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On our second page will be found sheriff's and auction sales, bank notices and various miscellaneous advertisements.

Bonnet Frauds and High Prices.

A contemporary has made the discovery that the high prices of fruit in this city is caused by its abundant rotting! Indeed! But did it never occur to economical gentlemen, while brooding over this mysterious of the fruit market, that rottenness might be the cheap as well as the cause of high prices? It is perfectly safe to say that in this city the reverse of the proposition referred to has been exemplified with slight exception. The fruit market, like the fish market, has been conducted here on the principle of monopoly. Whether this resulted from some sort of free masonry among fruiterers and fishermen, or from an organized combination, it had been for years a fact of practical superstition and general remark. The rule is based on the same idea which once induced the Dutch India Company to burn a surplus of cinnamon, when it was thought that more could be got for the part remaining than for the whole. The system is based on the rudest spirit of trade, actuated by the lowest instincts of selfishness.

Such is the greed of monopoly in those who practice it, that they are not willing for one half of the same commodity to compete with the other half. To overcome this competition the cinnamon merchant of old reduced the obnoxious portion of his stock by burning. Intolerance has always believed in fire, and bigots have pursued the pure gold of religious as well as commercial orthodoxy with the writ of *heretico comburendo*,—heresy being only another word for competition. The modern fruit vendor, however, finds an easier and cheaper mode of getting rid of an offensive abundance. The evil is left to correct itself; he has only to fix a certain amount of his fruit rot. It is true that, by lowering the price to invite general consumption, he might realize as great an aggregate from his sales, and besides gratify the palate, and perhaps improve the health, of a much larger number of fellow beings. But the last two considerations are peculiarly repugnant to the genius of monopoly, which sees wealth and realizes felicity in contraction and not expansion, and counts as individual loss the general gain.

The topic of these remarks may appear in itself of small moment. But the laws of the physical universe are expressed in a drop of water. So in this topic are illustrated those stupendous errors and crimes which, in the name of commercial policy, have still cursed mankind. These crimes and errors consist in making commerce exclusively subservient to avarice and envy. The forms of commerce are used to destroy its substance. Robbery as far as practicable is substituted for a fair exchange, and it is sought to create wealth through impoverishment. The process is essentially anti-social and pernicious. Hostile to diffusion of happiness to mutuality of benefits, it tends to dissolve communities, to engender bitterness between classes and sections, and to arouse international hatreds and wars. Its criminal enormity is not greater than its enormous folly; for as it robs it tortures itself in the miser's hands, and who is so poor and wretched as the victim of envy? The only true and manful commerce is that which seeks general advantages through reciprocities of condition. Stimulating the largest production, it aims at the widest diffusion. It finds, so, coexists prudence and generosity, and will permit no antagonism between economy and justice, philanthropy and self-interest.

DOMESTIC ICE—On the [illegible] of the ice manufactory in this city, by the Knights of Orange and Tehonpitoulas, we referred in some detail to the [illegible] and mechanical processes which [illegible] and the deductions then drawn [illegible] experimental and fallacious operations have since been confirmed, and now it may be pronounced not only a scientific but a commercial success. Its products are distributed to customers as regularly as those of the bakery, the lantern, or the brewery. We were yesterday favored with one of its large blocks, 8 cubic of about two feet by one, composed of lesser blocks of about six inches by three.

The appearance of this ice is somewhat like solidified snow, and its quality is pure. Its temperature is the only point in which it must be rated low. The proprietors as well as the public are to be congratulated on the success of the enterprise.

The U. S. mail steamship Geo. Cromwell, E. H. Vail, Commanding, will leave her wharf at 6 o'clock this morning, for New York direct, with a full freight, the U. S. mail and the following passengers:

[illegible]

Passengers per steamer Doubleon, Captain Hine, from Trenton:

[illegible]

Judge Wylie on the Insubordinancy of the Judicial Power Opposed by Military Power—Gen. Hancock's Return to the Writ of Habeas Corpus.

