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NEW ORLEANS:

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AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

E. Roger & Co. sell sundry bills and accounts, at 11 o'clock A. M., at their salesrooms, Nos. 45 and 47 Old Levee street.

Chas. E. Fortier sells real estate, at 12 o'clock M., at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Custom-house streets.

VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION BY THE SHERIFF.—We call attention to the sale at auction, to be made this day, at noon, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, by the Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans, of the one undivided fourth of a lot of ground, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate at the corner of Levis and Carondelet streets, First District. See advertisement.

SPECIAL SUNDAY EXCURSION FOR MANDEVILLE AND MADISONVILLE.—On Sunday, the 19th of April, and every following Sunday during the summer, the fast and low pressure, side wheel and favorite steamer Lanza will leave the Pontchartrain Lake end on arrival of 6½ o'clock A. M. train, returning to the lake end the same day in time to take the 6½ o'clock P. M. train to the city. Fare for the excursion $1.

TABLEAUX AND CONCERT.—Two hundred ladies and gentlemen of this city, assisted by Miss Filomeno, propose to give on Tuesday evening, April 28, at the National Theatre, a Concert and Tableaux for the benefit of the Destitute widows and Children of St. Anna's Asylum.

GRAND MUSICAL MATINEE AT THE OPERA HOUSE.—A grand musical matinee, for the benefit of Mr. Benoit, the second stage manager of the Opera House, who is obliged by bad health to return to France, will be given in the Salle du Foyer of the Opera House, on Sunday next, at 1 o'clock P. M. Mesdames Segoin and Fauchetti, Messrs Picot, Van Hoffen, Da Assun, Lechevalier, and other artists will take part in the performances.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.—A musical entertainment will be given on Sunday evening, next, at 8 o'clock, in the hall of the Deutsche Company, corner of Bienville street and Exchange Alley, for the benefit of Signor Paoli Sichi, formerly a member of the Mexican Opera Troupe, and an artist of high reputation.

Signor Paolichi, while on his way from the city of Mexico to Vera Cruz, was robbed by the bandits who infest the country of every thing he had, even his clothing. He will be assisted in the concert by leading artists of the New Orleans Opera Troupe, who have generously tendered him their services. And the Deutsche Company place their hall at his disposal, through their President, Mr. S. Marx.

The French Opera.

To-night will be presented Meyerbeer's grand opera of "L'Africaine," with new scenery, complete chorus and orchestral accompaniment, and the opera will be presented in full.

The plot of this opera is as follows:

Vasco di Gama, a young officer in the Portuguese navy, convinced of the existence of lands hitherto unknown to the ancients, applies to the Royal Council of Portugal for means whereby with to prosecute his researches, producing in support of his arguments, two slaves, purchased by him in an African Slave Mart, whose features, garb, etc., prove them to be of a race unknown to Europeans. The supreme Inquisitor, Grand Inquisitor, Don Pedro, not only to the refusal of Vasco's application, but to his being forthwith arrested and thrown into a dungeon, his captivity being shared by his two slaves, Selika and Nelusko, the former of whom has become deeply enamored of her master, while she herself is passionately beloved by her companion in bondage, Nelusko. Vasco, however, is soon released from prison, owing to the zealous intervention of Inez, inow the ward of Don Pedro, but between whom and Vasco a deep and alarming attachment had long existed. Don Pedro has meantime become possessed of Vasco's papers, plans, etc., and having obtained from them the command of a ship, he sets sail, hoping to carry out Vasco's projected discoveries, and thereby reap the advantage due to such bold, great navigator's genius and enterprise and so gain the coveted title. Don Pedro takes with him, on his voyage, his wife Inez, and the two slaves, Selika and Nelusko, whom he has purchased of their former master. As the ship approaches the Cape of Storms, it is overtaken by a vessel carrying the same Vasco in person, whom an unexpected turn of fortune has enabled to fit out a ship for himself. Notwithstanding their mutual hate, Vasco comes on board Don Pedro's ship during a storm of cautioning him against the numerous dangers with which the navigation in those latitudes is fraught. A quarrel however ensues during which, in the confusion of a sudden warning, the ship through the machinations of Nelusko, the whom the steering of the vessel has been intrusted, is suddenly bourded by Indians, who, despite an obstinate resistance, take the entire crew prisoners, and carry them away to a land such in every tropical beauty, and of which the queen Selika, as she now proves to be the Queen, she having formerly been captured by Africans, on an occasion, when temper s bowed, by Doris had drifted far from her native shores. Don Pedro and his companions are in accordance with a law of the country, immediately put to death. Selika, in view of the love which Vasco still entertains for her subjects that a marriage had been contracted between herself and the young Portuguese during her captivity by Nelusko. Vasco, overcome by gratitude, is on the point of forgetting his love for Inez, when of a sudden the hapless maiden is heard, as she and her attendants are being led to the sacrifice, bewailing her sad fate, and bidding an eternal adieu to her native land. The well known accents at once revive in Vasco's breast all his former affection for Inez Selika, heartbroken on finding that her ardent love for Vasco is unreturned, at first determines on signal vengeance, but her better nature subsequently gains the ascendant, and she nobly restores the two lovers to liberty. Despair, however, has taken possession of the unhappy Queen, and, enabled to endure the torments of unrequited passion, she resolves to end her days by committing the perfume of the dead manzanilla tree, the exhalations of whose foliage, according to their traditional properties, lull her into a dreamy trance, from the ecstatic visions of which she is awakened by the sad news announcing the departure of Vasco and his beloved Inez, to whose happiness, Don Pedro being dead, there is now no barrier. Revolted to the terrible reality of her position, Selika utters a passionate farewell to Vasco, and a reference by the poisonous emanations of the fatal tree, beneath the deadly shade of whose branches she is still extended, the unhappy Queen expires in the arms of her faithful and unforgetful slave Nelusko.

