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NEW ORLEANS:

TUESDAY MORNING, FEB 21, 1871.

Amusements This Evening.

OPERA HOUSE—Mardi-Gras Ball.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE—"The Nervous Man and the Man of Nerve," with Mr. Collins.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Mrs. Oates' Comic Opera Bouffe Troupe.

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

THE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

The new government established by the National Assembly at Bordeaux, is merely provisional in its character, and is intended to last only until the people of France have had time and opportunity to determine whether they are to live henceforth under a Republic, or an Imperial Government, or a Constitutional Monarchy. Under present circumstances, and so long as the German forces occupy their principal cities and departments, it is impossible there should be a free expression on the part of the people. Time is necessary for the formation of an intelligent judgment, after the unprecedented occurrences of the last six months, and the pressure which results from the enemy's presence must be lifted, off before the French nation can be expected to declare what is their preference as to the form of government under which they henceforth desire to live.

The election of Mr. Thiers as president of the provisional government, we regard as a recognition of the statesmanlike qualities which have marked his long public career, and especially as a recognition of the wisdom and foresight which he exhibited in warning the imperial government against war with Prussia. We do not think his selection as chief of the temporary government, is due so much to his well-known sympathies for the Orleans family or a constitutional monarchy, as to the fact that he stands head and shoulders above all other available public men in France, capable of directing and governing the affairs of the nation in the present crisis. The Ministers whom he has chosen to aid him have been taken from among the Orleanists and the Republicans, in about an equal proportion. Himself, Gen. Le Flo, Admiral Pothuan, Mr. Lambrecht, and Mr. Dufaure being of the former party, and Messrs. Picard, Favre and Simon being of the latter. There is not an imperialist in the Ministry. It would appear therefore from the constitution of this provisional government, that the National Assembly is composed principally of the friends of a monarchical and those of a republican system, and that the partisans of Napoleon are in the minority. But it would be premature to say what form of government the two dominant factions are likely to establish. That will probably turn upon the settlement of the terms of peace, which the Assembly shall conclude. If they consent to the cession of the provinces demanded by Prussia and the other severe exactions which they are said to have determined upon, it is not easy to predict the result. We may safely say, however, that the nation will not rest satisfied with such a settlement. No party in France, and probably no combination of parties could succeed in reconciling the people to a dismemberment of their territory, especially should they at the same time be required to agree to pay a large money indemnity such as has been indicated by telegrams from Versailles. The Imperialists, although their strength has undoubtedly been greatly reduced, are by no means enough not to be ignored in these arrangements. But in the combination which seems to have been formed, they appear to have no voice. What we regard as unaccountable is that while the republicans are reported to be a minority of the National Assembly, they should be so largely represented in the ministry which Mr. Thiers has formed. This ministry is conservative and liberal in its composition and is composed of the more cautious members of both parties—republican and Orleanist. Perhaps Mr. Thiers deems that the Republicans should share the responsibility of agreeing to the hard terms which the enemy is likely to insist upon.

THE MECHANICS' AND AGRICULTURAL FAIR OF 1871.—We have received from the Mechanics' and Agricultural Fair Association of Louisiana a pamphlet containing a full programme of the approaching State fair, and a list of premiums to be awarded to exhibitors, together with all needful information, interesting to them. The fair will commence on the 8th of April next and will continue nine days. The premium list will be found to be even more comprehensive in its scope than any former. The association have acquired much experience from their former efforts to stimulate agriculture, manufactures, stock-raising, and the mechanical arts, and the success which has attended previous fairs, should furnish convincing evidence of the advantages to be derived from such exhibitions. They promise to spare no effort to make the fair of the present year a complete success. Arrangements have been entered into with all of the principal railroad lines, steamboats and steamships throughout the country, which secure moderate rates of passage and freight for those who may wish to send to the fair articles for exhibition, or to visit New Orleans in view of the same. Catalogues and full information will be sent to any address, free of charge, on application to Luther Homes, Secretary and Treasurer. See advertisement.

QUICK PASSAGE TO HAVANA.—The American bark Sylvia W. Swasey, Capt. Swasey, left the bar on Thursday, 9th inst., at 10 o'clock noon, and arrived at Havana at 4:30 P. M. Saturday, 11th inst., making the run in 52 hours. She was cleared by Wm. Creevy, and had a full cargo of flour. This is one of the quickest trips on record.

The Ammonia Propelling Company give notice through our advertising columns that the subscription book for a limited amount of the capital stock of the company is open for the public at the office 175 Common street, between Carondelet and Baronne. Apply to G. L. Langhland.

We acknowledge receipt of cards of invitation to a grand fancy dress and mask ball to be given at the St. Charles Theatre to-night; also to a grand masked ball to be given to night at Masonic Hall.

TRUTH.—The powers of Mrs. Whitcomb's Syrup for children are as positive as the mercifulness of the lobby was cleared, when the question came upon the passage of the bill he called for the yeas and nays. The bill passed—yeas 67; nays 19.

