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MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, 1867.

A large lot of dry goods will be sold at one than to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, by Messrs. Vinandet Co., at the store of Messrs. Loeb, Simon & Co., for the purpose of liquidation.

To Tax Payers.—Mr. Lemaire, late Tax Collector for the Second District, gives notice in another column that the taxes for 1866 and licenses for 1867 must be paid forthwith at his office. The receipts remaining unpaid at the end of March will be put for collection into the hands of the City Attorney.

Ball.—A ball will be given by the Young Men's Association, Saturday, 6th of April, 1867, at the corner of Bienville and Exchange Alley. Among the managers we notice many of our friends. We are in receipt of tickets of invitation.

Literary.—We are pleased to put upon our exchange list the *New York Evening Gazette*, Mr. Sweetser's new paper, which seems to us to be the best arranged and most interesting of all the New York daily newspapers. Mr. Sweetser, it will be remembered, founded the Round Table, the oldest literary weekly in America, which he designed to fill the place that the *Saturday Review* does in England. In this plan he was eminently successful. In the *Gazette* we presume Mr. Sweetser has in view a second, or an American *Pall Mall Gazette*, and the editorials in the number before us—the only one which we have seen—have the ring of that able journal. The news is scholarly, spirited, yet without gossip and pleasant to read. The paper is full of literary items, personals, information of all sorts, gossipy sketches, fashions, city news, telegraphic, &c., &c. If the same ability that is displayed in this number be continued in others we predict a very and liberal success for this new enterprise. We should here remark that the *Morning Gazette* has been published for more than three months, yet this is the first copy that we have heard of in New Orleans.

Messrs Hurd & Houghton, the well known *publishers of the Riverside Magazine, London Society* and many other very fine books, announce "The Open Polar Sea," by Dr. Hayes. We have not seen this work but the papers speak in high terms of its merits. Dr. Hayes has drawn attention to the scenery of the Arctic Regions, and has excited universal interest in his explorations in the vicinity of the Polar Sea. We presume this book will find a ready sale in the South. It must prove delightfully refreshing to read of icebergs and Arctic seas in the middle of the long Southern summer. *London Society* for March has just arrived and will be noticed hereafter.

AMUSEMENTS.

Varieties Theatre.—The farewell performances of the truly eminent comedian, Mr. Joseph Jefferson, takes place to-night and to-morrow evening. Boucicault's fanny and domestic drama, "Dot," and the laughable farce, "A Regular Fix," are the capital pieces chosen for each occasion.

St. Charles Theatre.—Benefit to-night of Mr. O. B. Collins, Mr. Eddy appearing as *Lyddon, the Gladiator*, in the play of the "Last Days of Pompeii;" the Bedouin Arabs in a new act, and the performances concluding with the drama of "Sixteen String Jack."

New Opera House.—There will be no performances to-night on account of the rehearsal of a new comedy, "Le Famille Benoiton," or "The Fast Family."

To-morrow.—"Le Bourreau des Crenes" and "Le Veuve aux Camelias" are the selections.

National Theatre.—Mr. Richard Kops is announced for a benefit at the National this evening. The pieces selected are entitled "Adel and Kenah," and a comedy in three acts and eight tableaux, "Ein Schneider als Furbesitzer."

Academy of Music.—A festival drama, arranged by Miss Christine Zavistowski, something new and beautiful, in which the Zavistowskis and the pretty Olmstop Sisters appear, is one of the attractive features at the Academy this evening. The charming Miss Bruns will sing "Kathleen Mavourneen" and "The Power of Love," and Miss Lottie Estelle a serio-comic song. Jenny Thompson will give scene of his banjo eccentricities, and the performance will conclude with a series of general shadows, entitled, "Frolics of Cupid, or a Night in Dream Land."

