authorizes Congress to pass laws necessary to carry the first section—that is, the prohibition of slavery—into effect. It is not pretended that this legislation is necessary to keep the freedmen from being re-enslaved. Free negroes existed, before the adoption of the anti-slavery amendment, in all the States, and it was never held to be a condition of the maintenance of their freedom that there should be absolute uniformity of civil rights for all races and colors. If the right of Congress to take the question of civil rights in the States from the jurisdiction of the State Governments does not result in the second section of that amendment, it unquestionably does not reside in any provision of the old Constitution.

There would seem to be in the Civil Rights bill much that is amenable to some of the President's objections to the Freedmen's Bureau bill; for example, its questionable constitutionality, its multiplication of new officers, and the unusual expense attending its execution. Opinion at Washington appears to be uncertain as to whether the President will sign it. The Washington special of the New York *Herald* says that its friends are confident of his approval, and that, as it stands, it is unanimously endorsed by the Republicans of both Houses. If so, even the President's veto might fail to defeat it. The New York *World* refers to such a contingency when it says: "His views are so well known, that it looks as if the Republicans were courting another veto, either in the hope of humiliating the President by carrying this bill over the veto, or with a view to increase the unpopularity of the President with their party."

The bill having passed the Senate on the 15th, the President's decision upon it will not be constitutionally due before the 26th inst.

THE UNITED STATES AS A BOTANY BAY.

They have their own notions of the United States in the Canton of Basleland, Switzerland. They sagaciously look upon this country as an immense Botany Bay, whose widely and loosely diffused mass of universal and miscellaneous criminality is qualified in some degree by native wild Indians and native wild beasts, such as Comanches, Apaches, buffaloes, grizzly bears, panthers, alligators, snapping turtles, rattlesnakes, scorpions, centipedes, tornadoes, and the like. When a man in that Canton commits murder, or others felonious offense, his judges, on finding him guilty, and deserving of capital punishment, are only in doubt as to whether it would be a greater punishment to hang him outright or dispatch him to the United States. Of course, as above intimated, they must suppose, in thinking of this commutation of punishment, that the people of the United States are not better than the transported criminal; reasoning on the subject in the spirit of the grave-digger in Hamlet, who thought a proper eqonogh to send the mad Prince to England, as there they were all as mad as he. For punishment is not purely vindictive. The chief object is to relieve part of moral habits and of inhabiting and noxious dispositions from the presence of the vicious and the law-less. Such an object is not satisfied by merely shifting the criminal from one community to another, unless the latter be a community of criminals, and a penitentiary, in a penal colony, or in that "Botany" of rascaldom which the vivid imagination of Swiss justice sees in the United States the terrestrial type. On more than one occasion Consular representatives of the United States Government have endeavored to disabuse the judicial tribunals of Basleland and other Cantons of this curious appreciation of the foreign mind, as derived from ideas of the condition of this country from the representations of the partisan press, in which both the great parties are proclaimed to entertain the most atrocious purposes, in which the President himself is denounced as the chief champion of bloody-handed rebels and assassins; and especially if we suppose Mr. Seward's annual diplomatic correspondence to be garnished with the terrible barbarities and cruelties which form the pastimes of a large portion of the people, to be taken as correct information in Switzerland, we may well conceive how difficult must be the task of correcting erroneous views prevalent in that country relative to the moral condition of this. At all events, these views were still uncorrected up to the date of a recent criminal trial and conviction in Switzerland, a case which has given rise to a peremptory Consular protest in behalf of the United States, as we learn from the following Washington special of the 15th, in the New York *Times*:

The Secretary of State in a letter to Senator Sumner details the facts in the case of the murderer of Martin Boner, recently purchased by the Council of Basleland, Switzerland, on condition of his emigrating to this country. He was under sentence of confinement for twenty four years' solitary. The United States Consul, W. W. Wilde, at Basleland, informed the Council of Basleland that the United States was not a colony for convicts, and that criminals sent here would not be permitted to land in this country, but would be returned to Switzerland at the expense of those sending them hither.

