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Sales at Auction To-day.

By H. M. Jacobs, at 10 o'clock, the Louisiana Coffee-house, corner Canal street and Exchange Alley.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—The loss of beauty is regarded by females as a heavier affliction than death, and consequently Dr. Holloway receives a large share of the patronage of the gentler sex, for all blotches and pimples which disfigure the face, arms and neck, the Ointment in a remarkable manner and restores the purity and brilliancy of the complexion.

Political Philosophy in a Fog.

The first efforts of the immature mind are directed to the simple perception of external objects. The child slowly proceeds from instinctive ability to generality, from the concrete to the abstract. But the point of mere abstraction is not the point of highest intellectual maturity. The college graduate, crammed bristled of pedantic generalities, is frequently, with regard to matters of fact, less a poet twaddling simpleton whom the dullest boy in a rudimentary school could usefully instruct. Learning is not identical with wisdom, or even knowledge. Sometimes, which is often but a glittering disguise of ignorance, may also become the engrossing medium of dangerous error. The mind reaches the esoteric when it returns to where the child's mental development started, when it applies the test of naked and searching analysis to every shadow of fallacy, and refuses to build philosophical generalities upon any other foundation than ascertained facts.

The base of American politics, and indeed of modern political literature in Europe as well as in America, has been the abuse of generalities. Forms existing took the place of sense and meaning. Minds too imaginative or morbid for any other conception have put regard into a space of sentimentality and theory and become the oracles of politics. Plain wisdom and common discernment could scarcely find a foot of ground to stand on amidst the rant and cant of these presumptuous philosophers. People were imposed upon by the clamor and the show. They understood, for the most part, but precious little of what was said. Yet they naturally considered that men would not be in such a rage to be heard on one they had something to say. Thus a vast amount of solemnly-stored nonsense gained currency as fundamental truth.

Now, however, it is beginning to appear that some of the most illustrious of these theorizers have not comprehended their own teachings. They flounder wofully in the interpretation of their own text when circumstances require the application of their doctrines. The floundering of Horace Greeley has been of late especially pitiable. Not long since he gave his adhesion to the "sublime theory" of miscegenation, or the unlimited commingling of white and black, as held by Wendell Phillips, Theodore Tilton and others, as the only way of salvation, national and social. But he recoiled when he was asked to urge upon his white readers of both sexes the duty of immediately passing the new doctrine into vigorous practice. He shuffled, it must be said, much more like an artful dodger than a great philosopher. He raised a feeble plea about the question being one of taste rather than duty, saying that those so inclined might miscegenate, but for himself he had no desire to become a miscegenator. More recently he degenerated as an "infamous slander," a "cruel wrong," the statement of a New England paper that the Indian sent from the East to teach the freed negroes at Port Royal had frankly undertaken to illustrate the "amalgamation theory" aforesaid. It was not charged that this illustration (if lubrical) was suppressed by due clerical or magisterial formalities. It is to be presumed, of course, that they were. We are almost compelled, therefore, to infer that Mr Greeley has backed out still further from the "theory," and now looks upon the taste that would lead a white lady to become a systematic and open miscegenatress as positively infamous and criminal.

The doctrine of the universal equality of men has also been giving Mr. Greeley trouble. He finds it necessary to qualify it to suit the exigency of obvious fact. It is almost needless to say that to qualify a high sounding dogma of that nature is mad to it. The proposition vanishes into air the moment its advocate begins to double its absolute truth. Mr. Greeley tries to save the doctrine, however, by changing its form. In a speech recently made before a Union Club in New York, he admitted the inequality of men, both as classes and individuals, but claimed perfect equality for them on the score of rights. He said: "A wise government is that which realizes that a man's influence may depend on his character, but his rights should depend on his manhood, and on nothing but that."

This form of the proposition will not bear analysis any more than the other. The constitutions and codes of every civilized country are recorded denials of its truth. The manhood of the immigrant does not make him a citizen or voter in any part of the United States; it is only by a prescribed residence and other circumstance that he can obtain any political rights at all, and as respects the highest office in the country he is expressly barred from an equality of rights. The manhood of a minor is not entitled to the majority may be undeniable, but it cannot give him either legal or political equality with the more advanced in years. A man, could become of the equality of the male, intelligent, the prisoner under prosecution, and the clergyman, for all that Mr. Greeley would desperately assert that there was reason for all these exceptions from the general principle of equality of rights residing in the fact of manhood. But if there is reason for these now how many more, in the experience of society, may be suggested by prudence, justice, and safety, hereafter? It would be endless. Manhood, the positive consideration of the case, cannot manhood would not be the measure of rights. At present it is clear that a man's rights depend upon age, periods of time, circumstances of place, mental capacity, moral behavior, and not upon by manhood exclusively Mr. Greeley, therefore, in saying that these rights "should depend upon manhood, and on nothing but that," generalizes, as usual with men of his school, without a foundation of facts.