The character of *Selika*, the slave, will be assumed by Miss Audibert; that of *Inez*, wife of Don Pedro, President of the Council, by Madame Segnin; that of *Vasco de Gama*, by Mr. Picot, that of *Don Pedro*, by Mr. Van Hoffen, that of *Nelusko*, the slave, by Mr. Lechevalier, and the other characters by Messrs. Dupin, Thoter and Panliny.

FINANCIAL.

Statement of the Public Debt of the United States on the 1st of April, 1868.

DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST.

Old demand and legal tender notes	$356,000,000 00
Fractional currency	26,290,000 00
	$382,290,000 00

MATURED DEBT NOT PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

Three per cent. 7-30 loan of 1867	$1,940,650 00
Compound interest notes	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of June, 1865	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of July, 1865	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of August, 1865	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of June, 1867	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of July, 1867	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of August, 1867	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of September, 1867	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of October, 1867	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of November, 1867	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of December, 1867	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of January, 1868	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of February, 1868	1,000 00
Seven-thirties of March, 1868	256,500 00
Treasury notes, 1857	1,000 00
Treasury notes, 1861	1,000 00
Treasury notes, 1862	184,811 64
Treasury notes, 1863	6,000 00
Treasury notes, 1864	1,000 00
Treasury notes, March	416,192 00
Certificates of indebtedness, 1867	1,284,000 00
Certificates of indebtedness, 1868	19,000 00
	$2,934,383 64

DEBT BEARING INTEREST.

Five per cent. bonds	$ 0,144,727 00
Five per cent. bonds	50,848,950 00
Six per cent. bonds	1,771,000 00
	17,744,760 00
	276,475,476 94
Total debt	$2,641,719,392 38

Amount in Treasury, as per statement of March 1, 1868 $9,470,617 62

Amount in Treasury, as per statement of April 1, 1868 $9,320,977 31

$ 149,640 31

Amount of debt less cash in the Treasury, April 1, 1868 $2,632,398,752 07

The foregoing is a correct statement of the public debt, as appears from the books and Treasurers returns in the Department, on the 1st of April, 1868.

HUGH McCULLOCH,
Secretary of the Treasury.

By comparing the above with the public debt statement issued on the 1st of March, it is shown that the amount of debt less cash in the Treasury has increased during the month $619,345 15

The New York *Mail* recommends young men of wealth who are making up plans for summer tours to choose the mining regions of the West, rather than "lounging about watering places."

The death of Phineas H. Young, son of Brigham Young, is announced by Salt Lake papers. He was an excellent painter, it is reported, and aged only twenty.

THE SUCCESSION.

Is a President Pro Tempore of the Senate Eligible to be Acting President of the United States?

A curious question has been raised in an elaborate article lately published in the *National Intelligencer*, the authorship of which has been attributed to Chief Justice Chase, but with how much truth it is impossible to say, as the assumption has been denied by those who claim to be the friends and have the means of access to Judge Chase. The subject of the writer's investigation is the eligibility of *an officer of Congress* to the position of Acting President of the United States, and whoever the author is he has produced a profound and exhaustive argument on the subject of his inquiry which bears evidence of having emanated from a skilled and able investigator into such questions. And the conclusion at which he arrives—viz that an officer of Congress is ineligible to the position of Acting President—cannot easily be rebutted.