Olympic Music Hall.—Miss Aubrey in fancy dances, Mr. Stout in ballads, and Misses Beckett, St. Clair, Richmond, and other female and male artists, assisted by Bob Hunt himself, is a variety programme of singing, farces, burlesques, and humorous original comedies, are the attractions at the Olympic to night.

Crescent City Museum.—This Museum is open from 9 A. M. till 12 o'clock at night, on St. Charles street, opposite the St. Charles Hotel, presenting many objects of attraction to numerous visitors.

The McKeons Will Case.

SECOND DISTRICT COURT—JUDGE THOMAS.

A remarkable contest is now in course of progress before this Court, in relation to the estate of the late Hugh F. McKenna, for many years a leading and very wealthy merchant of this city, of the late firm of McKenna, McKenzie & Wright.

Mr. McKenna, in 1861, left New Orleans for Europe, and died in London, England, on the 2d February, 1864, and on the 31st May, 1861, he made an olographic will, appointing W. H. Avery and Wilhelmina Regart his executors and administrators, and which was probated on the 4th April, 1864. By this will he left to Ellen Frances McKenna, (born Kernan) his wife residing in Brussels, Belgium, $25,000, on condition that she should renounce all further claims on his estate.

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Miss Bruns, at the same time, instituted a suit against Wm H. Avery, the executor of the deceased, on a promissory note, dated 1st February, 1864, for $2,000, purporting to have been executed by McKenna the day previous to his death, payable one day after date, and endorsed by Mrs. McKenna. Nearly three years had elapsed since the death of McKenna before any knowledge of the existence of these instruments was received by the executor.

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The Conspiracy in Buenos Ayres.

Mandoza Rebellion Suppressed.

St. Domingo Quiet.

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Miscellaneous News.

From the Balise.

Washington, March 24.—It is considered almost certain that Congress will adjourn on Tuesday. Several members are pushing up.

New York, March 24.—James F. Camalago, a Confederate Commissary, has been arrested on a charge of having used the power of the Confederate Government to take from a resident of Tennessee property valued at $600,000, which he fraudulently converted to his own use. He is now in Ludlow street jail.

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Mexican News.

[From Fisher's Bulletin, 20th.]

Our last Rio Grande dates were of the 7th ult. They contained news from the interior of Mexico to the 27th of February. We now have dates of the *Courier* (Liberal) of the 16th, but not full files, yet these contain no later news from the interior than the 28th. There are reports related that must have taken place, if all, subsequent to that time. This is also accounted for by the careless journalism which one time gives the date of the paper and at another the date of the correspondence, so that we are constrained to believe the news to be from some days later, though how many we cannot tell. It is all taken from translations in the *Courier*.

General News.

An extra to No. 17 of *El Monarca*, says: "We extract the following from a letter from Aureliano Rivera, dated San Luis de la Paz, February 26, 1867, received last night:

"As for news, I will tell you that there was a grand review at Queretaro yesterday, at which Maximilian was present. The forces reviewed numbered 5750 which, with 2000 brought by Mendez, makes a total of 10,750. This number is positive, for the person whom I speak knows it intelligently.

"These few days back, according to the plan adopted by them, they divided their army in three columns. The first under command of Miramon, the Emperor, Marquez, Vidaurri and Quiroga is of 6000 men, and will march. it is said, upon the forces now at San Miguel, and take San Luis de Potosi, if not defended on the road.

"The second column under the command of Castillo and Mendez, marching against the city of Guanajuato, is also of 4000 men. Upon the person which I occupy (San Luis de la Paz) Mejia is said to be marching with 2000 men and a battery, the other divisions have each three batteries.

"Queretaro will be left occupied by about 1000 men.

"Such is the news received this day, from reliable persons living in Queretaro."

The capture of the diplomatic corps has, it is said, caused a bad impression among the imperialists and discouraged them much. I omitted to mention that there were 2000 foreigners in the Imperial army, but I have a filled table that we shall defeat them.

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The Second Political Convention.