If the protective system in regard to foreign manufactures were only extended to operate against the free importation of criminals, it would afford some compensation for the tax imposed on the consumer by means of manufactures. Home competition for the production of crime in this country are quite sufficient for the present time. Until foreign competition could arrest home production, it might be worth while to try the effect of a discriminating system of criminal importation. It might be of advantage, for example, if we could substitute a few strapping Gypsies for shyster lawyers and generally, as the finely and mild-mannered pickpocket, whose gains are moderate, for the murderous burglar and robber, the bank cashier or the commission-broker, whose depredations are wholesale and measured in value by hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

COMMERCIAL AND RIVER NEWS.

GOLD 128¾.

FROM TEXAS.

Washington, March 21.—*Senate*—The bill to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States was taken up and discussed. The crime of forgery of United States securities is made punishable by ten years' imprisonment.

The House passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill; also, the bill to facilitate commercial, postal and military communication between the several States.

New York, March 21.—Cotton declining; sales 3000 bales at 39 to 40c. for middling.

Naval stores dull; turpentine 90 to 90c.

Washington, March 21.—In the House, a vote on the amendment to the diplomatic appropriation bill, authorizing the appointment of a solicitor to the State Department, prevailed. The other amendments were disagreed to.

The President has recognized F. A. Sanders as Consul of Wurtemburg at Galveston.

Washington, March 21.—*Senate*—Mr. Brown introduced a bill to aid the construction of Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad, connecting the great lakes, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas with the Texas and the Gulf of Mexico, which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

New York, March 21.—The steamer New York sailed at noon for Aspinwall. Among her passengers is Thomas W. Knox and another, to accompany the overland telegraph expedition from San Francisco through Siberia, China and Russia to Western Europe.

Fortress Monroe, March 21.—The U. S. steamer Bienville has sailed for the West Indies.

San Francisco, March 21.—Honolulu dates to the 6th of February state the eruption of the great volcano has ceased.

Mining stocks are improving.

Louisville, March 21.—A soldiers' convention meets here on the 6th of April. All the officers and soldiers, who have served in Kentucky regiments are invited at half fare over the principal railroads.

Sterling King, who recently confessed the attempt to assassinate Secretary Seward, attempted to commit suicide this morning. His recovery is doubtful.

Galveston, March 20.—Little of interest is being done in the Texas Convention. A Committee of Nine was appointed to form an address to the President.

Mr. Barnett (Union) offered a proposition to pay the widow of Gen. Houston the full salary he would have received as Governor for the full term from the time he was deposed by the secession Convention.

At Galveston the cotton receipts for the week were not over five hundred bales and declining. The stock on hand, not on shipboard, is about 7000 bales. Middling rules at 22 cents in gold. The market is unsettled.

The brig Floreuce, from New York, is at the bar. The steamer Wilmington, for New York, sailed on the 18th. The Sachem is detained at the bar. The Ladonia is discharging.

New York, March 21.—Flour more active. Whiskey $2@2.03. Coffee dull. Sugar dull, 11¾ to 12¾c. Molasses dull, Porto Rico 75c. Pork $25 75. Lard 19¼c. Money steady, at 5 to 6 per cent. Sterling Exchange 108. Gold 128¾. Government Stocks unchanged, except 10-40's which declined ⅛.

Louisville, March 21.—Leaf Tobacco lower, sales 150 hhds. Flour, $7@8. Meal Pork, nominal, at $26. Bacon Shoulders 12c.; Clear sides, 16½c.; Hams, 21@22c.; Corn, 60c.; Oats, 42c.; Cotton, 33c.; Whisky unchanged.

St. Louis, March 21.—Cotton 34c.; Tobacco, 9 75 to $7 12½; Corn, 62 to 65c.; Oats, 45c.; Pork, $26 12½; Lard, 19½c.; Whisky, unchanged.

Cincinnati, March 21.—Flour and Wheat, dull and unchanged. Oats advanced 1c; Corn, 63c.; Whisky, unchanged. Groceries and Provisions, dull; Pork, $25; Bulk Sides, 13c.; Shoulders, 9¼c.; Bacon shoulders, 12c.; Clear sides, 16c.; Lard, 18½c.

