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GRAND SYMPHONIE CONCERTS.—We have already mentioned that Mr. Grueling's orchestra was taking the necessary steps to give a series of concerts at Guth's Beer Saloon, on the plan of the Strauss concerts—the *cafés chantants* of Paris. It will be perceived by reference to our amusement column that the first of these concerts will be given on Sunday, the 3d proximo, the next to follow on Tuesday, the 5th, and Saturday, the 9th.

The concerts will be given at the saloon of Mr. Guth, on Conti street, between Royal and Bourbon streets.

The selections of music will consist of grand overtures operatiques, potpourris, solos, &c.

We will refer to this performance again.

PERFORMANCE AT THE OPERA HOUSE.—*Benefit of Mr. Dubois.*—A performance is to take place this evening at the Opera House, the occasion being the benefit of Mr. Dubois. The *opera comique*, "The Daughter of the Regiment" of Donizetti, two vaudevilles and musical interludes will constitute the evening's entertainment.

The U.S. Mail steamship Morning Star, A. D. Perkins, commander, will leave her wharf, opposite Jackson Square, at 3 o'clock this morning, for New York via Havana, with freight, the United States mails and the following passengers:

For New York—Capt Bradbury, Lieut Tolmer, F W Stinson & P Payne, Col Strother, Capt Mowley, Col Thorpe, M Tucker, T F Sears, F A Wells, P Barth, C Mill, Miss J Wilbert and niece, J Ish & Kirkland, J W Stanton, Col R B Merritt, H Wood, Capt W W Carruth, Mrs Wood, G Randall, H Strauss, G K Givens, W M Love, D M T Bell, R J B Smith, F Hubbard, Mrs I M Livingston, Mrs Drew, 2 children and child, J W Davis, Mrs Z Booker, 2 children and servant, Mrs Herbert and 2 children, H Wyer, Mrs Stanwood and 2 children, Mrs Townsend, 3 children and servant, Miss Lowe, child, servant and wet nurse, Miss Carrick, Miss Schneider, Mrs Price, Mrs Clemson, J S McMurdo and son, George Bell, W A Bell, J Burgess, J Thomas, J Harris, A Mesnier, R G Harris, H A Greenfield, Mrs Mollonay, Geo R Yeiser, M Stokes, O Prescott and lady, G Nichol Bowers, Miss Cain, Lewis Bandman and lady, M A Woods, E Nash, J Falvey, Miss Sickels, Mrs Harrison, D Wright and lady, O R Hatch, M & J F Allen and servant, Mrs Lowe, Miss J Welch, Miss Avery, Dr Hunter, M Pool, J Hendricks, J K Warden, J H McKeever, N Eccleston, Rev J Keenan, W Mansfield, J H Werner.

For Havana—Mrs Lewis, Miss K Wyly, Miss Fernandez, Miss L Martin, Miss St Clair, Mrs Dawson and 2 daughters, Miss A Talleman, Mrs Dickinson, D W Vigues, J Dawson.

We are requested to state that the sale of goods advertised for to morrow, by Phinney & Amory, auctioneers, is postponed until further notice.

The Reasons of the Failure of the Attack Against Charleston.

The New York *Times* thus enumerates what it considers the reasons of the failure of the attack against Charleston:

Viewed strategically Charleston harbor forms a *cul de sac* four miles in length from its entrance at Fort Sumter up to the city. This blind passage varies in width from one to three miles, and is capable of bearing defensive works on each side and on shoal places in mid-channel.

On these natural advantages have been brought to bear the finest engineering skill in the Confederacy (and it was the flower of the genius of the country) during a period of two years. Lee, Beauregard and Ripley in succession have exhausted their professional efforts to make it impregnable. Everything that the most improved modern artillery and unlimited resources of labor can do has been done to make the passage of a fleet impossible. And it is impregnable. Subsequent use as testing to it.

Our fleet got in to the *entrance* of the harbor. It never got within it. Had the iron-clads succeeded in passing the obstructions they would still have found three miles of batteries to run. They would have entered an Inferno which, like the port of Sebastopol, at night, would bear the dazzling legend, "Who enters here leaves hope behind." Not a point at which they would not have found themselves.

"Mid mipper, nether, and surrounding fires"

They pass out of the focus of fire of forts Sumter and Moultrie, Beauregard and Bee, and they find themselves between the fires of the ranges of Sumter, the Redan, Johnston, and Ripley. They get beyond this, and a concentric fire from Ripley, Pinckney, the Wappoo battery, and the guns of the city fall upon them. Merely to run by the batteries and anchor above the forts below New Orleans, is not a very difficult thing even for vessels not iron-clad: but to be anchored as it were under such fires as these is what no ships were ever called upon to suffer.

