

# THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.

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The Freedmen's Bureau—Important  
Baptist Convention—  
Was Department, Bureau of Refugees,  
President and Freedmen's Lands,  
Washington, D. C., Sept. 3, 1865

Circumstances have required the following rules and regulations to be adopted for the purpose of establishing a head or real property, and lands or real property to which the United States shall have acquired title by purchase, sale, or otherwise, which may be hereafter created under the control of this bureau, by virtue of the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1865, establishing the Bureau of Refugees, etc. (See Orders No. 110, War Department, June 7, 1865.)

The abandoned lands referred to in the law and regulations governing these lands are deemed good title to a valid act of Congress.

Property, real or personal, shall be regarded as abandoned when the lawful owner or his heirs, or other persons entitled to it, have left it, or have abandoned it, or have given up all claim thereto.

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We are obliged to the Commercial Express for copies of the latest New York paper.

**BOSTON COMMERCIAL CHAMBER.**—Young men and others who desire to perfect themselves in clerical qualifications for all kinds of business, would do well to consult the plan of a commercial course of education as pursued at the establishment of Rufus Dolbear, the "Study Building" on Camp street.

Havana Cigars.—Mr. J. G. Gahan, No. 11 Common street, has received for the smokers' Morris, a large and splendid assortment of Havana Cigars, of the most celebrated brands, also, a lot of Havana leaf Tobacco and Cigar boxes.

A show case, new awning, gildings are offered for sale. Apply at John's restaurant, Carondelet street.

**ACADEMY OF MUSIC.**—The Acme of the Arts troupe at the Academy are determined to afford their patrons the best of entertainment, and in variety. There is a very bright list of artists, and such an association plays as the *Spirit of Death*, which has been having run during the latter half of the present week. But provided that such come as the *Spirit of Death* are played with spirit, we don't see but what they will do well enough to live to time. The play is a masterpiece, and the music is unusual in the extreme. But the play is good, the moral is good, and the music is good—the whole is good.

The friends of the Wren Company have had a recent trial in the recent representations of the *Lady of Lyons*—(See back page). We do not know if the Wren has the right to pass a few hours here in the Academy with its present effective troupe, and with Miss Eliza Wren Nuttall as leading actress.

**LOCATIONS.**—Almondine was the same work by French artists, & it is understood (the well known "House-Pet" establishment) is now almost ready for the press, and will be tenanted to the number of ten thousand dollars.

Where a notice of this to advertisers call their attention to the importance of advertising in their advertisements for publication in the Almondine. Terms of advertising will be found in the notes reported.

**OVERLOOK AND LEVEES WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.**—To those well acquainted with the hydrography of the lower Mississippi it is well known that the river, in its present bordering on the Gulf, should be seriously considered in the evolution of the river border at the opposite extremity of the State. It may be asked, can Graff's canal, from the Mississippi into Lake Providence, a few miles above the mouth of the Arkansas, be turned into a deep water channel, and a direct harbor, apparently, no apprehension need exist with regard to the region lying above the Red river? But the hydrography of a hydrographic map of Louisiana would remove all doubt as to the important relation which the latter secundus bears to the former, or as to the real grounds of alarm. The river will be compelled to turn to the sea, in the course and setting up of such lands and property as have been laid out, and every day demand necessity for the immediate removal and destruction.

The question is, can Graff's canal be so far extended as to cut off the river, and render it impossible to turn to the sea?

In a recent article in the *Advertiser* it is said, "as possible cause moderate degradations of the river, and abandoned lands, and such changes in the river bed, as will forward muddy to the sea, in the course and setting up of such lands and property as have been laid out, and every day demand necessity for the immediate removal and destruction."

Whether Graff's canal, as proposed, will be able to accomplish this, is a question which can only be decided by the examination of the river, and the

advice of the Commissioners of Rivers and Harbors, and the advice of the Hydrographer.

It is a question of great interest, and one which

should be carefully considered before any action is taken.

The truth is, that, west of the Mississippi, from the northern boundary of the State to the Gulf coast, and extending from east to west variously from ten to twenty and fifty or sixty miles, there is a belt of country, almost as wide as the state itself, with the great streams like the Red river, which communicate with the ocean through the chain of connecting above mentioned produce no active separation.

Water flowing from the Mississippi will pass directly to the Texas bayou, and beyond. Many of these into Lake Red river, through the Atchafalaya, and perhaps others, into the Red river, and so to the parish of Terrebonne and adjacent regions. If the volume thus passed into the Red river is large and the Mississippi at the same time high, an overflow of land borders on the Atchafalaya, and on streams communicating with it, is to be expected.

It is a spot indicated in the foregoing remarks that the strongest arguments for a common levee system for the State were based.

The truth is, that, west of the United States, the *New Orleans Daily News*, in an article of the 1st inst., says, "that the proposed system of levees and dikes, and the like, which are regulated by a single authority, to the general advantage of their respective parishes, the fact, as respects danger of overflow and means of protection therefrom, all the basins in the western border of the Mississippi, from the northern boundary of the State to the Gulf coast, were out and demanded a levee system, and probably caused the interest of the world in applying the same to the safety and protection of the several parishes. Under such a system, judiciously administered, no canal from the Mississippi to the swamp basin, such as that at Lake Providence would be permitted, and in case of outlet of that nature should occur by crevasses, it would be deemed an irreparable loss, have it done, not only for the benefit of those immediately affected, but of all living in the same alluvial strand below."

Arrival of the Northern Light arrived last evening, and we have by her New York file to the evening of the 15th. We are obliged to her for the salutary information and other news.

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