Political affairs at home have latterly engaged public attention to such an extent that our foreign relations have attracted but little notice. The hopes and anxieties about reconstruction, and a crowd of other important matters to be overlooked or passed slightly resulting from thought or consideration. It will not be long, however, before public interest is centered in the selection of delegates to the Convention. The Municipal election and the British Confederation project will soon take the lead as topics of public discussion. The former, particularly, will assume important proportions. Maximilian's career in Mexico is virtually at an end, and we hear in America is virtually at an end, and we hear in Mexico to be surprised at the next any moment of either his escape from the country or his capture by the Liberalists. When such an event shall occur, the United States will be obliged to take some definite and decisive action concerning the Government of Mexico. Unless that be done, anarchy, disorder and civil strife will have no check in that unhappy country. There are half a dozen rival chieftains there, each one ambitious to be at the head of the nation, and all of them unscrupulous about the means of gratifying their ambition. Political views, pillage and destruction of property, insecurity of life and a general reign of terror may be expected immediately after Maximilian's exit, unless our government shall take some action calculated to maintain order. As a general principle it is best policy to mind our own affairs and let other people under any circumstances. The case of Mexico, however, is exceptional. The United States is the friend of the Republican Government, and as the first power on the Western Continent, is under moral obligations to aid in its struggles. Its neighbors are so far impracticable in maintaining peace and building up their national prosperity. Mexico, also, is their neighbor in geographical. But its ultimate annexation to the United States may be looked on as certainty. It may be ten, twenty, fifty years before that consummation is reached, but that it will eventually come to pass is not the ground for dispute. Again, the population of Mexico contains a large percentage of American blood, and our Government must protect. The true American policy is that that has flag follows the citizen—that the strong arm of the Government must protect and defend the subject wherever he may be found. Interest in respect to Mexico will be necessary, but there is a question as to the extent to which our Government can judiciously go. It is not the desire of our people to become embroiled in quarrels with factions in Mexico, and yet it is unreasonably necessary that a firm stand be taken. We need a decisive Mexican policy—one which will secure protection to Americans and add to the substantial basis of peace and the establishment of republican Government. With regard to the proposed British Confederation our own Northern frontier we must likewise take a stand to defeat that project shall we have more tangible shape. If we propose to ignore the Monroe Doctrine, silence is best; but if we intend to adhere to it, we must act in connection with the establishment of monarchies on our borders, let us say so plainly and pointedly. The infusion of a little more vigor into our general foreign policy, and the embodiment of a little timidity from it would result in a marked improvement.—*N. Y. Sun.*

The Cotton Crop.

[From the Mississippi Union.]

The estimate of the cotton crop of 1866 varies from 1,350,000 to 1,400,000 bales. Taking the latter figure, 1,295,000, the crop is worth at thirty cents per pound, netting 500 pounds per bale, $198,750,000. Upon this, the Government at three cents per pound, realizes a revenue of $19,575,000. Should as the crop of 1866 is, compared to the productive years before the war, when four millions of bales were grown, produced by the same number of hands makes the aggregate value of the smaller crop nearly as large as the receipts for the larger. When the difference of dollars and cents in favor of the present crop is considered, the common enough estimate at the value of the labor of 1857, '58 '59 and '60. The million and a quarter of 1866 is worth nearly as much, and would be a great deal more valuable for the South, and a munificent capital for the use of the planter and the merchant, if it was not necessary to use it in repairing the ravages of the war and in paying back and forth together. Much of the vast sum realized on this crop has gone into other hands than the planter. Many of the factors have made fortunes in the sale of cotton, in many cases at low prices. The buyer has secured a very large proportion of the price paid for it, either though small have gained both by the operation, while the planter, who, encouraged by planting shoulders, could have taken his own time to sell and negotiate his own terms.

The total receipts from the foregoing amount of the value of the cotton crop of 1866, as it comes under the head of cotton, and as it comes under the head of cotton, and as it comes under the head of cotton, and