The substance of the argument is drawn from the language of the Constitution, providing for a vacancy in the office, which reads thus:

In case of the removal of the President from office, or of his death, resignation or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice President; *and the Congress may by law provide for the case of removal, death, resignation, or inability of both President and Vice President, declaring what OFFICER shall then act as President, and such OFFICER shall act accordingly, until the disability be removed, or a President shall be elected.*

The question turns upon the meaning and scope of the word "officer" in the foregoing paragraph. It is evident from the language used that Congress have not the right to designate any body they please, but only some officer of the United States. It is also a fair inference that the Constitution intends that the officer selected shall retain his office while acting temporarily as President because it is only by virtue of his holding that office that he can become acting President. If, for example, Congress should declare by law that the Secretary of State, shall, in such an emergency, act as President, he would be competent only so long as he remained Secretary of State. The duties of the Executive are to be discharged temporarily by some *officer*, and if he ceases to be such officer, he forfeits his title.

Who, then, are officers in contemplation of the Constitution? Is the President *pro tempore* of the Senate an officer? Is the Speaker of the House an officer? Are the members of the two branches of Congress officers? It seems not. The former are officers of their respective Houses, but not officers of the United States, in the constitutional sense, because they are not commissioned by the President, who, the Constitution declares "shall commission all the officers of the United States." Neither are the members of Congress officers, and for the same reason. If they were, they would be liable to impeachment, and it was decided, in the last century, when an attempt was made to impeach a Senator, that members of Congress could not be impeached, for the reason they were not officers.

Those only are officers of the United States, in the sense of the Constitution, who are commissioned by the President and subject to impeachment. If it be true, then, that the acting President of the United States must be an officer, it follows he must continue to hold the office by virtue of which he acts as President And as the Constitution declares in the strongest terms of prohibition, that "no person holding any office under the United States shall be a member of either House of Congress during his continuance in office," it equally follows that no member of Congress can become acting President, and thus both Mr. Wade and Mr. Colfax are excluded.

The argument, it will be seen, proceeds upon the hypothesis that a President elected by the people and a Vice President elected by the people, who becomes President when the former dies, resigns or is removed, hold the office by a very different tenure from the officer who becomes President when the two former fail. The latter does not become "President of the United States" He merely acts temporarily until the disability of the former shall be removed, or a President shall be elected."

Whether he is subject to impeachment is a debatable question. The President *pro tempore* of the Senate does not become Vice President of the United States—not even *acting* Vice President. This office once vacant remains vacant to the end of the term. The author of the paper, the substance of which we have thus attempted to reproduce in a condensed form, says of the Vice Presidency:

The office of Vice President is anomalous, as also is that of President *pro tempore* of the Senate. The former is both greater and less than the latter. The former is elected by the people, and holds his office independently of the Senate; the latter is elected by the Senate, and under the only practice hold upon the tenure of two years, the full term of the Vice President, except when the latter succeeded the office of President. The President *pro tempore* does not become Vice President of the United States—never becomes Vice President. This office once vacant remains vacant to the end of the term. The Vice President is both a constituent part of the United States, and presiding officer of the Senate, but has no vote as the latter, except in case of a tie. But the President *pro tempore* is not a civil officer, never leaves his seat when he votes, as does the Senator. The Vice President may be impeached, a Senator cannot be. Under no circumstances, in any case, can the President *pro tempore* be deprived of his Senatorial character, which, somewhat analogous to that of ambassadors of foreign countries in certain immunities, is precisely different from that of the officer of the United States. What his practice character is is not entirely easy to determine, though of course the line of demarkation is that he is the representative of a State and a legislator of the United States.

The same author defines the position and duties of the President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, as follows, concluding his examination of the question he had discussed by finding that Wade and Colfax are both ineligible to the Presidency in the event of that office becoming vacant.

The sole function of the Vice President, except when he exercises the office of President of the United States, is to preside over the Senate, and perform the duties—chiefly, or perhaps entirely, ministerial—inseparable from the position. The function of the President *pro tempore* of the Senate is to preside and perform the same duties, in the absence of the Vice President, that he would perform were he personally in attendance. These expressed all his powers; and this is plainly and specifically the whole purpose of the Constitution in taking him away from the performance of that function, to sanction him to other and essentially different duties—admittedly foreign in their nature and scope to those for which he was elected—and to defeat the manifest intent of the Constitution. To defeat the Constitution is to violate it.

The Senate *must* have a presiding officer in the absence of the Vice President, or when the Vice President exercises the office of President of the United States; the presiding officer *must* be President *pro tempore* of the Senate, and there can be but one President elected by the Senate at any one time. To elect a second vacates the office of the first. This has more than once happened in the history of the Republic.