MISS HARON'S BENEFIT.—Miss Matilda Heron, whose Camille has drawn such crowded houses at the St. Charles this week, is to take her benefit to-night in quite a different character. But there is no fear that her versatility is not equal to the transition. She will appear as Florence Upperton, in the Belle of the Season, supported by Mr. Chaplin as Hardhill.

POSTPONEMENT OF MR. SEICHELL'S BENEFIT.—The complimentary benefit to this very and g n al comedian, which was to come off at the Varieties to-night, has been postponed, on account of illness, to next Thursday night. We see from that tickets and numbers obtained for Friday will be good for Thursday.

The Latest from Up Red River.

By the arrival last evening of the steamer Jim Bell, Capt. Pickles, from Alexandria, we learn that the steamer Black Hawk had reached Grand Ecore, a few miles above Natchitoches, and on the main Red River, with Major-Gen. Banks and staff on board, and that at this point the General had made his headquarters.

The Black Hawk, on returning to Alexandria, on Tuesday morning that, when about twenty five miles below Grand Ecore, was fired into by a party of about thirty guerrillas. Major E Gaffard, Paymaster United States Army, was the only person under on could not learn, and [illegible] were wounded, two men of them [illegible]. The steamer received but trifling damage.

Major Gaffard came down on the Bell.

Constitutional Convention.

TUESDAY, April 7, 1864.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, Hon. Alfred Shaw, President, pro tem. in the Chair and a quorum present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Hart.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On behalf of the Committee on Credentials, Mr. Montamat read a report, declaring that all the members reported as having been elected by the Secretary of State are entitled to their seats and vote, except those claiming seats from Plaquemines, in which Parish they recommended a new election be ordered, in consequence of alleged fraudulent malpractices on the part of the Sheriff in not opening all the polls and in not making full official returns.

Some discussion arose on the latter part of this report in which the contesting members were heard. The report was recommended that a new election be ordered in the Parish of Assumption, where there was a tie vote between J A. Bichard and Emile Collin.

The report of the committee was adopted.

When, on motion of Mr. Montamat, it was ordered that the Convention proceed to a permanent organization. At this stage of the proceedings J. E. Bush, of Iberville, appeared before the Convention that P. L. Defrance and him self had been duly and legally elected to represent their Parish, Pointe Coupee, but a return of that election had been forwarded to the Provost Marshal at Plaquemine, and by him sent to the office of the Secretary of State, he had misdirected, he supposed, or omitted for himself and colleagues the right of voting in the permanent organization.

On motion, Messrs Balch and Dufresne were allowed to take their seats and vote.

On the first ballot for President, Mr H Durell received 35 votes, E. E. Hyatt 32 votes, F. H. Brahan 15 votes, C. Montamat 7 votes, and J. B. Thibaut 1 vote. There being no election a second ballot was taken, when Judge Durell received 42 votes, and Judge Howell 42 votes. The names of the other candidates were with drawn before the ballot was taken.

Judge Durell was declared elected.

Messrs. Howell, Rosamond and Bonzano were appointed a committee to wait on and conduct him to his seat.

Mr Durell returned thanks for the honor conferred, and announced that the election of a Secretary was next in order, for which office John E Melle received 44 votes; R S Dorsett 39 votes; John Mitchell 8 votes, J no C. White and John E Hollister 1 vote each and T H Murphy 2 votes. Whereupon Mr. Nelle was declared elected.

For Sergeant-at-Arms, on the first ballot De Courcy received 54 votes, Bienvenu 34 votes, Muldrow 18 votes, and Flanigan 2 votes. Most of the candidates having a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot was ordered and taken without an election, when a third was taken and resulted in the election of Mr DeCourcy.

The Convention then adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Santa Anna Again.

