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

VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE on Magazine street, at auction by the Sheriff.—Particular attention is called to the sale at auction to be made this day at noon, at the Merchants' & Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, by the Sheriff of the Parish, of valuable improved real estate, situate on Magazine street, between Poydras and Lafayette streets, First District.

For particulars see advertisement.

MATERIALS FOR HOSIERS.—Sugar manufacturers would do well to consider the inducements offered by Messrs. Isaac & Dreyfus, corner of Magazine and Common streets, who have 900 cases of fine old Connecticut and New York State seed at very low prices.

LEGAL.—We take pleasure in directing attention to the card of Alfred Roman, Esq., who proposes to practice law in the Fourth Judicial District.

MOBILE REGISTER AND ADVERTISER.—After a suspension of three months this old, able and popular journal reappears under its former proprietorship, as usual it shows editorial strength and general skill and enterprise. We welcome it back to our table.

The proclamation of Governor Sharkey, of Mississippi, announces that all persons engaged in any kind of business are required to take the amnesty oath.

Gold on the 15th in New York.

A special telegraph in last evening's *Times* quotes Gold on the 15th in New York at 112¾.

BY TELEGRAPH
FROM VICKSBURG.

(To the New Orleans Bee.)

Vicksburg, July 17.—Mr. Partridge will probably continue the publication of the *Herald*, vice Mr. Butterton, who was accidentally killed on Friday last.

[Lines down North of Jackson to-night.]

Obi Civilization.

The doctors who exhibit fresh negro suffrage as the political panacea for the South and the Union have not yet agreed upon a common diagnosis of the freed negro's mental and moral status. Wendell Phillips, in order to support his demand for the instant exercise of the electoral franchise by the freedmen, asserts that they have acquired through the discipline of labor attending slavery such qualifications for political duties and responsibilities as no amount of book learning could ever confer. Senator Sumner sees nothing but barbarism in any aspect of slavery. But he hates the barbarism of the slave-holder more than that of the slave, and wants the latter when freed to vote at once as a means of punishing the former. Mr. Dawes has not thus far explicitly adhered to either the Sumner or Phillips theory; he simply, in his august capacity of President of the Universal Suffragans, claims equal rights with respect to the ballot for all his vast and promiscuous constituency, and perhaps a little more than equal rights for the black portion thereof.

But all the negro suffrage panacealists, if they do not agree as to the precise amount or form of degradation and depravity induced in the negroes of the South by bondage, concur in averring that they only need freedom and the ballot under a republican form of government to enable them to stand in the foremost ranks of civilization. Upon them, we are told that in the exercise of self-government this long degraded people would, in a generation or two, astonish and enchant the world by their unparalleled advancement, in the intellectual, moral and religious scale.

As politics are an experimental science, and statesmanship is supposed to erect policy upon experience, we must reasonably infer that some bright and convincing example inspired this confident faith in the vast self-civilizing capabilities of the negro race when liberated from bondage and left to self-government. For such an example we have only to look across the Gulf of Mexico. It is in Hayti alone that we find an instance where negro slaves, freed by a proclamation against the consent of their owners, have enjoyed without let or hindrance the right of governing themselves for upwards of two generations. And we there behold in the concrete that civilization which so much stirs the enthusiasm of the Sumners, Greeleys and Phillipses when contemplating the future of the Southern freedmen clothed with all the political franchises of the Republic.

This civilization may be fitingly known by the musical name of "Obi." The Obi-man is the consecrated interpreter. It culminates in finding a fountain of riches in the blood of murdered old men and children, and its votaries taste the glorious joys of a mystic cannibalism. This crown of beauty to black republicanism in Hayti may well inspire less imaginative persons than Senator Sumner or Mr. Greeley with vivid ideas of what the self-governing negro may become in this country.

The steamer Peytona, Capt. Armstrong, arrived last evening with the following passengers:

Mrs Capt Jas Kerr and son, Mr Sauer and lady, Mrs G A Key and daughter, Mr Cook and lady, Messrs Hegerty, Fitzsimmons, Myers Caldwell, Illiams, Oliver, Lipsom, Miller, Fardin, Davis, Lyons, Bonnes, Schmaltz, Wibbey, Maney, Fraser, Meridith, Norton, Powell, Clawson, Steedman, Helm, Favrant and servant, Dr Dorsey, Dr Wiley, Maj Morrison, Capt Robertson, Capt Hilliard, Lieuts Long, Agry, Gupton and Thompson.

The steamship Pasapsco, W. W. Moffcommanding, sailed at 5 o'clock last evening for New York direct, with a full freight of cotton and the following passengers:

Mrs Smith and 2 children, H Bickner, M L Costller, H Abrams, R P Keller, W W Lynn, L Bauer, W W Wood, Mr Lee and 5 others.

Late from the North and the West via the River.