The conclusion of this examination is too obvious and decisive to need further statement, though other corroboration might be offered. Every avenue to the Presidency through either House of Congress has been effectually closed by the Constitution, for the main objections of the President *pro tempore* of the Senate are equally potent against the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Fathers indeed "builded better than they knew," and living their unanimous response to the caption of this paper would be—No."

A Scene in the Registration Office.

The scenes at the different registration offices have been very ludicrous as well as serious. In would step a nigger and state that he had lived in Louisiana the requisite one year or more:

"Where do you live?"

"Dunno, zactly

Go and find out where you live and come again when you find out."

Soon the same nig would return and the registrar would ask him "if he had found out where he lived."

"Yes. I lives on Canal street, between Canal street and Rampart?"

"Then you live on Canal, *between* Canal and Rampart, when Canal runs east and west and Rampart runs north and south?"

"Dunno; dat's what dey told me I lived?"

"Pass out—you don't do."

The next would walk up and ask for his "regunstration."

"Are you 21 years old?"

"Yes, I is"

"How much more?"

"Two only 21?"

"When was you 21?"

"*Last Christmas*?"

"Who told you that you was 21?"

"Mar told me so."

"Where does your mar, as you call her, live?"

"Upon dis street yonder—on Marais, corner Treme?"

"How can you live on the *corner* of those two streets when they *run parallel*?"

"I no dont live on Parallel street; I se live on dat oder street what I tole rer!"—*N. O. Commercial Bulletin.*

A St. Petersburg correspondent writes that the freedom of speech recently of the Russian press has given rise to rumors that the Czar was desirous for war. It is remarked that in Russia a very great latitude is allowed in journalism; that during the late Garibaldian invasion of Italy the journals were outspoken in their hope that France would not succeed, and that this as to most other questions discussed is allowed to be free, while the power to warn and even to suspend journals is retained by the Russian Government. The French papers judging from the state of affairs in their own country, infer that such a discussion could only be tolerated if the opinions expressed were those of the Emperor, and consequently that they are directly inspired by the Government, whereas, as now explained, they are merely the opinions of the writers themselves, and do not reflect the views of the Russian Government.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Voting Yesterday.—The negroes crowded forward and voted quite freely yesterday, while the whites seemed to hold themselves generally in reserve to vote to-day, though a great many voted yesterday. It is to be hoped they will not be back ward this morning.

At the seventh precinct, 3d ward, Henry C. Dibble, Radical candidate on the Warmoth ticket for District Attorney, attempted, we learn on good authority, to create a disturbance, by using incendiary language and threatening voters and officers of the election with violence. The presumption is that the voting was not going on to suit Mr. Dibble's Radical notions, and from all we can learn, and from much we saw we are satisfied that not a few of the negroes had the good sense to vote the Democratic ticket. We saw one negro who was arrested and thereby prevented from voting because he wanted to vote the Democratic ticket. He was taken to the station and released and will vote like a man to-day. We also heard of some thirty odd empl oyés, whites, mainly on duty at the various military headquarters, all of whom, with two exceptions, voted the Democratic ticket.

Warmoth, Radical candidate for Governor, also, attempted to create a disturbance at the polls at Engine House No. 9, on Esplanade street, and the Lieutenant of Police threatened to arrest him, Warmoth on the other hand, it seems, had also gone to the Chief of Police, and informed him that the whites were undertaking to disturb the colored voters. The Chief investigated the matter, which proved to have no other than an insignificant existence in the brain of Warmoth, doubtless dis ordered by the orderly manner in which the Democrats were voting, and the fact that some negroes would vote the Democratic ticket. A couple of policemen were arrested for threat ening Democratic voters.

A party of about a dozen Warmothites attempted to force a colored warehouseman to the polls, but his employer prevented them.

In Gretna we learn that the negroes took possession of the polls at an early hour, but were speedily ousted by the military, sent for the purpose.

There were rumors of serious disturbances late last evening at Carrollton, and that several persons were killed. Soldiers were sent there at once. From what we understand as we write, there was nothing like a disturbance of a serious character and several persons wounded, though not dangerously. We shall get further particulars before we go to press.

Later—It appears that the difficulty at Carrollton arose between a Mr. Nelson, a Mr N Schwab, member of the late Convention, and Radical candidate for Sheriff, was arrested by the police for carrying concealed weapons, he having three pistols on his person. The negroes attempted to rescue him, and a fight consequently ensued between the negroes and police, resulting in one of the negroes being shot in the head and probably mortally wounded, when the mobs ended. Democratic negroes fought against Radical negroes.