Angel Lopez de Santa Anna, the son of the exiled Ex-President of Mexico, has addressed a long letter to the Havana papers which concludes by saying that the object of the communication is to prove, as clearly as day-light, that his father, the Most Excellent General of Division, [illegible] de Santa Anna, is assisting, and nor could fail to aid, generously to his pledge given on board the English steamer Conway; that the Manifesto had been printed in the office of the Ortodoxo Independent without his knowledge that if the General left his home in banishment, it is because such was his will, and because by so doing he complied with the repeated invitations of a great many of his countrymen and of some members of the Regency that the "natural consequence" of the unpleasant occurrences at Vera Cruz will be a mere personal matter between him and Gen. Bazaine, chief in command of the French forces in Mexico, and had no relation with other persons or things, that his feelings and personal aspirations are the same as heretofore; that he will cause to be sent to the Emperor of France his complaint for the manner he has been dealt with, and claim the justice he thinks is due him, and finally, that he lay before the throne of the Emperor of Mexico that offence to the most loyal of his subjects.

Later via Mobile.

Yesterday evening's *Era* makes extracts from Mobile papers to late as the 5th inst. As regards news these extracts are of inconsiderable interest. We copy the following

[From the Tribune of the 30th.]

ARMY MATTERS.

Nothing of importance occurred from our "Tombigbee Army," which, by the way, is also under Lieut-Gov Gray, although we are not informed, it will win also a little right to the name it bears. We have not within a few days a number of furloughed soldiers from it. They all look as though they were in the best health. They lack no spirit; and will return to the army buoyant with hope, and resolved to give some blows for the country which they ought to serve and do love.

FROM BELOW.

The enemy's mortar fleet, which has been lying off Fort Powell since the bombardment, weighed anchor yesterday morning and stood to the eastward.

TO BE HUNG.

We learn that a man named Timothy Cahill, a native on the Canadian Mirgin, has been sentenced to be hung, on charge of attempting to desert to the enemy. His execution, we learn, will take place on Friday next, on board the vessel, down the bay.

[From the Atlanta Intelligencer of the 26th.]

DEATH OF A CONGRESSMAN.

The Charleston *Bulletin* of Saturday has a telegram announcing the death of the Hon. Daniel H. Christian, Congressman elect from the Seventh District of North Carolina. He died of typhoid fever, at the residence in Montgomery county, on the 21 inst.

SHOW STORM.

On yesterday morning (Tuesday) the city and estate were visited by a tremendous snow storm, which, up to the time of the writing, was still falling in [illegible].

Siege of Charleston.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY NINTH DAY.

[From the Courier, 4th inst.]

The enemy's batteries, it appears, were considerably damaged by the late storm. The gabions in front of the work on Morris Island were thrown down for a space of three hundred yards by the surf Tuesday night. The enemy have been engaged in repairing Wednesday, and also in building palmetoon in front of the middle battery.

A large traverse of sand on Black Island is reported.

It appears that the Yankee party that came to Legare's, Tuesday morning, were joined through a by path to the rear of our pickets by a deserter. They succeeded in surprising and capturing two privates named Peck, of the Washington Rangers, with their horses, equipments &c. The third picket, with horse, escaped.

The heavy firing heard Wednesday was from our own batteries, which opened on the enemy's working parties at Gregg, &c.

[From the Columbia Sun.]

RUNAWAYS IN TEXAS.

Captain D R Turner had a chest full of gold and silver coin stolen from him. His confidential slave, a preacher, also robbed him of $700 in gold. The Captain had buried a gold watch and $150,000 in cash for some Confederate bonds. Five or six men disguised as negroes made him, on pain of death, reveal the place of concealment. The chief is undergoing an investigation.

To prevent their deserting 5000 Yankees are under guard.

A regiment of Yankee returned to Gonzalez ville, but were driven back by Colonel H. P. Bee. They are believed to be parts of Davis' holding meeting from Mississippi to Chattanooga.

D C. Humphrey has issued a proper proclamation to the people of Alabama, which is not yet much talk discussed.

POLITICAL.—Major L. D. Bridewell is advertised in the Tribune, of the 30 h ult., as the Secessionist candidate for Representative in the rebel Congress, from the "Fourth Congressional District of Arkansas." The election took place on the 4th instant.

Programme for a General Invasion of the North and West.

The Mobile *Evening News* of the 23d March publishes the following from the Montgomery *Mail*:

Early in the coming spring, with our transmissisippi army, we must invade Missouri, and with General Lee's army we must invade Ohio, and with General Johnston's army move through Kentucky and Tennessee into Indiana and Illinois; without this, if we remain as heretofore content to act on the defensive, and attempt to defend a thousand points from a thousand attacks from as many commanding, our scattered and valuable rivers, with ample means for transferring their armies where they choose, and with every part of our territory susceptible to cavalry raids, our agriculture will be ruined, and our manufactories will be destroyed.