By the Louisville steamer Peytona, we have papers from Chicago of the 11th and from St Louis and Cairo as late as the 12th. They contain little additional to what has been given from Western dates previously received to the P. M. of the 11th. We append the following:

A Brutal Case of Rape—Two Ruffians Arrested—One of them Shot in the Court Room.

Albany, July 10.—Much excitement was created in East Albany this afternoon, by the shooting of a prisoner in the police court room last Friday afternoon, two girls named Ann and Bridget Horne, went to the woods, about a distance from their house, to pick berries, and while there were assaulted by two young men, who repeatedly violated their persons. Bridget, who is but fifteen years old, can't live, it is said. Some after the case was publicly known, Lemis Major, aged forty years, and his son were arrested and recognized by the girls as two of their assailants.

This afternoon they were taken before the Police Magistrate for preliminary examination, but the proceedings had scarcely opened when a brother of the girls shot the eldest Major twice in the arm and leg, and he was followed by his mother who struck Major a heavy blow with a hatchet upon the head.

Young Horne and his mother were arrested, and Major was carried to his home, where a threatening mob was only deterred from a resort to lynch law by the presence of strong police force.

Major was formerly an engineer on the Hudson River Railroad, but was discharged for misconduct. His son would be a notorious bounty jumper.

Young Burns tried to stab him but was prevented by a policeman.

FROM VIRGINIA—NEGROES DESERTING THE FIELDS—QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS AT THE COMING ELECTION.

New York, July 11.—The Richmond *Whig* says, in six counties, through which its informant passed, there were but nine negroes at work in the fields, but the county courts became and villages are full of them. Negro men are said to be deserting their wives, who, with their children, are left a burden upon the farmers.

The corn crops are small, but good.

Oats are rank, and going to waste.

Wheat crops are good.

Mr. Bowden, Attorney General of Virginia, under Gov. Pierpont, has submitted an opinion regarding who will be qualified to exercise the elective franchise at the approaching election in that State, in which he says that all adult white citizens six months resident in a county, who have not held office under the Rebel Government, and who are not excluded by the President's amnesty proclamation, may vote on taking the oath of allegiance in the county of the State. A man has offered himself as a candidate for sheriff, who urges as a recommendation in his favor that he has served four years in the Rebel army.

New York Markets of the 14th.

New York, July 11.—Cotton firmer; 50 to 55c for middling. Auction sales of 2,000 bales will take place to-day for Government account; good middling sold at 55 1-2c.

Flour 15 to 25c better; $5.75 to 7 for round hoop Ohio, and 7.05 to $7.70 for trade brands.

Whisky steady; western $2.03 to 2.09¼ for Government account; 200 bbls at $2.07½.

Sugar dull. Havana 12 to 12¾c. Molasses dull.

Petroleum heavy, 34¢ for crude; 53 to 56c for refined in bond, and 72 to 75c for do free.

Pork firmer and more doing, at $37.12 1-2 to $38.75 for new mess, closing at $37.75 cash; also, 1,000 bbls now mess for July and August, seller's and buyers' option, at $32 to 36.25.

Lard very firm at 16 1-2 to 20¾c.

Butter quiet at 20 to 27c for Ohio, and 27 to 35c for State.

Cheese steady at 10 to 15 1-2c.

Money easy at 3 to 5 per cent. Sterling exchange dull at 108¾ gold for first class bills. Gold without demand. Coupons opened at 110, declining to 109¾, and closing at 109¾.

Government stocks firmer and active. U S 6's of '81 coupons, 107¾; 5-20's, coupons, 105¾; 10-40's, coupons, 97¾; 7.30's, second series, 100.

Western Markets of the 11th.

Cincinnati, July 11.—Flour firm and in good demand, sales 1500 bbls at $5.60 to 5.75 for common to good superfine, and $6.20 to 6.50 for extra.

Whisky—$2.05 with a limited demand.

Provisions—Firmer. Mess pork sold at $36. Bulk meats sold at 14 @15c at the close. Lard held at 20c; country sold at 19½c delivered where made. Sugar cured hams scarce and advanced to 23@23c; plain hams 21 @22c.

St Louis, July 11, P. M.—Tobacco—Market firm, with a good demand for all qualities at steady prices. Sales 17 hhds damaged and green logs from $3.20 to 4.80; 18 hhds factory do $5 to 5.60; 17 hhds planters' do $6.80 to 8.10; 36 hhds common shipping leaf $8.20 to 12.50; 17 medium do $13.75 to $15; 4 common manufacturing $10.50 to $18; 6 medium do $21 to 27.50; 8 good do $29.50 to 41, and 2 fine at $44.25 to $47 per 100 lbs.

Hide stone and Bagging—We hear of no sales, but quote at 12¾ @12¾c for rope, and 22 @23 for small lots of bagging.