We have the result of the vote polled yesterday only so far as to be able to state that there were 1161 votes in the Third District, but what proportion of whites and blacks is not stated. In the First Ward, poll No. 1, there were 296 whites and 101 blacks, and poll No 2, same Ward, 222 whites and 139 blacks. In the Tenth Ward, Fourth District, poll No. 1, there were about 500 votes cast, nearly all Democratic At the poll near Soniparu Market, same District, there were 357 whites and 95 blacks. At the poll near 25th Engine-house, Fourth District, there were 340 whites and 95 blacks. Out of 670 votes in the Seventh Precinct, Seventh Ward, about three fourths were colored. In the Eighth Ward the majority of the votes were whites.

The Chief of Police had more definite returns, but for very proper reasons would not allow us the boxes to be examined, so that there could be no complaint from any quarter. The contest for Recorder of the First District is doubtless close between Manning and Becke.

There was also some disturbance at the Ren field plantation, near the city, caused by negroes stopping colored voters The U. S. cavalry dispersed the rioters.

At a late hour last night it was believed that the Democratic ticket was, so far, ahead in New Orleans by 2000 or 3000 majority.

Ames' Great Circus and Menagerie.—Mr Ames' first exhibition of his grand circus and menagerie combination takes place to day, noon, at Tivoli Circle, at the crossing of Dolord and St Charles streets. The troupe of performers embraces about thirty of the finest circus artists in the country, while the collection of animals is of a rare and expensive character. A grand display of all will be made upon the streets to-day in a brilliant oriental style, giving to an idea of what may be seen within canvass. Go out for them upon the streets, and then attend the exhibition. Mr. Ames has spared neither pains nor expense in getting up these exhibitions, and we are sure will not disappoint public expectation We shall be on hand to see, for the better information of our readers to report, but in the meantime urge all who are fond of such sports to go and judge for themselves.

Fare for the Hearse of St. John's Church.—A very interesting and successful fair is now being conducted by the ladies, with the cooperation of Father Mouroux, for the benefit of the new St Johns Church, which is to be erected on Dryades street, near the corner of Jackson street. Among the ladies who are taking a most active and efficient interest in the matter are Mrs Emanuel Bieseny, Mrs Walker, her daughter, Mrs Ben and a daughter whose names we did not ascertain. It was very amusing to see many of the ladies themselves for the benefit of that—coaxed out sundry minor investments, at their coffee, punch, cake, ice cream, fruit, flowers, and not unfrequently a bottle or two of champagne and other articles rather too substantial to mention. It is certainly delicious to be teased by so many fair ones as nightly attend the fair, and make themselves so many fairy attendants upon your wants. That artificial flower, Mrs Bieseny, is fable, we must say, is a rare curiosity well worth seeing, and, in fact, any one will be well repaid by visiting the fair, as the ladies are agreeably coaxed into spending a dollar or two, not unlike we were, for instance, or our more liberal and high-spirited friend, Daniel Farrell, *who of course never was coaxed*, for the fair ladies *are added very materially to the receipts of* Mrs. Bieseny's table, which seems to be most favored with patronage, and is deservedly popular Misses Childress and Betty O Keefe and Mrs Quirk, we notice, are very active and efficient also in their labors. We repeat, you will enjoy doing likewise.

Shutting up the Lever—Lieut Bradley, of the Second District police, reports that a man named Kazon Gaines was shot in the left leg, on the levee, opposite Bienville, while standing before the office of the United States Marshal. The shot was fired by some person unknown to him from a skiff. He was brought to his residence by his friends and medical assistance called in.

An Elephant on the Street—The half grown elephant attached to Ames' Museum, known as "Bismarck," while being led along Camp street yesterday, suddenly broke loose from the party who was leading him by a rope, and very naturally created no little excitement, not to say consternation, by his peculiar demonstration He was disposed to enter the grocery store of Swarbrick & Co., and would, doubtless, have crowded in but for some barrels interrupting his progress. He wanted to go in several places in Commercial Alley, and when he trotted ahead the crowds around him trotted away in a hurry

It was very natural movement all round and we could not blame the young elephant for wanting to enjoy his liberty, or the people for letting him have it, though we guess it was once in a while, and seemed to hesitate now and then with the serious reflection of a Solomon. The keeper finally got hold of the rope, and twisting his ear soon brought the beast to hand for the purpose, and punching him in the side with a stick, induced him to proceed as he desired, to Tivoli Circle, where he is now all open with his grand circus and menagerie to day noon

Fires Thursday Night—About half past two o'clock Thursday night a fire broke out in the residence of Mr. Lawrence Gravier, on Circle street, between Washington and Sixth There was no one in the house at the time but his wife and children, and the fire had made terrible headway before the alarm was given. It was then too late to arrest the flames, and the house was entirely consumed. It was supposed to be the work of an incendiary. The loss in furniture damage and insurance has not been ascertained.

