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NEW ORLEANS:
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Announcements This Evening.

VARIETIES THEATRE.—"The Rivals." Mr. Jordan as Capt. Absolute.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Farewell benefit of Mary Gladstane.—"Child Stealer." Mary Gladstane as Jane Rutherford.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Minstrels.

CRESCENT CITY MUSEUM.—Nos. 40 and 42 St. Charles street, opposite St. Charles Hotel.

GOVERNOR WARMOUTH'S ANSWER TO THE COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS.

A committee of our leading men, citizens of great respectability, whose hands we have a right to presume, are unstained by the handling of bribes, representing the mass meeting of citizens on Lafayette Square last Monday night, waited upon Gov. Warmoth to lay before him the resolutions adopted at this mass meeting. These resolutions embodied a protest and remonstrance against the corruption and malfeasance which pervaded our legislative halls and State offices, and against the passage of certain bills now before the Legislature—the Election bill, the Militia bill, the Constabulary bill, and other bills forming parts of a grand scheme to fetter the people of Louisiana and perpetuate Radical rule. These bills if adopted by both Houses and approved by the Governor will be called Laws, but that will be a misnomer, as we shall hereafter demonstrate.

Gov. Warmoth had prepared in advance an answer to this protest, framed with all the cunning of which he is the embodiment. He also had in the Executive Chamber a short-hand reporter, ready to take down his words as they fell from his lips, that they might be sent broadcast over the country, and a large force of Metropolitan Police within call to protect his precious life should it be menaced. If he be the very *innocent* individual he professes to be, why should he surround himself with life guards? The people of New Orleans are not in the habit of attacking men who are their friends either in or out of office. Our readers will have read this audacious speech of the Governor's and will have been amused at the boldness of the man. They will have been reminded by it of their school-days and of the way in which children of large and small growth are in the habit of defending themselves against the accusations of each other, by throwing back upon their accusers the same charges they make. Gov. Warmoth and his associates were accused of bribery and corruption. How does he meet the charge? By hurling it back into the face of his accusers and saying, "You are another," which the boys in a play-ground, he does not deny the accusation, but he tells us he has vetoed certain bills and refused certain bribes. That is the way the Radicals defend themselves. They say the Democrats are as bad as they are and should therefore be silent. There is a very ready answer to this, which we shall make on behalf of that portion of society which is unstained by the corruption of the times.

Reduced into small compass—or "boiled down" as one of our learned legal friends would say, Governor Warmouth answered the remonstrance of the people of Louisiana thus. "You come to reproach me with having received bribes and participated in making vicious laws. I will throw back the accusation and tell you that you yourselves, are the guilty parties, that you yourselves, have been the bribing parties, that you, yourselves, are responsible for the state of things of which you complain. I claim to be your friend, to have done my duty in vetoing bad laws and refusing the bribes which have been offered me and that you hold yourselves aloof from me and refuse me your support."

Now, people of New Orleans, is this true? Are you willing that the Governor should accuse the entire population of the State of participating in the bribery and corruption which has been practiced in the Legislature of Louisiana during this and the previous sessions without requiring him to make proof of his averments? Are you ready to believe society to be so corrupt that no one has a right to lift up his voice against these evils?

We ask Governor Warmouth again why he did not denounce from the beginning, whenever he was approached with a bribe, those Democrats so-called who had since to his virtue? There is no lack of position of the population in this State and city who have had neither any nor part in these evil doings, and it is no answer to them, when they complain to the authorities of the mis-conduct of those who undertake to govern them that certain citizens who do not openly belong to the Republican party, but act secretly with them, have participated in this mis-conduct. The honest portion of society who keep themselves aloof from politics and politicians are not at all responsible for money brokers and lobbyists and legislative brokers, and those could do no harm unless Governors and Senators and Representatives had itching palms. Unless Governors and Senators and Representatives were venal and stood ready to sell their votes and their signatures. We do not care to appeal for the guilt of parties engaged in this vile work. If we were to do so, we should readily admit that the tempter was more wicked and more to be avoided than the tempted, but it never has been recognized as a good defense since the days of the creation, to say when accused of having yielded to temptation, "the serpent beguiled me and I did eat," or "the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat."