Flour—Market still and higher for super and single extra, but double extra is quiet. Sales of 55 bbls double extra at $7.50, 350 do single extra, inspected and delivered, at $6.75, 300 do spring wheat extra at $6.25, 83 do do at $6 delivered; 205 do super at $5.20, 210 do spring wheat single extra at $5.00, part delivered, 50 do super at $5.00, 200 do spring extra and fall super at $4.75, delivered; and 50 super at $4.75; 211 do low super at $5.50, 360 do do private, 105 do triple extra at $4.30, 110 do double do at $4.10, and 100 do do at $3.85.

Corn—Sales comprised 1,332 sks white at 81 to 83c, 122 do, in second-hands, at 81c, 2,000 do yellow and mixed at 78c, 550 do do at 77c.

Oats—The market was easier to-day, and most of the transactions were at a decline of 2c. Sales comprised 518 sks at 60c, 1,419 do at 59c delivered, and 900 do, in store, at 58c.

Provisions—Market firm, without much business. Sales of 20 bbls mess pork at $25; Cincinnati clear bacon sides at 18½c, and 100 boxes prime Seville lard at 18 1-2c.

Whisky—Demand limited; no market weak at the quotation, with sales of 124 bbls, in various lots, at $2.07 per gallon.

Hides—Firm, 11c, dried salted, 8c; green salted, 5c per pound.

Hay—Market dull and drooping, with sales of 367 bales light-pressed timothy at $19 to 20, and pressed delivered at the outside price, and 155 do loose-pressed at $16 per ton.

White Goods—Business light, including a sale of 1 bbl brand at $1.40 per bushel.

Butter and Eggs—Butter is in demand at last quotations, with a sale of 8 tubs fresh at 25c. We quote eggs at 23 to 25c shipper's count and recounted, without and with pegs.

Groceries—There was an increased business to-day, with a lower price for coffee and, steady prices for sugar and molasses. We quote Muscovado sugar at 13 1-2 to 14 1-2c. Louisiana at 14 1-2 to 15 1-2c; Porto Rico at 15 1-2 to 17c. Hands's New Orleans syrup, in bbls, is selling at 85c; New York syrup at 60 to 65c.

Address of the Democratic National Committee on the New Political Situation.

ITS PROGRAMME OF POLITICAL COMBINATION, AND RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON AS "HEAD OF THE RECONCILED AND REUNITED DEMOCRACY."

To the Democracy of the United States:

Washington City, July 3, 1865.—The change which has recently taken place in our condition and prospects induces us now again to address you. The work of destruction is ended; the restorative process has commenced. We are, therefore, placed in new relations to public affairs, but the influence we can exert has not been thereby lessened in importance. By harmony, promptness and union we may now hope to rescue our country from that ruin which but lately seemed so inevitable.

With few exceptions, we, as a body, have always sought the welfare and unity of the entire country, but we have differed as to the means most appropriate to that end. In the beginning we all believed that peace and Union were compatible, and that both could be secured by constitutional action. But the reckless and the interested of both extremes proved too powerful for us. Aided by circumstances which we could not control, they hurried the country into the great vortex of blood.

The war once begun, we were all obliged to yield, more or less, to overruling necessity. You of the South were compelled to fly your State, and your whole people were subjected to the dire calamity of civil war. We believe this has been effected through great and reckless wrong; but for this we are not responsible, as we used all reasonable efforts to prevent that wrong.

In one important particular a great benefit has thereby been conferred upon us. It has removed the sole cause of disagreement among those whose views in other essential respects are in harmony. This has been one of the many instances where retributive justice has crushed the wrong-doer through his own success, and benefitted the opposing party through his own failure.

And now we stand at the commencement of a new political era. Old things have passed away. Let the dead bury the dead, while we turn our thoughts to the living, and to the future. Whatever we may think accomplished or failed, they must receive our acquiescence, and we then accommodate ourselves to what is inevitable, and direct our efforts into channels where they can still produce useful results.

Those who have been foremost in urging on this war of emancipation, now insist that the new freedmen shall at once be made our political equals. To this we are unitedly and resolutely opposed, not only because it is a claim they are not so educated as to qualify them for the exercise of the important and delicate rights of an American citizen — whatever might be their natural capacities — but for the still stronger reason that we believe the African to be by nature greatly inferior to the Caucasian. To amalgamate or to intermingle politically would be to lower the standard of average human intelligence in this country, either individually or collectively. Even with that standard undebased, there are grave doubts whether we are capable of maintaining a popular Government like our own. How, then, will it be, when we shall have infused an inferior element into the body politic, and our European civilization and scale of understanding shall have become adulterated with those of Africa or Asia?

We can, therefore, all unite in maintaining that this is a white man's Government, which must be preserved by preserving undiminished the standard of popular intelligence and capacity — that the negro, like the Chinese, is a foreign element which cannot be successfully assimilated — that he is merely here at school, where he should be kindly treated and instructed, and that when his education is completed, he may in some congenial situation seek his own happiness in his own way. But let us steadily and unitedly oppose the commingling of what God and nature have so unmistakably intended to preserve separate and distinct.