Vicksburg, March 21.—The steamer Mollie Able passed down at 10 o'clock last night, the Clara Dolson at 2 P. M., and the Emerald at 7 P. M.

The Lady Gay passed up at 3 P. M.

The President and Mayor Monroe.

The New York *Tribune's* Washington special of the 15th is responsible for the following. We find no similar statement in any other New York paper:

The President to-day gave a citizen of Louisiana authority to telegraph to New Orleans that he (the President) had forwarded orders to Gov. Wells not to allow Monroe, the newly elected Mayor of New Orleans, to be installed into his office.

New York Dry Goods Trade.

(From the New York Mercantile Journal of the 15th.)

In this important line, the market has felt another dull week, but few as well as sellers complaining according to their respective views of interest, that the market is on one side too low, on the other too high. Some lines of goods, undoubtedly, are quite low enough. Standard Sheetings, De Laines, Prints and a few other goods are at prices that meet the ideas of purchasers, but we can scarcely wonder that they object, decidedly, to paying the asking prices for fine Brown and Bleached sheirtings, and for Ticks, Denims, Stripes, &c. We understand that the New York Mills admit that they are asking 15 cts per yard on their goods, and feel assured that were they and other manufacturers to reduce their prices, as they might well afford to do to the present standard of cottons, more and more would be the demand from the interior would be readier to come forward, and all branches of trade would experience a healthier tone. Stocks are not large in their own hands, for were they to find their supplies in other goods a fair reduction would soon result.

Standard Sheetings are selling freely at 25c for the best goods, and 24c for second since these cannot be made for less, with cotton at 33c. Fine Prints sell from 1 to 2c. but 5c would be nearer the mark. Bleached shirtings are 2½c lower, excepting the best grades. Ducks are in moderate supply and demand, supply their immediate wants, anticipating a further material reduction. Delaines have experienced a slight decline, which brings them down to 22½c, a rate not much beyond their price previous to the war. These goods suffer more vitality in proportion to competition with nearly all kinds of foreign dress goods, which are selling at ridiculously low rates in the auction rooms. Printed Lawns, Organdies, Ginghams, have fallen off one cent, and a brisk trade is doing in that line, since it is well known that these goods cannot really be produced at present prices.

Appended is a valuable statistical comparison for 4 years past, at this date:

	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.
Gold	150	160	140	130
Cotton	70	80	60	39
Sterlings	12	16	9	9
Dollars	75	80	60	39
Cents per Pound	12	16	9	9
Prints	25	30	22½	20

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The Tea Trade—Its Error Corrected.

San Francisco, March 14.—It has been stated that the steamer Golden Gate, which arrived here on the 6th ult. from China, brought advices of an advance of from ten to fifteen cents per pound on tea. Upon careful inquiry it is ascertained that no such advices of this nature were received, and that such was the fact, it was known only to a few private parties, and not to speculators generally.

The files of papers brought by the Oriflamme do not mention any particular change in the market, and the impression of the trade discredit the reported advance.

The brig Ocean Wave, arrived here yesterday, leaking badly. She was bound from the South Coast of Oahu to New York and put into this port for repairs. When off Port à l'Outre, her commander, in a fit of temporary insanity, committed suicide, by cutting his throat.

ARRIVAL OF THE NORTHERST.—The steamship Monterey, Capt. Williams, from New York 13th inst., arrived at her wharf under this morning, with a full freight and the following passengers:

Mr. James Murphy, E. B. Hood, Mr. John Murphy, Mrs. Murphy and child, Mrs. Hall, Miss Hall, Miss Simon, Mrs. Vanderpool and 29 in the steerage.

The following is a list of passengers per steamship J. C. Harris, Capt. Fowler, commander, from Indianola and Galveston, March 18th:

Capt. and lady, 3 children, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Dr. Chapman, Mrs. Dr. Hall, Mrs. J. F. Payne, lady and child, Mrs. Dr. Cooper, Mrs. Dr. Brown and child, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Dr. Bond and child, Mrs. Dr. Bowden and child, Mrs. Dr. Hall and child, Mrs. Dr. Hall and child, Mrs. Dr. Hall