This is precisely Warmouth's excuse. He defends the negroes of the Legislature by pleading their inexperience and insane cause of evil did he but know of the race). He defends himself by averring he has vetoed certain bills and resisted certain bribes. He defends his white associates in the Legislature by accusing all the good people of the State of having tempted them and overcome them with bribes. Gov. Warmouth shall not escape by such evasions and subterfuges. The people ask themselves if the charges are false that have been so freely made with regard to the inducements under which certain bills have been approved. They know that Gov. Warmouth came to this city since the war closed. He came a poor man. He is now rich. Where did he get his property? From whence came the money to build the mansion in which he dwells? *He seems to be very familiar with many brokers and legislative brokers, lobbyists and gamblers.* Will some of his companions not enlighten the public as to what they know of Gov. Warmouth's dealings with such people? We pray them to do so, no matter who is hurt.

Governor Warmouth complains that the respectable people of the State have kept themselves aloof from him. It is not worth while to go back to the time of Warmouth's so-called election and assign reasons for the prejudice with which he has been viewed, but we will say this to him, that he had an excellent opportunity when Governor ever had a better—to make a good name for himself. Why has he not availed himself of this opportunity? He might have recognized our prejudices against him if he had chosen to do so. Why did he not act like a true friend against the corrupt practices of his colleagues? It is he himself who has kept away the honest people of the State from his side. Why did he not act so as to bring them to his side? If Gov. Warmouth wishes an answer to his inquiry why respectable men have shunned him, we need not keep it back. It is because he possesses not the confidence of respectable men. And when he tells us we need not fear the Election bill—the Militia Bill—the Constabulary Bill—the Registration Bill, we beg to be excused from relying upon *his smooth promises.* He reasembles *Satan* and the tools with which Gov. Warmouth is working this very day. We do not think his hands and his shackles, although covered with coins, is all pleasant to the eye or agreeable to the touch. Indeed, we predict that Gov. Warmouth should not place such *luxuries* upon our limbs! *We prefer to be free.* Gov. Warmouth may be a very humane jailor, but we *prefer not* to be confined in his prison. Gov. Warmouth might possibly refrain from the exercise of the tremendous power with which his companions propose to invest him, but we prefer that he should not have the power, lest he might misuse it.

And the people of this State do not intend that he shall exercise these powers. Of that he may rest assured.

Gov. Warmouth seems to be very well informed about everything but what is going on under his very nose. He said to the committee *he had not read* the Election bill, the Constabulary bill, the Militia bill and the other bills of which we complain. Does he think we are *gudgeons* to believe that he is ignorant of the contents of these bills and what they import? He tells us to rely upon his "perfect good faith, perfect honesty of purpose and perfect regard for the interest of the whole people." Well, now that is a little more than we can stand when we call to mind his midnight march to Jefferson City at the head of his police, and supported by General Mower's troops. What business had the Governor of Louisiana marching in military array to crush the inhabitants of a little town like Jefferson and to place in their municipal Hall, appointees of his own, to take control of their town affairs? Is that what Gov. Warmouth calls "honesty of purpose and regard for the interests of the people?" If it be, we desire none of his "honesty" and none of his "regard" for our interests.

Has not Gov. Warmouth refused to obey the orders of our courts? Has he not encouraged Capt. Cain, the Superintendent of his Police, to tyrannize over the people and to cast his contempt—such as it is—in the faces of our Judges? Does he himself not use these police for improper purposes?

Gov. Warmouth speaks of the Judiciary and tells us we may trust them. How can WE trust them whom HE defies them successfully?

This is our answer to his cunning and impudent harangue to the committee of citizens.

THE CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNOR WARMOUTH.

The *Times*, in its issue of yesterday evening, makes the *very important* announcement that it "dissents" from our views as to the conduct and bearing of the committee of citizens while they were in the Mechanic's Institute on Wednesday last and particularly while they were in the Governor's chamber.

This is not the first time that we have had the *misfortune* of differing from the *Times* and probably it will not be the last. Nor is it the fine that our contemporary has *misrepresented* our views upon different questions, as it has certainly done on this occasion. What we found fault with was this—that the committee had retired from Gov. Warmouth's presence, *after hearing him accuse the entire population of participating in the bribery and corruption of the times, without answering him.* Our views were these and the *Times* could not have misunderstood us that the committee were not authorized to enter into a discussion with Gov. Warmouth, because there was no impropriety and such a discussion would be interminable and result in nothing—that their duty was only to present him certain resolutions and then retire. They were not prepared to enter into a discussion upon the subject matter of those resolutions, not because they could not answer Gov. Warmouth's accusations but because it was understood between the members of the committee before they started for the State House that they were to confine themselves to the presentation of the resolutions, through Judge Cotton, the chosen spokesman of the committee. This understanding was violated, and the whole conference with the Governor shamefully degenerated into a mere farce. Instead of having yielded to temptation, "the serpent beguiled me and I did eat," or "the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat."