Again, they who assume to lead the party which triumphed at the late election seem bent upon upholding the late revolted States in an attitude of permanent subjugation. Whilst they have urged at any cost of wealth or blood or principle the sudden emancipation of individuals who had all their lives been in bondage, they would reduce whole communities that were once free and equal to ourselves into a state of subjugation and slavery. To this also we can all unite in unchangeable opposition.

We believe that the Federal Government cannot exist while a portion of the States which compose it are reserved another portion enslaved. Freedom or slavery must be the portion of all. The acting members of our political family are now anxious to resume their wanted places in the sacred circle. Let them be welcomed as was the prodigal son of the parable, and received back with all their rights and privileges unabridged. Let the promptings of resentment or revenge meet no favor from those who may perhaps feel that they need some forgiveness themselves. Let statesmanship, and not childish sullenness, control our conduct.

This exhibition of a feeling of toleration and charity is an novelty, even in our own history. Its blessed effects have, in principle, been exhibited in the organization of our Government, and in its successful administration throughout all the palmy days of the Republic. It would have preserved us from the tragic exhibitions of the last 4 years. It can even yet heal the wounds that have been inflicted, and replace us in our career of unrivaled prosperity and freedom and splendor.

Now we have to labor and wait for years before the barrot will commence. The means are already provided which promises immediate success. Combinations of circumstances seem to have been providentially prepared to suit our purposes. The 1,800,000 voters who constituted the effective strength of the great conservative host at the last election, and which would even then have been triumphant but for extraneous influences, are still organized and ready to act. Add to these the numbers thus estranged by equivocal conduct, and there can be no doubt that on the issues now presented the majority will be overwhelming with us.

But on these representations we shall be sure of the cordial sympathy and support of the great body of the people of the South. Their almost unanimous aid can be implicitly relied upon, swelling our numbers to as great a majority as is desirable. The two Houses of Congress will be moved by the popular impulse, or they will at least soon give way before the popular will.

To crown all, our Chief Magistrate, though raised to power by our antagonists, has, by the change of circumstances thereby mentioned, been placed solely by the side of his political brethren. They and he were separated by surrounding extraneous considerations, which are now forever removed. In respect to the vital questions of the day there is no living man who more fully represents the great principles on which our institutions rest than does the President.

Born and bred in the South, fully conscious through reason and observation of the fruitlessness and folly of attempting a political partnership between the two races, impressed with the vital importance of maintaining their rights and resisting that insidious hostility of the several members of the great Federal family, by birth and sympathy a man of the people, ever hostile to governmental extravagance, to class legislation and schemes of public plunder; opposed throughout his whole life to those who were willing to make our splendid, overshadowing, centralized Government, he is the right man, providentially placed in the right position, to extricate the country from the imminent perils which now surround it, and to roll back that tide of abuses which threatens to engulf the blessings, public and private, which were bequeathed to us by our fathers.

Do you doubt this? Will you ask why, if this be so, have not the multitude of those abuses been long since abolished?

He not too impatient. Great changes in public affairs should not be made incautiously. The tares cannot always be safely and suddenly uprooted, lest the wheat be also destroyed. Our antagonists could only wait the slow but certain operation of peaceful causes to remove an obnoxious institution, but by their reckless impetuosity led on to the drenching of the land with fraternal blood. Let us not imitate their impatience.

In the acts of the President, since he assumed the reins of power, have ended in the right direction. The only fault that we can impute is, that he has not moved forward with sufficient rapidity.

He might, it is true, have more promptly restored the benefit of the writ of *habeas corpus*. But, practically, no great evil seems to have resulted from delay. He might have suddenly discontinued the Military Justice; but, as a mere matter of inquiry, and vindication may grow out of the investigations which partially, perhaps, redeem and shield it from our just detestation. When any sentence which it may render shall have been executed, there will be good reason for complaint, but until then let us have the charity not to condemn the physician, though his remedies may seem rather tardy.

Multitudes of other abuses of every grade, and which have become inveterate, await the pruning hand of information. But their removal involves radical changes which call for caution and deliberation rather than haste. If there has been an error, it has been on the side of safety. If even blame can be justly imputed, it is trifling in comparison with the stupendous interests which now tremble in the balance.

Or shall we apprehend that we may after all have been the subjects of deception? Caution in political matters is ever commendable. But President Johnson, in his frequent and open declarations that the Opposite he has so long entertained and cherished, which are now so much in the ascendant, are entitled to full confidence for deception. He will know what by these declarations he was ever to lose the favor of a controlling number of those who, to secure their own ends, had aided in his election. They have already withdrawn from him their confidence. He can never hope to be trusted by them again. His natural and only reliable position is with his old political brethren. Every intelligent man will be true to his professions when they are thus coupled with his interests.