On the morning of the 7th, after the writ of *habeas corpus* in behalf of Mrs. Surratt was served on Gen. Hancock, Mr. Aiken in the presence Court of the District of Columbia said:

She could not be purged of the charges without being duly brought before the court. The criminals of that position were simply that she was a private citizen, never in any military service. If she was guilty of any crime it was cognizable by this court.

Judge Wylie then said the case is not here on its merits on the petition of the party. This morning at an early hour I directed this writ of *habeas corpus* to be issued. The writ was issued and was served upon Gen. Hancock who was the custody of Mrs. Surratt, the party on whose behalf the writ was obtained. The writ required him to have the body of Mrs. Surratt with his hand at the attention before the court this morning at 10 o'clock. He has neglected to obey the order of the Court, and what is the Court to do under the circumstances? That is the only question before the Court at this term. Any discussion on the merits involved would now be out of place.

The Court acknowledges that its powers are inadequate to meet the military power possessed by General Hancock. If the Court were to decide at this moment that General Hancock was in contempt, the only process which he would issue would be an attachment for the disregard of its authority; but why issue an attachment against the whole military power of the United States? This Court acknowledges that the laws are silent, and that it is without power in the premises, and therefore declines to make any order whatever. If there be a disposition on the part of the military power to respect the authority of the civil courts, they will respect the writ which has already been served.—If, on the other hand, it is their determination to treat the authority of this Court with contempt in the matter, they have the power, and will treat with equal contempt any other process which the Court might order. The Court, therefore, must submit to the superior physical force which now holds the custody of the prisoner, and declines to issue attachment or to make any other order in this case.

GEN. HANCOCK IN COURT.

At ten minutes to 12 o'clock Major General Hancock entered the court with Attorney General Speed, who apologized to the Court for the apparent delay in making a return by General Hancock, which was unavoidable. General Speed then proceeded to read the return of Gen. Hancock, as follows:

Headquarters Middle Military District, Washington, July 7, 1865.

To Hon. Andrew Wylie, Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia:

I hereby acknowledge the return of the writ hereto attached, and return the same, and respectfully say that the body of Mary E. Surratt is in my possession under and by virtue of an order of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, for the purpose in said order expressed, a copy of which is hereto annexed, and made part of the return, and that I do not produce said body, by reason of the order of the President of the United States endorsed upon said writ, to which reference is hereby respectfully made. July 7, 1865.

W. S. HANCOCK,
Major General United States Volunteers, Commanding Division.

Miss Surratt's Efforts to see the President.

A Washington special of the 7th says: Miss Anna Surratt, who had visited the executive mansion last evening, endeavoring to obtain an interview with the President, again repaired thither, accompanied by a lady friend, between eight and nine o'clock this morning. The President having given orders that he would receive no one to-day, she was stopped at the foot of the stairs leading to the President's office. Finding she could not get further, she asked to see Gen. Mudge, the President's Military Secretary, but he, also, had gone down, when Miss S., with streaming eyes and agonizing sobs, threw herself upon her knees and seized him by the coat and implored him, in the most piteous manner, to aid her in obtaining an interview with the President. Her entreaty or possible she was told them as the orders to all that no one were imperative it was impossible to grant the request.

General Mudge then left her, when she threw herself upon the cushioned steps, where she remained some time, sobbing bitterly, asserting the innocence of her mother, and imploring every one who passed to intercede for her. She declared that her mother was too good and kind to be guilty of the great crime of which she had been convicted, and said if her mother was die she wished to die also. Many who were present at this affecting scene, including hardy soldiers, were unable to restrain their tears. Miss S. finally became more composed and was induced to take a seat in the east room, where she played several hours weeping silently and springing up each time the front door was heard to open, hoping to see some one who could aid her in seeing the President.