A fire broke out also Thursday night, about half past three o'clock, in a stable on Orleans street, between Johnson & Galvez, owned by Pierre Babbitt and occupied by Henry Tynan It was only partly consumed. The cause of the fire was unknown. No insurance on the property.

Illegal Voting—David Butler was arrested yesterday morning by officer Burlingham, of the Second District police, on Philip street police, charged by Commissioner Delahunt with attempting to vote under false papers He was taken to the station and locked up. There were numerous other instances of the kind.

Attempt to Murder—Officer Mason reports to the Chief of Police that about 9 o'clock Thursday night, while in the discharge of his duty, a man named James Pryor drew a revolver on him, and fired a shot at him with intent to kill and murder

Badly Wounded—At a late hour Thursday night officer McCarthy reports having found an unknown white man lying insensible on St. Ann street, bleeding profusely from a wound supposed to have fallen from his cart while driving along the street. His injuries are severe, but it is thought not dangerous.

Not Poisoned—The result of the chemical examination of the body of Laura Fry, the girl was married last Monday morning and died the same evening, failed to demonstrate the presence of any poisonous substance as the cause of her death The young husband, Salvador, will consequently, we presume, be relieved of all imputation of guilt in the matter.

Robbery—The grocery store of Lawrence Keuneuly, corner of Galvez and St. Peter streets, was broken into late Thursday night and the half of two barrels of wine drawn off. No clue to the burglars.

THE CROWN PRINCE OF PRUSSIA AND HIS FAMILY.—A Berlin letter contains the following: "To me the Crown Prince is the most agreeable of all. He is about five feet ten, has broad shoulders and a fine chest, his figure is fair, and wears a moustache and a long silky beard. The expression of his manly face is as pleasing as can be, for it is natural, and extremely kind. The ladies are, of course, in ecstacies about him, and everybody loves him, with the exception of the highest aristocracy, to whom taste has not sufficiently dignified. He cherishes his dear little Crown Princess, Queen Victoria's daughter, and is so vulgar and citizen like as to be fond of having surrounded by his little ones. There is a pretty photograph out representing this happy family. He has one of his children in his arms, and he looks as disgustingly contented as any shop keeper. The nobility do not expect anything good of him, and are much afraid that he may consider the constitution of the country not as a bad joke, but as a solemn pledge As this tendency is attributable to a great part to the influence of Victoria's clever little daughter, you can hear the aristocracy speak of her with shrugs of the shoulders and a sarcastic twitch of the mouth.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

Impeachment Proceedings.

Important Evidence of Secretary Welles.

The Final Result Doubtful.

General Schofield's Address to the Virginia Convention.

WASHINGTON NEWS—IMPEACHMENT.

Washington, April 17.—Impeachment continued Wm. M. Anthony, of Cleveland, testified that most of the President's speech was in response to interruptions, and that a large majority of the crowd were disorderly.

Barton Aile, of St. Louis, testified that the President spoke there under earnest solicitations.

Several others testified—nothing new elicited.

Frederick W Seward testified regarding the routine of appointing certain officers

More documentary evidence regarding removals was presented and admitted.

Secretary Welles, of the Navy Department, was called. He was appointed in 1861 by Mr. Lincoln. His son reported having been at a party where orders from Emory were received, for all officers to repair to headquarters. Secretary Welles directed his son to inform the President himself. Question—What passed between you and the President? Objection. Chase decided to hear the answer. The President did not know what Emory meant, would send for him. At the Cabinet meeting the same day the President mentioned Stanton's removal and Thomas' appointment. That Stanton yielded, only requiring time to move his papers.

A long argument ensued on the admissibility of this evidence. Chase decided the evidence undoubtedly admissable. Appealed. Chase sustained, 26 to 24. Next day the 24 witness saw the nomination of Ewing to the War Office in the hands of the President Defence asked questions regarding Cabinet discussions on the Tenure of Office bill, and stated that they intend proving that the Cabinet unanimously objected to it on account of its unconstitutionality, and that Mr. Seward and Stanton were assigned the duty of preparing a veto message. Objection. Butler opened at length. Evarts followed, when the court adjourned.

The argument on this point will be resumed to-morrow. It is regarded as very important in view of the sources of information from which the President derived his ideas of Sec. 1 under the Constitution and laws, to the country and to himself, and fixing, to a great extent the criminality or virtue of the President's actions.

Conkling voted on the Liberal side for the first time to day, on any important issue.