We did not find fault with the committee for its desire to answer Gov. Warmouth, but because it heard him and did not answer him and silence him. As the committee wished to hear his harangue, it should have been replied to on the spot and Gov. Warmouth should have been distinctly told that he had most grossly slandered the people of Louisiana in charging them, as a population, with the misconduct of a few individuals among them.

We wish that Judge Cotton had taken up Gov. Warmouth's speech and answered it, right to his face.

So far as we have been able to ascertain public sentiment, the utterances of Mr. Marshall J. Smith, one of the members of the committee, are disapproved. It ought to be understood that Mr. Smith spoke for himself only; and that the people he undertook to represent have no apologies nor regrets to make for Gov. Warmouth, such as Mr. Smith made. They have the same opinion of Gov. Warmouth since his speech that they had before—if anything a worse opinion, because that speech was an insult to them, and intended to be such.

Gov. Warmouth in his speech to the committee of citizens, alluded to two papers of this city which he had spoken of in contest with Wickliffe as a fight between "two thieves," which they should be preferred to bring to a close without interference from by-standers.

Our readers will be at no loss to know which of the papers it is which Gov. Warmouth thus claims as his allies in his contest with Wickliffe, and which of them are his opponents in the same contest. Certainly he did not mean to claim the *Commercial Bulletin* and the *Bee* as taking any part *with him* in their personal antagonism. We are content to be considered one of the two journals to which he alluded as declining to take part with either.

The attention of our readers is invited to the communication which we publish in this issue, addressed by Mr. N. G. J. Tisdale, Superintendent of the Gas Company, to the Mayor of the city of New Orleans, concerning the indebtedness of the city to the Gas Company.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSE STOCK.—We understand that there has been a large assessment called for on the stock of the Crescent City Slaughter-House Company. As this stock has been considered dead for some time this movement is not understood. In addition to this we are informed on good authority that Mr. Desae, the clerk of the Supreme Court of the State, has been assessed one 1500 shares of this stock. What does this mean?

AMUSEMENTS.

MISS BATEMAN.—We are gratified to inform the public that a dispatch has just been received here from Louisville, announcing the departure of that eminent tragedienne from that city en route to New Orleans, which destination she will reach on Saturday, and make her debut at the Varieties on Monday evening next, in her celebrated personation of *Leah*.

The intelligence will at least relieve the anxiety of those who, eager to witness Miss Bateman, will soon be able to enjoy the rare dramatic treat in store for them. We already notice a say in fashionable and literary circles, which bespeaks an enthusiasm not *often* attained among our theatre-going community.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Miss Gladstane takes her benefit to-night, when will be presented the drama of the "Child Stealer," Mrs. Gladstane as *Jane Rutherford*, and Miss Freeman as *Lady Marion*. The performances conclude with the play of the "Corsican Brothers."

"Dolorah" is the selection for the matinee to-morrow noon.

Lotta has arrived and will appear shortly.

VARIETIES THEATRE.—"The Rivals" is to be played to-night, Mr. George Jordan appearing as Capt. Absolute. The performance's conclude with "Domestic Economy." The managers in *Claude Melnotte* in the noon matinee to-morrow.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The Buckley Serenaders are the attraction at the Academy. They give a matinee to-morrow noon.

Warner Vernet, the painter of humorous rural scenes, who so amused us a few years ago, and whose pictures were accidentally suppressed in his premises.

ANOTHER MASS MEETING.—We think that another mass meeting could be usefully held for the purpose of repelling the slanderous charges made by Governor Warmouth against the people of Louisiana, and to promote certain objects which the people have near at heart.

We respectfully suggest to the Democratic State Central Committee that their organization could not be used with greater effect than at the present time. Let us have a mass meeting of the Democratic party and let us call out the leaders of that party who have been so long in retirement.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Thursday, February 3, 1870.

SENATE.—Lieut Gov. Dunn called the Senate to order at 12 M.

No quorum present.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to go in search of the absent members.

At 20 minutes past 12 the Sergeant-at-Arms returned with a quorum.

REPORTS AND MEMORIALS.

The President announced that a communication had been received from the Chamber of Commerce, which the Secretary of the Senate was directed to read.

The communication is substantially the resolutions passed by the Chamber at their late meeting relative to the Legislature.