THE PRESIDENT'S ONLY GROUND OF REPRIEVE TO THE CONSPIRATORS.—When applied to for reprieves, says a Washington dispatch the President decided that the only reason for reprieve which could properly be considered, must rest on purely legal grounds, such as the production of important and hitherto unknown evidence, if that were possible, and hereby referred the whole matter to the judgment of Judge Advocate General Holt. No such reason could be produced.

Letter from Albert Pike, of Arkansas, What he and the other Indians Did in the War.

To the Editors of the N. Y. Express:

July 1, 1865—*Gentlemen*—I find in a paragraph in the *Express* of June 30, noticing my arrival at Indianapolis, this sentence:

"Pike denies having countenanced the atrocities with which he is charged at Fox Ridge, and is confident of his ability to exculpate himself."

As I did not know that I was "charged with countenancing any atrocities at Fox Ridge," I could not have denied it, nor been confident of my ability to exculpate myself.

As Commissioner of the Confederate States I made treaties of alliance with the then existing civilized tribes occupying the country west of Arkansas. It was quite impossible for Arkansas and Texas to secure the friendship of those people, and prevent Indian hostilities on the frontiers of both States. I agreed with each tribe that it should raise a regiment of men for the Confederate service, and to be taken out of their own country without their consent. My object was to keep them in their country to defend it. The United States had often employed the services of these very tribes, not only against Indians, but against the British and Spanish of Florida. I knew that I was legally connected in the North by agreement to employ them and for commanding them. Nothing that I got all a new thing, nor one of which the United States could complain. Not only Texan Indians [illegible] armed and employed by them, to fight against Unionists, but that they offered arms to the Unionists, that they might war against their own countries.

I always opposed taking the Indians out of their own country. I refused to take them into Missouri. I forbade their raiding, raids into other States, and prohibited irregular bands of partisans from taking in the Cherokee country and keeping out of it to ravage the neighboring States.

Compelled to obey the positive order of Gen Van Dorn, in February, 1862, to join him with all my force, I took into Arkansas only those who offered to go—parts of two Cherokee regiments—in all about 700 men.

At Pea Ridge we charged and took a battery with the help of some Texan companies, and our Indians there killed, in fair fight, some forty men. Every one fought at that point. I never heard of one making a boast of scalps afterwards, when Sturgeon M. Jr. [illegible] medical director, reported to me that they found one man scalped, that having evidently been done after the fight. I had not seen it, in the evening, when Dow's regiment, which afterwards went over to the enemy, retired toward their own enemy. Dr. Minnie knew that I would like the whole truth; and I have no doubt he told me the whole. I have been a half hour ago, and heard about a wounded man, which many [illegible] to produce quickly out of sight, and upon which he threatened.

I have always known an order prohibiting the killing of wounded men and scalping; so taken men and prisoners, and send Shawnee Creeks, by flag of truce, a copy of the order; and I also received the return of a private, a white man, reported to have been a wounded man, but [illegible] to have been taken, and he was sent by [illegible] to me, who [illegible] for want of testimony; if he had, [illegible] he would have punished no soldier in my hands.

I knew that it was probable that a great number of men would [illegible] and [illegible] that any one was [illegible] from Dr. Minnie's report. It is an inference [illegible] to say that I ever [illegible] any atrocity. I was really [illegible] the [illegible] system and shocking at [illegible] and in [illegible] county, Texas, perpetrated by [illegible] of a Union man mentioned by a correspondent to be hung, until I was actually [illegible] a member of an [illegible] Union men and the head of [illegible] Union [illegible] in Arkansas.

A few days more than a fortnight, from [illegible] Texas to a newspaper in Illinois [illegible] the letters of [illegible] of [illegible] were utterly careless of their lives and cold the [illegible] new story broken if [illegible] he said [illegible], if not, it was merely [illegible] in one pig [illegible]. The Indians [illegible] were mixed, and [illegible] wounded.