We do not attempt to dictate the course which should be pursued; but in presenting our own views, and in urging the adoption of them, that the great conservative party of the country will now openly speak out its sentiments and make known its wishes on the momentous subject now presented for consideration, and that every individual will endeavor to make his influence felt through new organizations or otherwise, that, throughout the length and breadth of the land, will come up the assurance that President Johnson, in his efforts to restore peace and fraternity, and to wasted prosperity to a country torn by civil dissensions, will be sustained by the true friends of a fraternal Union, both at the North and South.

It is hardly a superstitious fancy which regards him as having been specially ordained for this great and glorious mission. The designs of Heaven begin now to be visible throughout. At the head of the reconciled and reunited Democracy of the two sections, Andrew Johnson is, we believe, destined to repair and restore those cherished institutions which have been so fearfully shattered and seemingly overturned, and to receive the undying gratitude of a reunited country and the benedictions of all future ages. So it were to share in the consciousness of having contributed to the same blessed result.

By order of the Resident Committee.
CHARLES MASON, Chairman.

U. S. District Attorneys Authorized to Grant Pardons.

A special Washington correspondence of the *Tribune* says:

The President has taken a most important step towards relieving himself of a portion of the heavy burdens of the pressure of the executive business. In order to facilitate the disposition of the public business, the President, after consultation with the attorney general, has authorized and empowered the U. S. district attorneys of the several districts, in cases of treason, to grant pardons to the respective States, to grants perfect the same as he would do himself, on application made by persons liable to indictment and conviction in the District courts, for acts growing out of the recent rebellion, provided the district attorney shall be satisfied that the parties applying are deserving of pardon. The district attorneys, of course, will have made themselves familiar with the circumstances of each particular case, and they will know what evidence there is in the case to go before the grand jury. They will therefore be able to decide whether or not the party applying deserves a pardon. The amount of labor of which this step will relieve the President may be inferred from the fact that in the State of Maryland alone the provost marshal at Baltimore has handed to the district attorney there the names of four thousand persons residing in the State, all of whom are liable to indictment and conviction. Had not this arrangement been made, all of these persons would have applied to the President in person for pardon. Under this arrangement, however, only about fifty persons, and those the leaders and the most notorious offenders, such as Bradley Johnson, McCausland, and Harry Gilmore, will even be brought to trial; and even they can apply for pardon as above, after trial. Other similar measures will soon be adopted by the President, which will relieve him of a great deal of unnecessary labor, and give him more time to devote to the general affairs of the nation.

Senator Wilson's Speech in Washington on the Fourth—He will see that the Freedmen have all their Rights in the Late Confederate States—Bill for the next Session of Congress Enabling Negroes to Hold Office—Faith in Means, &c.

I want the South to understand that their black codes and their black laws, and all they have done to hold men in slavery, were abolished for ever with slavery itself; and *I serve notice to-day a notice upon them that I have prepared a bill*, which I intend to introduce, too, on the first day of next Congress, for the personal liberty of every freedman on this continent; and I want them to understand *that I belong to a body of men who are accustomed to cut on the field of victory*—a class of men who accept the doctrines of the New Testament, who accept as the living faith of the North American republic, the Declaration of Independence—a class of men who represent the principles of liberty, of humanity, of justice, and *a set of men who never were, and never can be, defeated.* (Cheers.) In our ears the words, the soothing words, of Abraham Lincoln ran forever, that the black man may in some hour of future trial, keep the jewel of liberty in the family of freedom. Mr. Wilson then reviewed the various political parties with which he had been connected at various times, but from which he had broken when they ceased to carry the standard of progress to the height he thought it should go, until at last, said he, after four years of bloody struggle I have seen slavery wiped out of the country, from Canada to Mexico. Now I tell you to-day, that, casting party obligations aside, we stand on the eternal principle of right; have sworn to stand there to the end of the chapter; and so long as there is a fight not secured, of a wrong undressed, *there you are ready, and will build up and pull down at their pleasure.* And I say to you that ninety-five out of every hundred of the men who in November last voted to put Abraham Lincoln—God bless his name—in the presidential chair, are standing to-day shoulder to shoulder, determined to protect the freedmen of America. Nothing is more sublime than the record of the black man in this struggle. They have stood by our brave soldiers and sailors in the thickest fights, they have guided them against the enemy, they have stood by our men when fugitives from starving guards and given them food. They stood by the country faithfully in the hour of trial, and the country will stand by them. (Good, good!" and applause.) It is said if they possessed the right of suffrage they would vote as their former masters dictated to them. If there ever was an utterance that had not the semblance of truth in it, that is it. I believe if the government had told the rebels when they surrendered them to lay down their arms that they must do justice to the negro and give him the franchise, they would gladly have done it; but I am not here to find fault with the government, and shall keep my faith as it until it is broken. And I believe the President of the United States, who told the black man in the capital of his own Tennessee that if no one else would, he would be the Moses, and he to them what Abraham Lincoln would have been to them had he lived to carry out his great and glorious principles. I understand they say they had the right of suffrage in their hands. I want them to understand that an act of Congress prohibits them from holding offices under the government, and until justice is done to the negro those gentlemen will go minus the offices. Perhaps won't give them to them. I am not in favor of compromises generally, but we may accept as a compromise justice to the negro.

