

NEW ORLEANS:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 24, 1862.
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IMPORTANT PROCLAMATION.
We call the special attention of all classes of our readers to the very important proclamation issued this morning by General Banks, in regard to the bearing and true interpretation of President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation. How shall the latter affect our State? This question is very clearly answered in the address of General Banks to the people of Louisiana, published in another column. Every one should therefore peruse it carefully, and meditate its object.

THEATRE.—The play of "The Gamin of Paris," adapted from the French, the comedia of "The Rough Diamond," and "The Wanderer," will be given at the Varieties to-night. There is a fine and interesting scene in the threatening appearance of the weather. Mr. Baker, as Joseph, the Frenchman, is a very good character of a boy, and was well supported by Mr. Baker, as General Morris, and Mr. Reed, as General Morris. The play of "The Rough Diamond," Mr. Gladstone was delightfully rich in character of Morris, and with Mr. Reed, as General Morris, was a very good character of a boy, and was well supported by Mr. Baker, as General Morris, and Mr. Reed, as General Morris.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The Minstrels are commencing in their efforts to secure the frequent attendance of the audience, which they have not fully accomplished with the most of the troupe. They vary their program nightly, and variety in the songs of the troupe, as well as in the variety of their performance, are in no measure inferior to those which they have already given.

ATTACK ON THE EMPIRE PARISH BY GEN. BRIDGES.—The former Empire Parish, Captain Bridges, started this morning from the Monroe plantation, in the direction of the river, four miles below Bayou Grosse, right bank of the river. Reports that while taking in sugar the plantation was fired upon by a party of 150 strong, under command of Captain Talbot, and demanded the surrender of the boat, which declined, when they opened fire, killing Captain Talbot, and wounding Mr. J. Reed, badly wounded, Charles Clark, slightly do, and John Smith, severely. The Empire Parish backed out from the river, and it is supposed some fifty negroes of sugar rolled in the river.

EXHIBITION AT THE LOUISIANA ACADEMY.—Professor A. F. Parrier, principal of this well known institution of learning, will accept our thanks for the exhibition of the Louisiana Academy, to be given at the Louisiana Academy, on Tuesday evening, the 30th inst.

LAMPSHIRE COAL.—C. A. Milneberger, of 57 Camp street, has on hand a lot of superior Lambshead coal, which he offers for sale at the rate of a dollar and a half per ton. Purchasers should call on Mr. Milneberger.

DEATH OF LIEUTENANT J. JOSEPH ALBERT.—Lieutenant J. Joseph Albert, of the 1st Louisiana Heavy Artillery, died of cholera, at the age of 21 years, on the 20th inst. at the camp of the 1st Louisiana Heavy Artillery, near the mouth of the Mississippi river. He was a native of Louisiana, and was a member of the Louisiana Academy.

THE FIGHT AT FREDERICKSBURG.
The following are the names of the officers and men who were killed in the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862:
Killed: 12 officers, 1,100 men.
Wounded: 2,000 men.
Captured: 15,000 men.
The battle was fought between the Union Army, commanded by General Burnside, and the Confederate Army, commanded by General Robert E. Lee.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.
Thieving Girls.—A slave belonging to Mr. Richards, was arrested yesterday morning, on the charge of stealing a pair of shoes from the store of Mr. Richards, at the corner of Chartres and St. Louis streets. The shoes were found in the possession of the girl, and she was committed to the city prison.

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