The Delawares under Gen. Steele rejoined our people on his march to join Gen. Blunt, though we never charged it as an atrocity committed by the enemy under.

When a man's life is in [illegible] a little [illegible] should be shown him. He is entitled to a fair trial, even before the tribunal of public opinion.

That I ever countenanced an atrocity is an absolute [illegible] that I am [illegible] of the Southern Cause, I condemned the [illegible] of Union men. The Supreme Court of Arkansas has no jurisdiction in matters of confiscation.

Respectfully,
ALBERT PIKE.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

U. S. District Court—Judge Durell.—Exparte.—Robt. Mott and Alexander Walker.—This cause, involving the constitutionality of the act of Congress, of January 24th, prescribing a new oath of office to the practitioners in the United States Courts, came up for argument yesterday. Judge Walker delivered a lengthy argument full of points against the constitutionality of the law prescribing the oath in question. E. F. Beale, Esq., followed, arguing in favor of its constitutionality. The further hearing of the matter was then postponed.

United States vs. 11 lots of ground, the property of E. Aregon. This property with the buildings and improvements thereon, as described in the libel, was declared to be forfeited to the United States and ordered to be sold at the law direct.

Inquests.—Catharine Gierlacera, 12 years of age, died at the corner of Jackson and Magnolia streets, of congestion of the brain, at least such is the statement of Coroner Velger.

Provost Court—Major Beardsley, Judge Advocate.—Michael Smalling and J. Bedgerood, were tried for receiving and selling a Government mule. They were fined $50 each.

Recorder Vezenard's Court.—Henry Lazarus and Henry Rose lodged in the Louisiana Hotel on the night of the 13th inst., and are charged with having entered the room of H. Fulton, whence they carried off the trunk of Mr. Fulton and rifled it of $300 and the clothing of the owner. The proprietors of that fancy made their escape at that time, but were arrested and brought before Recorder Vezenard, wearing the clothing they had stolen, which they were compelled to take off. The case was then continued.

The prisoners had registered themselves in the Hotel book with the names of Miller and Wagner.

Caroline Washington and her daughter (both colored) were examined on the charge of having threatened a little white boy whom they accused of having insulted their negro which he was leading in the street. The mother was fine $5 for her conduct and the daughter was discharged.

Jimmy Bennett is charged with having cruelly clubbed a mule belonging to Gilles on board the steamer Atlantic, wounding it in the right hip. The case was continued on the 15th inst.

Stephen O'Donnell and Mahoney who committed an assault and battery on James Eberspe at the corner of Levee and Delta streets, were sent to Judge Abel, Bail $600.

Recorder Westbey's Court.—James Britton went into the bakery of [illegible] Villere street to the disgust of the residents of the vicinity. Theodore [illegible] accused a night's lodging in the establishment, and a [illegible] to compel him to pay a fine of $15.

Esteen Lando was required to furnish [illegible] bonds to restrain him from running [illegible] saloon without his knife.

J. E. Ingersoll and Harry Hiten were required to give $400 bail to appear and answer the charge of [illegible] Barrows in the eighth ward.

Mrs. Maloney and Mary Rose were fined $5 each on the charge of keeping a disorderly house.

Vagrant and drunken cases were disposed of with fines of $5 and thirty days workhouse.

The following speaks for itself:

New Orleans, July 14th, 1865.

Editors of the Bee—

In your paper of the 12th [illegible] there is not one word [illegible] relation to a charge [illegible] there is not one word [illegible] Dr. Cox and myself [illegible] did. I deny [illegible] that I never [illegible] Barrow.

2d. That the [illegible] Cox the master under [illegible] that [illegible] amputation has been [illegible] still a certain witness for the [illegible].

As you gave publicity [illegible] seen again, I trust [illegible] to the "amende honorable."