A large number of local and private bills were called up and passed.

A compromise from the Louisiana Levee Company was read by which the company, to obviate the objections of the Governor to their bill, by giving him the appointment of the engineers who are to survey and estimate the works. The compromise passed.

The House was still in session when the Reporter left, at 10 o'clock.

The New York *Democrat* says: "Charles Francis Adams may now be regarded as having received the nomination of the upper and wealthy Republican classes in our city for the Presidency. This certainly gives him an immense advantage to begin with. Money will be poured out like water to elect him, and if there is any virtue in greenbacks convention Charles Francis Adams will be the next President. The Adams movement is, of course, in opposition to Grant. The latter really has positive strength. He has lost the support of the Union League, and the office-holders and holders will gladly drop him for the promising man. The Adamites have received promises of support from many disgusted subscribers to the Grant personal and election funds, and count confidently on the Democracy and the Tribune. The Post will wheel the Revenue Reformers and the 'new party' into line under Adams. Greeley is to nominate Adams as President, and Frank Brown or Carl Schurz as Vice President, the latter most probably."

English papers complain of the decay of the British Bar. The *Law Times* remarks: "What was once an honorable profession for gentlemen will become a walk in life for the ignorant and vulgar who will condescend to stoop to the level of the business. The applies more particularly to criminal business.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

The New French Ministry Under Thiers.

German Requisition on St. Quentin.

Arrival of the Commission at San Domingo.

Particulars of their Investigations.

Congressional Proceedings.

HOME NEWS.

Constitutionality of the Cotton Tax Affirmed.

Particulars of Gen. Magruder's Death.

Two Men Convicted of Hanging a Boy.

Miscellaneous Matters.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Versailles, Feb. 15.—A dispatch from Versailles says the Emperor of Germany will lunch at Ecole Militaire on entrance into Paris, in consequence of the fever having been reported at the Tuileries. It is the intention of the Emperor to return to Berlin immediately after reviewing the troops on Champs de Mars.

The Crown Prince has gone to receive a triumphal entry into Berlin.

London, Feb. 20.—The *Telegraph* has a dispatch from Paris, dated the 19th, which says: The authorities fear there will be unpleasant demonstrations against Emperor William and Count Bismarck if the Germans enter Paris.

San Domingo City, Feb. 3.—The Dominican Commission arrived here from Samana Bay yesterday. Every one connected with the party is in excellent health. The want of coaling facilities detained the ship six days at Samana.

The Commissioners found that the inhabitants of that peninsula generally favor annexation. A full investigation made into the ownership of the land around the harbor, showed that no United States official was involved in any private transactions there. Samana Bay, Sabana and Associates, and O'Sullivan have a perpetual lease at a nominal price of nearly all the available water front for large vessels, around the harbor of Samana. There are no valuable minerals in that section.

The Commission landed here this morning and was formally received by Baez. Mr. Wade explained the character of their object. Baez and cabinet gave a cordial welcome. Baez said peace and a stable government would follow a union with the United States. The people were all anxious for a union. Cuba had no Dominicans with him. The forces he was supposed to command were Haytiens and Haytiens was the real mover in the whole matter. He had information that no incursion was to be made while the Commission was here to influence them, and from his agents in Hayti, that Salnave's movement. He expressed a hope that the Commissioners would examine all classes and pronounce for early fertility.

Five of the party came across the island from Samana to this place. The Commission thus far, no appearance of public disturbances or dissensions.

The season is very healthy. The officers and crew of the United States steamers Tennessee, Nauchegan and Yantic, now in this harbor, are all well.

The Commission will to here a week longer, and will probably visit Azua next week. Stories of trouble there are untrue. The Commission intend to start home in about four weeks.

Baez has agreed to give safe conduct to Cabral or any of his officers to come here and meet the Commission, and messengers will be dispatched at once.

London, Feb. 20.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Gladstone, in reply to an inquiry, said neither Mr. Motley, the late minister left the reporter left.

The cotton inspection bill also passed after the reporter left.

House of Representatives.

The House was called to order at 12 M. Speaker Carr in the chair.

Mr. Wortell desired to call the attention of the House to the Investigating Committee's report relative to the case of the First and Sixth District Courts, stating that although the report was not completed, they had sufficient proof against Judge Cooley, of the Sixth District Court, to present articles of impeachment against him, and moved for a suspension of the rules to present said articles. The rules were not suspended.

The memorial upon the subject was referred to a special committee of five.

The bill to limit the expenses of the General Assembly, was made the special order of the day for Friday.

The anti-Slaughter-House bill was taken up, and the amendment of the Senate unanimously concurred in.

The amendment strikes out the word "between" the Barracks and Opelousas Railroad, and inserts "from" Terre-bonne, inserting the constitutionality of the cotton tax. The court below affirmed its constitutionality. Justice Nelson, in the Supreme Court, to-day announced the affirmance of that judgment by a divided court.

