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Amusements This Evening.

OPERA—Italian Opera—"The Dumb Girl of Genoa."
ST. CHARLES THEATRE—Mr. F. S. Chanfrau—"Kit, the Arkansas Traveler."
VARIETIES THEATRE—Mr. Owens as Caudle.
ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Varieties—"What Cost Glory?"
MUSEUM—Mr. D. P. Bowers and Mr. J. C. McCullough.
CRESCENT CITY MUSEUM—Nos. 49 and 51 Carondelet—Exposition Street Concert Hall.
MECHANICS' INSTITUTE—Hunter Station.

THE NEW METHOD OF ENFORCING THE INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS—ENTRAPPING EMPLOYERS—PURCHASING EVIDENCE—PACKING JURIES.

We have repeatedly taken occasion to say that the Internal Revenue system of the United States, employing as it does the vilest machinery to do its shameless work, and corrupting men who, when appointed to office were not entirely without shame, whether devised or not, to spread corruption among the people, and to destroy all sense of honor and all confidence in the community, would end in the destruction of the little moral principle that it was left to us. The system of collecting duties on imports and the internal revenue has already made of the officers of the Government, high and low, Judges, District Attorneys and others, the companions of the vilest wretches that live upon the earth. We mean *[illegible]* *[illegible]* men who by law are made pecuniarily interested in the confiscation of the property of others, and who pick juries, buy lawyers and Judges to secure the real estate of their ill-gotten gains. We may safely predict that these gains will not do the men good. Even could they keep them, the curse attendant upon having gathered them by base means, and the pitiless scorn of those whose labors are confounded, we old destroy their peace of mind. It would disable them from enjoying what is to which, either a discriminating quality of rates accumulated by fraudulent and dishonest practices, and which are not the fruits of honest toil. It is a moral law that riches acquired by improper means, shall not remain in the hands that gathered them, but on the contrary curse their possessor. There are, of course, instances to the contrary, but these exceptions proves nothing. There is a chronic disease of the heart and the mind, as well as of the body which unfits us for enjoyment. Just as we must labor and exercise the body to be healthy, so to enable us to enjoy our food and the blessings of nature, so we must have a mind to enable us to enjoy pleasure. Labor is an exercise which *[illegible]* men to be merely the conductor of those who plotted the ruin? Can he enjoy the hand and wish him well? Can he look him in the eye, with a honest face? Can he even an innocent glance? No! He may delude himself in put on a brave front, drink wines of the finest vintage, travel abroad among those who know him not, and with the fruits of his ill-gotten gains, but the canker is knawing at his vitals, because his self respect is gone.

But say these men, are not the revenue laws just and good? Is the Government not a defrauded? Is it not legitimate to overhaul those who are in business? Undoubtedly the Government is entitled to its just dues, but these dues should be collected under proper laws and proper regulations and the agents of the Government must collect them without tempting a man to commit crime, and without entrapping him into violation of the law, by which they are to enhance to benefit. Government has no right to tempt its citizens or others to violate the revenue that it may punish him. Government has no right to tempt to such violations, because it would be a violation of every law of nature, we say it with reverence, which has permitted men to be tempted by opportunities to commit crime, because they would be less criminal than those who tempted upon their weakness. We do not defend parties engaged in an unlawful business, and we care not whom it injures, but we do contend that the means by which they have been entrapped? Are they just? The source of the goods alleged to be fraudulently imported, the prevention of the parties to the transaction from officers of the Government interested personally in confiscating the goods, the unauthorized testimony of hired informers, the verdict of packed juries, are no guarantees to the integrity of the suits of these importers.

There is something wrong in the system. Were more of these things before the war? Were rebels more honest than now? Were Government officers less vigilant then than now? There is no trouble in collecting the revenue. Government officers are found in every nook and corner of the United States, who would sacrifice the rights of the citizen, and who would trample on the rights of the United States, who would trample on the rights of the citizen, because it would enhance their pecuniary interest. Why is it? Is it because the Government is a defrauded? Is it because the Government is a defrauded? Is it because the Government is a defrauded