We are under renewed obligations to Mr. J. R. Edwards, Clerk of the steamer Cherokee, for the latest Mobile papers and other acceptable favors.

The Emperor Maximilian's Plan of Universal Education—He Proposes to Make Elementary Learning Gratuitous and Compulsory.

Havana, July 1.—Maximilian's recent communication upon education to his Minister of Public Instruction has been received and is leading article of his *Prensa*, which objects to his insisting that elementary education, at least, shall be compulsory. The *Diario* laconically marks the object from many points of the imperial writer. There can exist no doubt that his mind is of too practical and modern character to please the retrograde party which has put him on their head.

He begins his letter by expressing a desire that the public instruction may be on a level with that of the first nations. As principal guide to the matter, education must be open to all, respect all elementary and education, gratuitous and compulsory; superior education (secondary) must be so arranged on one hand to offer to the middle classes of society a proper general education, and on the other hand the course of studies must be so arranged as to serve as a base for elevated and professional instruction. The study of the classical and modern languages being highly requisite, nor less so that of the natural sciences. The first are the base of all polished education, and at the same time form an inestimable intellectual exercise; besides which, at present the study of the living languages is absolutely indispensable for a people who wish to share in the affairs of the world and keep up an active intercourse with other nations, particularly considering the peculiar geographical situation of the country. Lastly, the cultivation of natural science is the characteristic mark of an age inclined to reality. Neither is physical education to be neglected.

For elevated and professional education he considers special faculties are requisite. What in the Aztec era was called the University has become a word without a meaning.

Maximilian, a true German, heralds the neglect in Mexico of the study of Metaphysics, because it exercises the intellect, teaches man to know himself, and to confess as good the moral order of society as a deduction from the study of one's self.

Now we come to the rock on which so many governments have split, and which he must be a good pilot to escape. I mean religious education: this he declares to be a thing which belongs to every one's conscience, and the less the State meddles in religious matters the more it will be for the welfare of the commune. We have freed the church and consciences, and wish to insure to the former the full enjoyment of its lawful rights and entire liberty in the exercise of its Priests without any interference of the State. But, says Maximilian, a part of the church's duty is religious instruction, to which unfortunately the clergy hitherto have scarcely taken any share. The parish Priest is, therefore, ordered to give such instruction according to the books adopted by the government.

New Military Organization for the Gulf States.

Gen. Sheridan has assumed command of the new "Division of the Gulf," as appears by the following order:

Headquarters, Military Division of the Gulf, New Orleans, La., July 17, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 1.

The Military Division of the Southwest, which was created for special purposes, is discontinued.

In compliance with General Orders, No. 116, dated War Department, Adjutant General's Office, June 27th, 1865, the undersigned hereby assumes Command of the Military Division of the Gulf, consisting of—

I. The Department of Mississippi, Major Gen. H. W. Slocum, commanding, embracing the State of Mississippi, Headquarters at Vicksburg.

II. The Department of Florida, Major Gen. J. G. Foster, commanding, embracing the State of Florida, Headquarters at Tallahassee.

III. The Department of Louisiana and Texas, Major General E. R. S. Canby, commanding, embracing the States of Louisiana and Texas, Headquarters at New Orleans, La.

The Headquarters Military Division of the Gulf will be at New Orleans, La.

P. H. SHERIDAN, Major Gen. U. S. A.

Henry Winter Davis, in his oration on the 4th inst., thought it necessary to indirectly eulogize John Brown. As an offset to the complimentary allusion to the old murderer who was hanged in Virginia, the following is appended:

"John Brown stands before the country a murderer. The enormity, the extraordinary ferociousness of the father set the son mad. The blood of these murdered men—not unlike that of the sacrificed Abel—cried even from the tongueless caverns of the earth to him for pity, and to Heaven for justice, but his iron heart, not soul, refused to yield; but Heaven in the process of time, has meted out to him justice on the gallows. Justice divine to pollish sic moves slow—the slower the pace surer is its blow. It will overtake as if living—it will overtake as it dead. Justice has overtaken its victim, and he has gone to eternity with crimsoned hands, withblood upon his head." What is it, I ask the country? I ask the senate, if it is not stabbing, robbery, highway robbery? And yet these things are thrown out, perhaps not intended, but they operate as apology and excuse in the minds of many, for the infamy, the murders, the thieving, the treacherous conduct of this old man Brown, who was nothing more than a murderer, a robber, a thief, and a traitor."

The author of the above libelous remarks upon him whose soul is marching on is Andrew Johnson, President of the United States. They were made in the Senate Chamber, Dec. 14 1859.—[*Chicago Times.*]

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Writ of Habeas Corpus—Robert Lynn who petitioned for a writ of habeas corpus, was brought into the First District Court before Judge Abell. The following was filed in Court by respondent: "The State of Louisiana vs. Robt Lynn."