IN HOUSE.—There was a long discussion upon the Northwestern boundary, when a resolution that a commission be appointed to fix it, passed by a vote of 70 to 24.

The McGarrahan case was resumed and discussed all day, finally resulting in the adoption of the minority report favoring McGarrahan against the New Idria Company. House then adjourned.

SENATE.—Mr. Conkling, from the Judiciary Committee, reported favorably on the bill which has passed the House to preserve the purity of elections, otherwise known as supplemental to an act for the enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment. He was not ready to report upon it upon the Senate for early action.

The Committee on Education asked to be discharged from any further consideration of the resolutions of the Mississippi Legislature presented by Mr. Revels for a printing house and institution for the blind. The committee concluding the whole thing is very much in the nature of a swindle.

Congressional and legislative appropriations passed.

An important executive session ensued, after which the House adjourned.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Weather report:

The following is a synopsis for the past 36 hours—Now 7:35 P. M., the barometric pressure has not changed in the Southern and Gulf States since this morning. It has remained nearly stationary on the lakes. A decided diminution has appeared unannounced in Missouri, accompanied with a rapid rise in the thermometer, which is felt as far east as Cincinnati. The barometer in Missouri is about a fourteenth of an inch lower than on Lake Erie, and on the Gulf fresh north and west winds are prevailing in the North; southerly winds in the South. It is probable that the low pressure in Missouri will make itself decidedly felt to-morrow with northerly winds and clouds in the lakes, and brisk southerly winds on the gulf.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The House passed a bill to-day removing the political disabilities of R. W. Futch, of Union parish, Louisiana.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads instructed Mr. Wheeler, Chairman, to report the Senate bill, as amended, as to cut off all homestead and railroad land grants, thus securing a main trunk line from the eastern boundary of Texas to San Diego. It is thought the Senate will immediately concur.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

New York, Feb. 20.—Captain Grindle, of the ship Old Colony, arrested for cruel treatment of his crew, has been held in $18,000 bail.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—Commodore Peter Turner is dead.

Memphis, Feb. 20.—The jury in the case of Graves and Poindexter, charged with hanging a boy named Schofield, in this county, last July, brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, with a recommendation of mercy.

Yesterday afternoon, John Miller, a laborer on the Chattanooga Railroad, fell from a hand-car on which he was riding, and the wheels passing over him broke his thigh.

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A quantity of wearing apparel and a gold medal were stolen by an undiscovered burglar, from Mr. Deaster's house, No. 185 Esplanade street, on Sunday night. Several articles of value were also stolen during Sunday night, from Mr. Wulfley's residence, No. 467 Kaupert street.

The public schools will be closed to-day and to-morrow, to give the pupils holidays on Mardi-Gras and Washington's birthday.

Death of Captain Gibney, of the Police.—Capt. James Gibney, who has long had charge of the police force of the First District, and who for some time has been perceptibly entertained by the office and members of the organization.

A New Dredger on the Carondelet Canal.—We regret our inability to be present last evening at the trial of the new dredging boat, built for Mr. Gagnet, the lessee of the Canal Carondelet, and just launched. We have learned from those who witnessed the trial that it proved very satisfactory, and that the improvements realized the expectations of Mr. Gagnet. This is a favorable sign that the business of the canal is such that warrants Mr. Gagnet in his enterprise. With the more perfect dredging machine now at his command and the facilities he commands thereby to preserve the canal in good navigable condition, we hope to have it in our power to chronicle increased prosperity in the commerce of the canal.

The Courts.—The record from the Supreme Court of the decision affirming the judgment of the First District Court assessing Pellerin & Co. $10,000 for Mrs. Bonvenue, alias Savagedas, to death, for the murder of the Malay Ambrosio, on board the ship Samuel, having been received in the First District Court, all that remains to be done now is for the Governor to fix a day for the final execution.

Grant has prepared a bill of indictment against Samuel C. and Fletcher J. Earley, on a charge of fraudulent representations, committed, it is alleged, in obtaining $15,000 from Francis C. Mahan, in 1869, by pretending that it was to be used in commercial partnership. The accused have not been arrested. They are said to be in New York City.

J. Vipsca, Sr., has entered suit in the Sixth District Court as transferree of J. Vipsca, Jr., against the Crescent City Slaughter-house Company, for 1056 shares of the stock, which, he alleges, is due to him as transferree aforesaid of one of the petitioners. The petition avers that fully paid up by being given to each of such incorporators and a share for every ten delivered by advance.

M. Musson & Co.vs. A. Finter Elliott. Judge Collens, Seventh District Court, has rendered a decision in this case in favor of plaintiffs for $3630, being balance on vendor's privilege on 120 bales of cotton sought by Nevins & Co., and by them transferred to plaintiffs.

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