Let us invade them with our whole force, Missouri, Kentucky, Maryland and the "copperheads" will swell our ranks. We want food, raiment and gold. Let us go and take what we need. The army will receive the order "forward to the North," with a shout. There let them stay until our ruthless invaders cry for peace. Better die there with arms in our hands, than starve here or submit to conscription. The destruction we can give those we leave behind will be to get the helpless of the North as hostages in our power.

If our Trans-Mississippi army advances upon St. Louis, and the Virginia army upon Pittsburg and Ohio and Pennsylvania, unless the whole Federal army is withdrawn from the South to defend Ohio and Missouri, Pittsburg, Chestnutt and Chicago will be captured by General Lee, and Ohio, Indiana and Illinois will be overun by our forces, and Missouri will be rescued. But if the Federal army should not withdraw, as it certainly will be, we think it should be greatly weakened to defend St. Louis and Pittsburg, General Johnston can without difficulty advance to the Ohio and liberate Kentucky and Tennessee. It is hardly necessary to my mind that the invasion of the North will effect them prime objects.

1. It will relieve the South from the presence of the Federal army. The militia, garrisons and our troops, not in a condition to march, may protect our homes against the small force they may leave to harrass us.

2. It will supply us with all the horses, equipments, clothing and articles of every kind needed by our armies.

3. The rebellionary kid action of the horrors of war will make the North desire peace, and make foreign nations see that we have the power to annoy our enemy, and dispose them to recognize us.

4. It will double our army, instead of depleting it.

5. It will end the war in our favor in one year.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Recent Court—Judge Abecke presiding.—R. Phelan was convicted of keeping a disorderly house, and was committed to prison to get intoxicated. He was sent to the Workhouse for 30 days.

Lizzy Bailey, who bears the reputation of being a notorious thief, was sent to the military prison for six months. He was convicted of stealing gold coin, the property of Capt. Jacques Bazille, who was foolish enough to purchase that stolen Government shinplaster, given in exchange for Lizzy Bailey.

Mary Ann Carroll, who was charged with stealing a pocket-book containing $60 from Mary Jones, received quarters in the Work House for four months to expiate her fault by hard labor.

First District Recorder's Court—R. T. Howard Presiding.—John O'Connor was arrested for having given away six glasses of liquor, on leaving been arrested by officer Donovan for closing his wife in a fit of intoxication.

Bridget Sullivan was arrested by Officer Donovan for beleeding the air with obscene language and exhibitions of tenderness.

Both of the parties have agreed to behave herself for six months and not get drunk and to abstain in public.

Two boys were had played hookey from the city, and were brought before the Recorder, who admonished them and exacted the promise that they would attend school regularly and bring a certificate to that effect from the teacher.

A Nuisance.—Officer Gorman reports the house No. 90 Baronne street, as a nuisance. He says there resides about twenty families in the house, every room constitutes a family. The yard is filthy in consequence of which the atmosphere is charged with an impure, generously neglected, accumulations of filth and the source of the daily threatening pestilence disease.

First District Court—Judge Hennen.—Jos. Godeand was tried and acquitted on the charge of an assault and battery on John Fredericks.

Neglected.—Offer Gorman reports that a unclaimed child had been lying dead the last three days at No 81 Perdido street. The Coroner has been notified to look into the matter.

Fatal Accident.—Conrad Falls yesterday afternoon fell from a load of bricks on Bienville near Terpsichore, dieing on his cart which he usually drove about, procuring grocer for soap boilers. The deceased was a native of this city, left a wife and two children.

Second District Recorder's Court—Chas. Leasmont Presiding.—Mrs. Lopez, after a long bidding opening from Mississippi on Chartres street, was fined $15 yesterday, for a slip of the tongue in a breach of the peace, as charged by Miss Logue.

The case of J. M. David, charged by Celine Montero with a breach of trust was examined, and dismissed, the parties agreeing.

Drowned.—Stephen Cowles and James McCorrie—the former 21 and the latter 16 years of age—attached to the United States gunboat Kensington, were drowned on the 4th inst. They were drowned. McCorrie was a native of Ireland, Cowles was of England. Doctor Hire held the inquest prescribed by law.

[FROM OUR EVENING EDITION OF YESTERDAY.]

Mexico.

The steamship Cuba arrived in Havana on the 28th of March, 10 days from the City of Mexico to the 16th, and from Vera Cruz to the 19th.

The news, published in the city, of the capture of Guadalajara by Urago, and the shooting of General Miramon, is unfounded.

Vincenti had definitely "pronounced" against Juarez, and addressed a Manifesto to the inhabitants of Nuevo Leon and Coahuila, wherein he calls upon them to declare in favor of Maximilian, and to support the cause of the Empire.

Escobedo, who, by the way, has