Now comes into Court J. Burke, Chief of Police of the city of New Orleans, who declares that from information received from Fielding Edwards, Sheriff of the Parish of Avoyelles, one Robert Lynn, in the latter part of the year 1863 murdered a man named Roy and several other citizens.

This was met by a counter statement of the prisoner, Robert Lynn, who deposed and said that he received an order from Gen. Richard Taylor in the year 1863 to collect into camp all conscripts in the parish of Avoyelles and all those who resisted should be executed summarily. Further he deposed that his papers and the order referred to were in the hands of one Stanlee, who was taken prisoner and kept in Fort Jackson 10 months and the papers lost.

Said Robert Lynn, coming into Court, to answer the charge made against him by the Chief of Police J. Burke, and says that in the year of 1863, he was ordered to execute all men found in the parish of Avoyelles, with arms in their hands not resisting the execution of the law. That one Roy, mentioned in the affidavit, was the ringleader of a party of 25 deserters, banded together to resist the conscript law and who picketed the road to capture and shoot him, the said Robert Lynn. That said Roy was finally captured by a portion of soldiers belonging to the Confederate army and was executed by order of the Department Commander, and not by respondent, but by soldiers detailed for purpose by competent military authority. All executions made in the parish of Avoyelles were by orders of his military superiors.

General Hayes and Mr. McDonald testified to having made the orders referred to, and one Robert Lynn, a son of General Hayes.

Attorney General Lynch appeared for the State, opposing the release of the prisoner, who eventually was set at liberty by order of the Court.

U. S. District Court—Judge Durell.—The United States vs. six lots of ground or the right and title of Norman Story to the same. The judgment rendered in this cause March 1st 1865 was set aside, an answer sworn to by defendant in proper person having been filed by his counsel, W. R. Hunt, Esq.

The United States vs. the steamer Minnie. This case was submitted on the evidence and briefs for counsel for Martha Knight and Harriet Robinson, claimants.

In the case of the United States vs. schooner Fruiteers it was ordered on motion of R. H. Bright, counsel for V. Farre claimant, that the vessel be delivered up to him on giving bond in the sum of $1,500.

United States vs. steamer Robert Fry and cargo. This case will be continued to-day. 18th inst. after argument by Judge Whitaker for libellant and W. R. Hunt for claimant.

From Jackson, Mississippi.

Editor of the Vicksburg Herald Shot and Killed by Accident—Repairs of the Southern Railroad—Business, &c.

Telegraphed to the Mobile News.

Jackson, July 17.—Ira A. Butterton, editor of the Vicksburg *Herald*, died here at 3 o'clock this morning from the effects of a gunshot wound received accidentally last night in a pistol gallery.

The work on the Southern Railroad is being pushed forward vigorously, and will be completed very soon.

General Slocum assumes command of the Department in place of General Osterhaus, relieved.

New buildings are being rapidly erected over the ruins, and trade between this city and Vicksburg is brisk.

Middling cotton, 31c.

LIST OF PASSENGERS BY THE CARS FROM MOBILE.

Robert Gray, Mr Amy, John Blay, Col [illegible], Frank, Mr Jones, Mr Hall, Mr Hardin, Mr Jardin, Nichols, C Fay, D R Wood, Lt Capt Grant, W T O'Grady, M F Sweeney, W H Dixon, Reynolds, Miss [illegible], Miss Dixon, Miss O'Connell, Miss Brown, E D Hale, Miss O'Connell, Miss Hargrave, [illegible], Mr Smith, Foster, McCarthy, Mr Hamilton, O Sullivan, Mr Lewis, Capt Cope Wheeler, Owens, Capt Smith, Evans, Hughes, M Landner, Foley, Jones, Capt Hughes, M Landner, Irwin, Fowler, Anderson, Campbell, S Mohr, Richard, Richard, Williams, Gallagher, Walter, Vowles, Dahle, Anna Dale, Brown, Sylvania Malone, Hamlin, Alfred, Gen Chalmers, Col Duncan, Col Dillon, Col Richard, Mrs Brown, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Kinkead, Mrs Brown, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Spindler, Mrs Simms, Cleveland, Speed 3th, Brigade Major Pratt, Gen Granger, Adjutant Gen Messenger and Commissary Gen Messenger.

JEFF. DAVIS AND HIS COUNSEL.—The Vicksburg *Herald* of the 12th says:

We are enabled to state, upon the authority of a relative, just from the North and East, that the health of this gentleman is excellent, that he is well treated, and his diet such as will continue to his health. Charles O'Conor of New York, is the leading counsel of Mr. Davis, and has associated with him ex-Senator George E. Pugh, of Ohio. The members of the course of other gentlemen in that connection are entirely premature and gratuitous.

(From the N. Y. Herald, July 8.)

Sketch of Mrs. Mary E. Surratt.