Mr. Thompson presented a memorial relative to the epidemic of small-pox in the parishes of St. Helena and Tangipahoa.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Thompson presented a joint resolution providing for the relief of the same parishes. Referred to the Committee on Health.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Judiciary—Favorably on the bill to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme court.

Enrollment—Senator Darrell reported certain bills [illegible] duly enrolled and engrossed.

Penitentiary—The Committee on Penitentiary submitted their report. Lies over.

Corporations—The bill to amend the act creating the parish of Grant was recommended to the Judiciary Committee. Favorably on the bill to divide the parish of Ouachita in two parts. Also, favorably to create the parish of Cameron.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Ray introduced a bill fixing the salaries of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. The bill provides that the former shall receive the sum of ten thousand dollars per year, and the Associate Judges nine thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

After considerable discussion the doorkeeper announced a committee from the House.

The President directed the committee to be admitted.

Representatives McMillion, May and Heidenheim then entered the Senate Chamber.

The former read the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 3d, 1870.

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate:

In obedience to the order of the House of Representatives, we appear before you, and in the name of the House of Representatives and of the people of this State, we do impeach George M. Wickliffe, Auditor of Public Accounts, of high crimes and misdemeanors in office, and we further inform the Senate that the House of Representatives will, in due time, exhibit, particular articles of impeachment against the said George M. Wickliffe, Auditor of Public Accounts, and make good the same, and in behalf of the people of this State we demand that the Senate take order for the appearance of George M. Wickliffe to answer said impeachment. W. L. McMillen, H. Heidenheim, C. K. May—committee.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Jenks called up the joint resolution substitute for Senate bill 107, providing for an examination by the Board of Public Works of the creek known as the "Big Bayou Sara," in view of connecting the town of Bayou Sara, Mr. Jenks moved that the sum of ten thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of executing the work contracted. Passed.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Wittenstein introduced a resolution that that the partition line building between the house by the State University be appropriated for a State library. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Joint resolution relative to the one per cent. tax.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The bill to incorporate the Louisiana State Bank and to give corporate existence to the same, was made the special order for Thursday.

Senator Jenks was granted leave of absence Monday.

The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—House met at 12 o'clock M., pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Carr in the chair.

Seventy members present.

Mr. Taylor, of West Feliciana, introduced a resolution to appoint a committee of three to investigate the [illegible] bonds of the five millions bonds, bearing ten per cent. interest, which the city of New Orleans was by the last session authorized to issue, and to ascertain what has been done with the bonds for which they have been negotiated. The resolution was adopted.

The resolution of Mr. Dewees, directing the Committee on Address to inquire into the affairs of the Fifth District Court because of the incompetency of Judge Lemonnier as displayed, as the resolution alleges, on many occasions, was adopted.

The Committee on Ways and Means reported that they had taken no action on the bill closing saloons, bar-rooms and theatres on Sundays. This virtually kills the bill.

The Speaker announced to the House that he was in receipt of a communication from G. Wickliffe, Auditor of Public Accounts, which was a list of charges against the Governor, and sworn to.

Mr. Girault, of Jefferson, wished to know if Mr. Wickliffe was not already impeached, and being so impeached, could he [illegible] to represent have no apologies nor regrets to make for Gov. Warmouth, such as Mr. Smith made. They have the same opinion of Gov. Warmouth since his speech that they had before—if anything a worse opinion, because that speech was an insult to them, and intended to be such.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, hoped no objections would be made to the reading and receiving of the communication. He supposed the communication was composed of the same list of charges which had been published, and which were familiar to the public. He thought that though Mr. Wickliffe was under impeachment by act of the House, he was not thereby incapable of publishing charges under oath; for the statute says that "any person is competent to make charges against State officers under such, and has the right to present them to the House. There are, however, conditions prescribed by the statute, which are, that the party making the charges shall submit the name of his witnesses, and the separate charges which such said witness is to testify to, all of which will appear in the communication.

Notwithstanding this communication does not embrace a list of the witnesses, he [illegible] would be no good reason why to take action in the matter. He said that the Governor demanded that these charges of Mr. Wickliffe be investigated and acted upon by the House. The Governor thought it was due to him, and the member speaking shared in that opinion. It was also due to the people. After taking the action it did, upon the charges made by the Governor against the Auditor, He, therefore, moved that the communication, reading read, be referred to a special committee of five.

The communication was read and referred to a special committee of five.

Mr. Harper, of St. Charles, moved to instruct this special committee to not report [illegible] but the period of three weeks, which motion was lost.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the bill to amend act 47, an act to provide Education in the State of Louisiana, and to raise a revenue for that purpose.