The first Democratic Congressional gun doubtfully the minds of those who watch events most closely Senators who are regarded as infallible, give no indications. Phelps, Davis and fear upon Morton, of Indiana, votes almost always with the Liberals. So does Sumner, however, whose final vote is regarded as sure for conviction.

The receipts of customs for the six days ending the 11th, was nearly $4,000,000

There was a full Cabinet meeting to day.

Mr. Schuyler Colfax is confined to his room.

The House, without business, adjourned.

SOUTHERN CONVENTIONS.

Richmond, April 17.—General Schofield visited and addressed the Convention this morning In the course of his remarks he said that the iron clad oath of office in the Constitution was a mere mockery. He had advised and considered the Reconstruction laws in the State more than a year, and stated as the result of his experience that it would be practically impossible to get the Democratic party to participate on such a basis. In appointing registering officers he had found one, perhaps two, capable persons in each county, but could not find any more and yet there were thirty civil officers in those counties. In his opinion the oath would be fatal to the Constitution, in other respects the Constitution was satisfactory to the majority of those of other States, but much depended upon the men first elected to carry it out, and that such men should be in charge necessary for the election of the best men; as a party measure it would be fatal.

Applause followed the address, and after Gen. Schofield left the Hall, the Convention commenced its efforts to reconsider the vote adopting the oath.

April 1. Three sections of the Franchise bill passed to day 2. The seventh section provides for six days' voting at the next election.

Several members to-day resigned their seats in the Convention Press reporters are excluded from the House after this date.

Richmond, April 17.—CONVENTION.—Mr Bliss moved to reconsider the vote by which, on motion, there were only seven officers in a county who have to take the iron clad oath The Convention refused, by 57 to 36, to suspend the rules to consider the modification of the test oath.

The Convention will adjourn *sine die* about midnight.

The storm yesterday done considerable damage to the York River Railroad, carrying away a bridge and throwing three cars down an embankment 15 feet high.

Two negroes were killed by lightning in Amelia county during the storm.

The wheat crop will very were washed away by the rise in the creeks.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

A railroad was laid on the summit of the Rocky Mountains on the 10th inst., at an altitude of 8242 feet, the highest in the world

Wilmington, April 17.—During the storm, yesterday, in Lawrence, Richmond & Hope Rev John B. McKinnon and Lauchlin McLaurin were struck by lightning and instantly killed.

Augusta, April 17.—The danger anticipated be apprehended from overflow has passed. The rain has subsided and the river is falling. The Macon and Augusta, Southwestern and Central Railroads have been damaged by the washing away of bridges and culverts.

The bottom lands are all overflowed, but it is too early in the season for any serious damage to the planting interests.

The Republican mass meeting held at the Central Railroads have been damaged by the Court House to-night, was largely attended by the freedmen.

Savannah, April 17.—It has been raining hard here all day, and thundering heavily.

Charleston, April 17.—Scattering returns from various parts of the State indicate the ratification of the new Constitution and the success of the Republican ticket by a large majority. In the city the majority for the Constitution is 1800.

FOREIGN NEWS.

London, April 17.—Fenian trials commences on Monday, at the Old Baily, before Lord Chief Justice Cockburn.

Latest—Japan advices represent that the Mikado has declared war against the Tycoon Liberal movement is said to be strengthened in England. Irish grievances and the disendowment of the Irish Church are the prominent objects.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

Liverpool, April 17.—Evening.—Cotton dull, declined ⅛; sales 10,000 bales; uplands on the spot 12 to 12¾d; all-out 12⅝ to 12¾d. Orleans 12¾ to 12¾d. Manchester advices unfavorable.

Havana, April 17.—Sugar animated—No 12 Dutch standard, 7½ to 7⅝ reals. Potatoes $1 50. Bacon Lee. Provisions are high in St Thomas. Flour $13

Sailed Englefield, and Juniata.

London, April 17.—Evening.—Consols 93¾ to 93⅝. Bonds 70⅜.

Frankfort, April 17.—Bonds 75¾.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

New York, April 17.—Cotton market dull—9 to 1c lower; sales to-day 1100 bales; middlings 31 to 32c. Flour—low grades 10c lower. Wheat active, 2 to 3c better. Corn 1 to 2c better, mixed Western $1 19 to $1 22, Mess Pork—new $26 75, old $25⅜. Lard firm, at 16½ to 17c. Groceries quiet and firm. Turpentine 64 to 64½c. Rosin $3 45 to $7. Freights firmer—cotton by steam 5-16c. Coffee of 1862, with coupons, 16½. Tennessee 6s 64. Virginia 6s 56. Gold flat, 138⅛. Sterling firmer, 9⅞.