I think I am justified in saying that the Admiral and his staff, and the captains commanding the iron fleet have all along well understood the task that was given them to do, and that they entertained no illusions regarding it. But both the Navy Department and the public were illusions as to the capacity of the fleet to be dismantled as to the instruments with which it was to be done. They saw all the weaknesses of the Monitors as well as the strength. They knew that their powers had never been tested. But with the usual liberal logic that characterizes them our people took everything for granted. Here was a key to the Southern riddles. Take these iron-clads, says the Navy Department, knock Sumter into a brick pile, and sail proudly up to demand the surrender pt Charleston.

Indeed, so preposterously did the government regard the matter, that it was not even thought necessary to have a co operating land expedition. It will astound the country to learn that the whole force which General Hunter could spare from his limited command was under *seven thousand men*. Of course he could do nothing against the force ready to oppose him. According information I received from the Spanish Consul, who came out from that city a few weeks ago, the rebel troops for the defense of Charleston numbered at the time 55,000 men, and their railroad facilities would easily enable them, in twenty-four hours, to bring the force up to a hundred thousand. General Hunter frankly told Admiral Dupont that he could do nothing to aid him. He could garner in what the navy reaped, but he could do nothing in the hard and labor of the field. The military force, hired and labor of the field. The military force, indeed, never got any further up than Stono Inlet, a dozen miles from Charleston harbor, where it was to effect a landing on Folly Island for the purpose of erecting a diversion. This was done, if any thing, in a very feeble manner. The naval chief had *eleven Monitors* men, the whole force of the iron fleet) with which to take and hold a dozen forts. Could the country of folly further go?

These intimations, however, will overshoot the mark if they convey the impression that Admiral Dupont lacked faith in the enterprise, or that he entered upon it unwillingly. It was, in fact, no case for either a blind faith or an unreasoning scepticism. Too little was known, as regards the real character of the rebel defenses west of the true merits of the iron clad vessels, to justify the one attitude or the other. It was absolutely necessary to try certain experiments as the basis of any definitive plan of siege, for it was upon these that it would be less than a ten days' affair. The operations of yesterday, therefore, may be regarded in the light of a reconnoissance. The reconnoissance resulted in a repulse, though not a disaster. That it was not so is due to the admirable skill of our naval leaders. In the process we have learnt valuable lessons. And now it remains true to-day as ever that Charleston may still be successfully assailed. But that will begin to be possible for us when, casting off idle illusions as to special arms, an adequate expedition shall be sent, army, as well as naval, and in which the navy shall only be required to play its legitimate part.—*Times.*

[From the New York Tribune of the 15th.]

Greece and the Eastern Question.

The American and Polish questions have for some months so entirely monopolized public opinion that all the other unsolved questions of European policy, and among them that of little Greece, have been entirely lost sight of. At another time her anxiety as a candidate for the vacant throne, her frequent failures to find a Prince willing to charge himself with the newsome burden, the intrigues of the grand Powers in the settlement of her destiny, and the counter revolution attempted by the House of Bavaria, which has so nearly succeeded as writing, but in view of questions of so much graver importance, all this has passed almost unnoticed.

By the latest intelligence from Europe, we learn that come more the King has been chosen by the free vote of the people, the time now has arrived for the meeting of the National Assembly. That by this long delay in performing this act had raised an expectation that the people tired of their useless efforts to find a King, might in their unreflecting form of government altogether. But this depended much on the pleasure of the Greeks, than on that of the Protecting Powers, and, moreover, the first step toward an aggrandizement of the Kingdom, the annexation of the Ionian Islands had been expressly made dependent by England on the maintenance of a monarchical constitution. In view of such an alternative, nothing else could be expected from the little nation than quiet submission to the will and pleasure of its patron.

The King elect is Prince William of Denmark, brother of the Princess of Wales. The Prince is in the eighteenth year. Of his personal qualifications for the high post for which he has been chosen nothing is known; but that of course is no consideration, for what would be the becomes of monarchs and monarchies if the selection of a throne were conditioned on the qualifications of the candidates? The Greeks have made only one condition, that he must be a member of the Greek state, must embrace the faith of the Greek Church. It is quite conformity for the Princes and Princesses of Europe to adopt the creed of the Court with which they become connected by marriage. The Queen of Denmark will undoubtedly not object to the arrangement on this ground.