Mr. Lee, of St. Bernard, in the chair.

The third section was taken up and adopted. This section provides for six Supervisors of Public Instruction, with one superintendent, who, together, shall form a State Board of Education.

The fourth section was next taken up. It provides that the Board of Education shall have power to recommend a uniform series of text books.

Mr. Wiltz, of Orleans, moved to amend this section so as to exempt from its operation such schools as are not aided by the funds of the State. He said there were schools in this State which were supported exclusively by religious charity, and it would not do to interfere with the text book regulations of such schools. Within the parish of Orleans alone, fifteen thousand children are now being educated by the Catholic Church, at a cost of [illegible] of that denomination, and it would be an outrage to interfere.

He thought that the State had no power to establish a Board whose province it was to provide rules and regulations for all public schools. Certainly, none than one power for the schools, established and supported by State aid. In cases, [illegible] those schools which are supported other than by State aid, no such power, would be an act so flagrant as not to be endured.

Mr. Carr, (Speaker,) of Orleans, opposes the amendment of Mr. Wiltz, because he had that it was in direct violation of articles 135 and 132 of the Constitution, and especially of article 136, which says all public schools shall be free for all without regard to race or color.

Mr. Wiltz held that even under that article of the Constitution there was a right to establish free public schools, and such which the proposed Board of Education could exercise any control, provided those schools desire no aid from State money. Even under the Constitution, there could be no prohibition of sectarian schools. White schools supported by other than State aid could not be controlled by the regulations of two or three State educational agents. Negro children cannot be forced to such schools against the will of those who may have established and support them. To do so would be a species of tyranny no free community will tolerate. He said he would be unwilling to vote for a certain [illegible] of the State if he did not enter his protest against the adoption of any such provisions.

Mr. Wiltz's amendment was lost.

Mr. Isabelle, of Orleans, moved an amendment to the effect that all free public schools be open to all children, irrespective of race, color, or previous condition, which was adopted.

The fourth section, as amended, was then recommended to the House.

Pending the consideration of the fifth section the committee arose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The committee appointed to inform the Senate that the House had impeached Auditor Wickliffe, reported that they had performed their duty.

Mr. Wiltz, of Orleans, introduced a bill to enable the German Society of New Orleans to provide a house of reception for German immigrants, and to be under their auspices. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Immigration.

After other unimportant business the House adjourned.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Appointed Auditor.—Mr. James Graham, appointed by Gov. Warmouth Auditor of State in place of G. M. Wickliffe, suspended from office pending his trial for impeachment, on charges of corruption, etc., preferred against him by the Governor, yesterday filed the requisite bonds and received his commission.

The appointment of Mr. Graham is made under section 123 of the State Constitution and section 26 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of Auditor.

The office of the Auditor has been in charge of a guard, placed over it by the Governor.

Writs of ne exeat Warmouth.—The charges which have been made by Auditor Wickliffe against Governor Warmouth, which are quite numerous, and have already been published, were handed to Speaker Carr, of the House of Representatives, yesterday morning, sworn and subscribed to, as the law directs, providing for such charges. The writs of ne exeat were then prepared some days ago, but were returned to the author for his sworn signature. They are probably still defective for want of an appended list of names of parties by whom the allegations are to be supported. The charges mainly allege corruption in office, and one of them, it will be remembered, goes so far as to charge Gov. Warmouth with seduction of a young lady of this city as a condition precedent to his signing House bill No. 127.

Ball.—The Hibernian Benevolent and Mutual Aid Association are to give their first grand fancy dress ball at Odd Fellows' Hall on Saturday evening. This ball promises to be a fine affair.

United States, West Indies Fresh Meat and Fruit Company.—President Mullen, of the above-named company, called upon us this morning, in company with Capt. Daboney H. Maury, the agent of the company. They spoke in the most hopeful terms of the affairs of the company, a price in which he has been embarked, and entertains the belief that New Orleans and the markets of the United States generally will, by the refrigerating process, soon be supplied with the finest Texas beef at low figures. Before taking our leave, we are requested to state, will be found at the office of Gen. Maury, at No. 9 Carondelet street. There are a few shares left, we learn. So says our contributor of the *Picayune*.

The Courts.—In the celebrated case of Daniel Sullivan, contractor, vs. the city of New Orleans, which was sent back to the Sixth District Court for a new trial, the city yesterday morning, through J. R. Beckwith, City Attorney,