New York, April 17.—Money suddenly relapsed shortly after one o'clock to-day and became very stringent. Call loans 7 per cent. Stocks active and stronger, with an advance on the entire list.

Sub-Treasury balance $101 000 000. Government bonds dull 5-20's of 1862, 110¾ of 1864, 109 ; of 1865, 109⅜ ; of 1867, 107¾. 10-40's 101⅜. 7 30's 106.

Louisville, April 17.—Tobacco—sales to-day 132 hogsheads; leaf $5 25 @ $7 25; common to medium leaf $7 50 to $14 25; cutting leaf $25 50 to $27 50. Flour—supreme steady, $8 50; fancy $12 to $12 50. Wheat $2 05 to $2 25. Corn—sound in bulk, 88c. Oats 75c. Cotton dull, 29 to 29½c. Mess—pork $27. Bulk meats—shoulders 12½c; clear sides 16½c. Bacon—shoulders 13½ to 13¾c; clear sides 17c. Lard 18 to 19½c. Lard—packed to arrive 17¾c. Whisky—free $2 20; sales new copper distilled 83c in bond.

Cincinnati, April 17.—Flour firm—family $11. Wheat $2 10. Corn 85c. Oats 76c. Tobacco fair. Mess Pork $26 50. Bulk Meats—shoulders 12½c; sides 14¼c. Bacon—shoulders 13¾c; clear sides 17c. Lard 18c. Butter 45 to 50c. Cheese 15 to 16. Coffee firm—21 to 26½c.

St. Louis, April 17.—Tobacco steady and unchanged. Pork firm at $26 to $27 25. Wheat $2 65 to $2 75. Corn 86 to 90c. Oats 70 to 72c. Pork $27 to $27 50. Bacon—shoulders 13c; clear sides 17c. Lard quiet 17 to 18c. Weather clear.

Mobile, April 17.—Cotton—Receipts to-day 607 bales. Sales none. Quotations nominal. Sales for the week, 4800 bales. Receipts 32 3 bales. Exports, foreign 2340, coastwise 799 bales Stock on hand, 33,984 bales.

Charleston, April 17.—Cotton depressed; sales only 44 bales, on a basis of 29¾ to 30c for middlings, quotations unreliable. Receipts 217 bales. Exports, coastwise, 1700 bales.

Savannah, April 17.—Cotton market dull and irregular; sales 130 bales; middlings 30½c. Exports, for Liverpool, 1933 bales.

RIVER NEWS.

Louisville, April 17.—River rising fast—16 feet in the canal. Weather clear and pleasant.

Vicksburg, April 17.—Passed up—Lilly at 2 A. M., and Lizzie Gill at 8 P. M.

Passed down—Indiana at 9 P. M. River stationary

Southwest Pass, April 17.—Barometer 30. Wind N. E., strong.

Arrived—Schooner Emma M Wright, Freeman, master, from Boston, with ice, to Crescent City Ice Company; schooner Welcome, Blohm, master, from Matanzas, six days, with sugar and molasses to Theile & Seiler.

[Previous Dispatches.]

Augusta, Ga., April 15.—Incessant rains prevailed to-day. The river is very high and serious fears of an overflow are entertained.

Savannah, April 16.—Stock of cotton on hand 29,805 bales.

Charleston, April 16.—Stock of cotton on hand 14,483 bales, of which 4936 bales are on shipboard.

Charleston, April 16.—The three days election for the satisfaction of the new Constitution and for the election of State officers closed to-day.

The general belief is that the Constitution has been ratified and the Republican ticket elected by a large majority.

Southwest Pass, April 17.—11 A. M.—Barometer 29 30. Wind N E and fresh.

Arrived, steamships Austin, Farwell, Galveston, to C A Whitney & Co; Crescent, Hawthorn, Galveston, to same.

British schooner Helena, Agnen, from Matanzas, to H. D'Meza

Sailed, steamship Victor and ship Ella S. Thayer.

Washington, April 17.—A paragraph in the Senate report of the 15th conveys the impression that a deficiency exists at present in John W. Forney's account.

The deficiency was discovered some months ago, and made good.

Cameron's motion to investigate was based on his allegation that Forney's chief clerk was wrongly charged with having misappropriated the money.

London, April 17.—Mr. Featherstonhaugh, a great landholder in Ireland, was killed at Westminster by the assassin escaped.

London, April 17.—Noon.—Consols 93¾ to 93⅝. Bonds 70¾ to 70¾.

Paris April 17.—The bullion in the Bank of France has decreased 5,500,000 francs.

Liverpool, April 17.—Noon.—Cotton sales will not exceed 8000 bales, prices declining

Sales of the week 56,000 bales, of which 17,000