The Danish papers, it is said, are generally opposed to the plan, as the succession to the Danish throne rests at present exclusively in Prince Christian, the father of the King elect. The King of Denmark has, however, already intimated his willingness to accept, provided Prince Christian and Prince William desire the arrangement. And Prince William's rights of succession to the Danish throne be reserved. Russia, Prussia and England are also satisfied with the arrangement, but the other states, is likely soon to consider the whole question. The youth of the new King, however, would be in favor of immediately settling the grave questions existing, in order that he might enter upon his reign unembarrassed by them. Should, however, serious objections of the Powers be raised, the new King could, for several years, be the guardian of the Grand Powers, which at present are not enough to do what the interest of other countries.

HONOR TO AN AMERICAN ARTIST.—The *Court Guide*, speaking of the bridal festivities at Windsor mentions the introduction to the Prince and Princess of our young friend Master Willie Pape.

The *Guide* says: "One of the, prominent features of the evening was the presentation of Master Pape, the pianist, by Lord Viscount Sidney, her Majesty's Lord Chamberlain. This young gentleman, it will be recollected, gave concerts through Canada and the States, for the benefit of the Lancashire operatives, last summer.

"The young pianist, who is but twelve years of age, performed several classic pieces, and received the highest tokens of regard from the royal family. Her Majesty, although not present, was a silent listener in an adjoining apartment, and expressed her satisfaction at his performance. The piano used at the Castle was the one of Steinway & Co. which took the prize medal at the World's Fair."

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Morning Star.—In response to an invitation from Mr. Elliott, one of the agents here of the new line of mail steamships just being established between New York and New Orleans, via Havana, we went aboard the Morning Star yesterday to see if she would justify the loud praise we had heard of her. On the wharf, she loomed up as much above the size of our common sea going steamers that we were reminded slightly of that leviathan, the Great Eastern, as we saw her at the dock in New York. To particularize would be tedious; but on every hand it was apparent that ingenuity had been exhausted in devising arrangements to ensure to passengers, even to the most fastidious, every luxury, comfort, convenience, and security possible for a sea-voyage. Every saloon is carefully and elegantly furnished, while the state rooms, opening into each other, an admirable arrangement for families and intimate friends, are fitted with the coziest sleeping berths, cushioned seats, carpets, and water fixtures.

We will mention, *en passant*, of the bathrooms for ladies and gentlemen, the dressing saloons for each attached, the ladies chat saloon, the gentlemen's smoking and card room, all luxuriously cushioned and lumped. The dining saloon is spacious, well lighted, and altogether exceedingly comfortable—seating over 100 persons at a time.

Here one of the tables was groaning under the weight of what we were introduced to as a lunch; but it was an elegant specimen of the *cuisine* of the ship—at least it struck us, from the skill displayed, that this department was in the hands of a perfect master of the science of tickling the bodily organs of the epicure. The guests, among whom were several ladies, sat around the board, and while paying proper respect to the edibles, passed a pleasant hour in wine, wit and welcome to the "Morning Star" and her gentlemanly officers.

Capt. Bell, who goes away to New York to bring out, when ready, in a few weeks, the "Evening Star," the consort of the Morning Star in this line) was helping to do the hostly honors, and well they were done in conjunction with Mr. Elliott and the purser.

"The Morning Star" shoots from her dock at Jackson Square, at 8 o'clock, this morning.

The Race Again.—The managers of the proposed race for the benefit of the orphans have reconsidered their decision as to Monday, Thursday, and have concluded that it shall come off on Friday, the 1st of May, unless something happens to prevent, in which case a pennant will be displayed from the flagstaff of the St. Charles Hotel.

Contraband.—Special officer Fitzpatrick yesterday arrested Mrs Barbara Ott on the charge of having in her house two bowie knives, one pistol, and four small Confederate flags. She was released on bail to answer in the Provost Court to day.

Inquest.—The Coroner held an inquest yesterday on the body of a child, 7 years old, named Marion Shell, found dead at the corner of First and Dryades street. The verdict was: "Died of diseases of the heart"—the result of rheumatism.