G. A. PRICE,
209 Old Levee street.

A Soldier Murdered.—Some person or persons unknown attacked and [illegible] clubbed and wounded in the head [illegible] soldier of the 2d Illinois light artillery. This occurred last night at the corner of Liberty and 7th streets, between 8 and 9 o'clock. By Detective dressed the wounds of the man, who was then taken to the Charity Hospital. Joseph Keen has been arrested on suspicion of being the guilty party.

Drowned.—Kitza Connery, a young woman residing in the Third District, fell [illegible] evening from the foot of Main street into the river and was drowned before assistance could reach her. The body has not been recovered.

FROM OUR YESTERDAY EVENING EDITION.

Adams Express have obliged us with papers forwarded from Montgomery, Ala., to the 9th inst.

We are obliged to the courteous officers of the Olam Deleon, from St. Louis, for the issues Western papers, including the 9th instant at Dairo.

LAST NIGHT BUT ONE OF THE ACADEMY.—Yale is to be the last night but one of our Academy summer season; also the benefit of the versatile and amusing Harrington, who will appear with a splendid programme, including a little burlesque and a favorite pantomime. To-morrow at noon will be the last matinée.

FIRE FLIES.—Owing to an accident to the Water Works machinery, and the necessity of economizing water, Mayor Hugh Kennedy ordains that the police rigidly enforce the following ordinance No. 6057:

Be it ordered, That from and after the promulgation of this ordinance, all persons, without the employés of said Company, the Fire Department, in case of fire, the Committee Room's Office, are hereby forbid to open any fire-plugs, on the public streets or grounds, under penalty of a fine of twenty-five dollars, for each offence, one-half to go for the benefit of the informer.

Appointments by Gov. Wells.

The following appointments to office have been made by His Excellency Gov. Wells:

State at Large.—Register of the Land Office—Adolphe Dupré.

Town of Greenbury, Parish of St. Helena.—Mayor—Robert J. Clark.

Aldermen—W. Addison, W. A. Carter, H. E. Williams, W. B. Gibbs, James Walsh; provisionally until an election is held.

Town of Washington, Parish of St. Landry.—Mayor—Robert H. Whitten, provisionally.

Additional by Telegraph.

(Special to the New Orleans Times.)

Mexico Items—Mr. Sumner's Conversation—Minister Adams—Maximilian Complained from a residence to Secession here Seen.

New York, July 12.—I was informed to-day by a lawyer, who had been employed as counsel in the case of Jeff. Davis, that the latter will be released by civil proceedings.

The Washington *Constitutional* publishes the address of John P. Brady, who announces that Woldemar recently deserted him at Mr. Seward's instance, and offered to give Brady a pistol to kill Buchanan. Brady refused to have him employed with the conspiracy was going to a theatre to arrest the man, who was in league with Booth.

THE GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE NORTH—LARGER LIST FIVE AND RANGER.

New York, July 12.—Rumors of Sunday [illegible] are [illegible] current.

It is stated by [illegible] positive that the Government has received [illegible] Jefferson Davis had in Mexico [illegible] and that the army of Generals [illegible] of the.

The Freedmen's Bureau by Telegraph.

Gen. Dix had an interview to-day [illegible] Sunday advices to the [illegible] quiet [illegible] of [illegible].

[illegible] passed a resolution [illegible] The English customs [illegible] had objected [illegible].

CONDITION OF THE GOVERNOR.

New York, July 13.—[illegible] is writing [illegible]

From the New York Times (July 14):

The Assembly Proceedings.

Our citizens concerning the Atlantic telegraph are thankful. The [illegible] are not worried but have long to wait before the delivery of the [illegible] sheriff [illegible] The last fleet of the [illegible] from the [illegible] to find a judgment on the [illegible] had, as it [illegible] upon [illegible] Gen. Grant's [illegible] the [illegible] that Assembly as Thursday and Friday of the week [illegible] Assembly [illegible] to [illegible] Valentine, on the 14th inst., [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]