After the death of Booth the public interest, which had been centered upon him as the leading spirit of the conspiracy which robbed the country of the President, was chiefly directed to Mrs. Surratt and Lewis Payne, as the next most important characters. The evidence before the court has served still further to direct attention to Mrs Surratt. The general repugnance to the assassination of a woman added still more to the interest which was felt in her, and every particular regarding Mrs. Surratt will be devoured with great eagerness.

Mrs. Surratt, the prisoner at the bar, was born in the spring of 1820, and at an early age was destined for a conventual life by her parents, whose Catholic piety seemed Italian and medieval in its strictness and fervor. She was sent at the age of ten to the Catholic Seminary at Alexandria. The home of her parents, E. and Mary Jenkins, was but two miles and a half from the bridge at the Navy Yard—the bridge over which Booth was destined to enter upon his flight ride. Twenty-one years ago Miss Mary E. Jenkins was married to John Surratt, a tavern and mail station keeper of her own county and neighborhood.

John did not possess much of the fervid feeling of devotion or of the sensual and intense passions of his wife. He was a simple, hard-working farmer, who thought more of the prospects of a fine harvest, than of the prospects of the Church or of the coming crisis. He had few accomplishments, nor had the woman he married, outside of a somewhat attended reading of those belles lettres which have had the sanction of the Church. She neither sang nor played, nor drew; seldom conversed, and then awkwardly. On the tenets and observances of her church she could talk long and well, and rather close such topics. Her eldest child was John Surratt, to whose head a price has been fixed, at whom beats are ever the ceaseless feet of the death pursuit. Hunted, homeless, fatherless, and now motherless, his sister heart broken, John's punishment exceeds that of any of his companions in the crime for which they have been sentenced. The mother had destined him for the church, towards whose cloisters her heart had once turned, and, like herself, he had received a strictly Catholic education; and this training has apparently seem to have been far from those rules which generally prepare the mind for the contemplation of crime. The witness Weichman, who was daily intimate with the family was latterly greater than that of any other individual, speaks ever respectfully of Mrs. Surratt, and it is remarkable in how different a tone he would mention any of that family from that he used when speaking of any of the other accused. The Lasby seems to have been rather reticent and retired when in Maryland.

Susceptible as John Surratt, the father, was, to something of more serious and collected calm which enveloped the mistress of the dwelling, lurked the lallmacies that are generally so natural and pleasant a relief to country monotony. When her husband died, and the station and tavern had been sold and the house on H street occupied, a very perceptible change was observed in the manners of Mrs. Surratt. Visitors whom her fastidiousness and her son's taste would have shrunk from were frequently seen at the house and in close intimacy with John. The exciting letter and protecting commands of the Church were less relentlessly heeded, though the attendance was just as regular. The stigma, so long the abomination of the Catholic church, at last furnished, in its gayest, most accomplished and gifted roue, the favored friend of the family. John visited the theatre as though the ritual had never forbidden it, and the mother is not known to have objected. Indeed, she became exceeding intimate with Booth, and fell under his influence to an extent which has been her ruin. Certain it now is that J. Wilkes Booth became the real master of the widowed Mary E. Surratt and the controller of all pertaining to her. The result of that intimacy is now plain to all.

The husband, John Surratt, died in 1861 of apoplexy. He was a well-to-do farmer, living about ten miles from Washington. He added to his business as a farmer the office of postmaster of his village and kept in addition a large country store. Mrs. Surratt seems to have been his chief helper in his business, his son, John E. Surratt, being a wild and reckless youth, employed at the time of his father's death in a conspiracy for which his mother was yesterday executed. Engaged in these active pursuits Mrs. Surratt, who was naturally a woman of strong mind and nerves, appears to have gradually contracted a habit of decision not characteristic of her common with her sex. She appears to have been masculine not only in person and manners, but mind; and throughout every detail of the conspiracy she appears as stolid and determined as Paynal and as desperate and dramatic as Booth. Her control over her nerves, her extraordinary self possession and her reserve indicate thoroughly her masculine character, and prepare us for the description which we have of her person.

Her forty-five years had not served to counteract the effect on her person of her active life position and habits, and the full, rounded, Amazonian figure was not the least faded. Her face was full, and her gray eyes had had aught of warmth in them would have given her the look of a well preserved voluptuary. They were seldom lit up by excitement or pleasure, though occasionally they gleamed with a furious or stealthy glare which lighted the passions of her soul.

For a year or two previous to the murder of Mr. Lincoln Mrs. Surratt had been engaged in the active management of a blockade running system, by which surreptitious communication was kept up between Richmond and Washington. Her son, John H. Surratt, appears to have been the chief agent or messenger by which this was done.

[From the New York World, July 8th.]

Treatment of Prisoners.

The Richmond *Whig* of the 27th June publishes the report of the joint select committee of the Confederate Congress upon the treatment of prisoners.

This report complains that the publication of the Sanitary Committee, with its