Can The Man Write—Jacob Whitaker yesterday gave a decision in the case of A. Demestre vs. Condon, which involved a simple question of fact that seemed very hard to decide. The suit was on a note for $350, which Demestre paid at maturity, but which he alleged to have been endorsed by Condon. He declared it was a forgery, and that he neither wrote his name nor authorized any one to write it. The principal witness testified that he had seen Condon write the name on the note; that he sometimes wrote his name and sometimes made his mark; that he had seen him write his name in the docket of the First Justices' Court; and that he knew Condon could not write anything but his name. On the other side, about a dozen witnesses, who had been intimate with defendant for many years, in business and otherwise, swore that he could neither read or write, and that he always made his mark. His name, besides, was no where to be found on the docket of the First Justices' Court. Thereupon the Court gave judgment for defendant with costs.

[Wednesday]—In the case of Duvall vs. Walker, the Court decided as follows: The motion for a new trial is overruled. I have come to the conclusion, after a careful examination, must be denied. The evidence does not seem to me to sustain the defence, when the evidence of the plaintiff is taken into account."

In the case of Rivas vs. Dyde, on motion of Wm. H. Hall, attorney for plaintiff, and on filing the powers of attorney of plaintiff to Chas. Harrispe, it was ordered that the exception herein taken be dismissed, and the defendant to file his answer herein.

The case of St Coran vs. Evans was tried, and, after argument, was taken under advisement. Plaintiff had bought at public auction a steam engine for $750, which had been sold by Col. Stafford, as Sheriff of the First District Court, under a judgment by Judge Bell in favor of the creditors of one Watson, whose property it was alleged to be, and who was engaged in a contract for building a steam vessel—not the Bayou St. John (or Pontchartrain) Railroad. The arrival of the fleet defeated the enterprise, and the defendant claimed the engine as his property. Mr. Rosselius, for the defendant, contended that Col. Stafford had no more authority to order the sale than Geo. Merrill Morrison would have had, as he was the only sheriff of the First District Court after the removal of Mazzaro to Fort Lafayette; and therefore the purchaser at this sale did not carry with it a good title. Mr. Thomas, for defendant, contended that the sale was good, that he had purchased the engine from a regular auctioneer, up in advertisement, at defendant's store; had paid for it, and had left it in the latter's possession, because there was no occasion to remove it until the present time. The Court is to decide who has the best title to it.

The Court, after this case, was adjourned to Monday next.

[FROM OUR EVENING EDITION OF YESTERDAY.]

Foraging in General Grant's Army—Cotton Picking.

The New York *Post* publishes the following paragraph:

A letter from near Vicksburg says that within the last month foraging parties have been frequently sent out from the different corps of Grant's army and have succeeded in obtaining possession of large quantities of cotton and corn. Grant has been found in such abundance some of the plantations that most of the country horses have been fed on the substance of the Confederacy since the commencement of the siege. In addition to the thousands of bales of cotton already seized and sent up the river, there are thousands more in bidding-places of which the officials are informed, and which will be taken care of as soon as the water recedes so as to give our troops a chance to get at them. In one place there are twenty five hundred bales of the staple belonging to the Confederacy, being a part of the loads for the government, now on the levee inaccessible at present, but will be within reach in a few weeks.

The same writer adds:

"When General McPherson came to Lake Providence he found several thousand acres of unpicked cotton in the neighborhood of the town, on plantations that had been deserted by their owners and occupants. By directions from General Grant this was all turned over to a party from Memphis, who agreed to harvest it on shares for the Government, they paying all the expenses for pressing, ginning, and transportation to Memphis. The field labor is done by the contrabands furnished by the Government but fed and paid by the contractors. The negroes not unfrequently make from three to four dollars per day at the prices paid for them, one dollar per pound for picking. They get the best of rations and good quarters. The contractors make large profits from the bargain."

Life in Richmond.

THE FARE AT A FASHIONABLE BOARDING-HOUSE.

A Murfreesboro' correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* communicates to that paper a copy of a letter recently found on the person of a lady near the Federal outposts, from the wife of a Confederate Congressman, and directed to a person in Nashville:

Richmond, Va., Friday, Feb. 6, 1863.

MY DARLING:—I have an opportunity offered this morning for conveying a letter to you, and embrace it gladly.

My little boy is named "Malvern." He naps calmly after the battle ground of Malvern Hill, where our brave boy fought so nobly. He begins to play, and tries to talk. He is a great boy, and the best and prettiest baby I ever saw. He is much petted by the members of Congress who know him. Mr. R. is very much engaged in the "House" during the day.

We are boarding at Mrs Johnson's, on Governor street, just opposite Governor Letcher's mansion. It is a large boarding-house, *high prices and a problem celtian.* Such living never was known before on earth. Tell grandma the poorest hut in the Western District of Tennessee is palace compared with the