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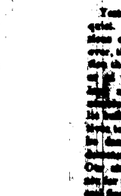
DOINGS IN OUR CITY.

Yesterday, up to night fall, was considerably quiet. We heard of no disturbance in violation of public order. It is apparent, however, that among a certain class of our people there is made a disposition to foment disturbance if found to help it up under encouragement. In all attempts of people to create a feeling of disheartenment the Congressmen and letter carriers, his buildings, and indulge in unseen and unprovoked hostilities towards the Federal spectacle, there will be danger of disorder and tumult. All such demonstrations are unwise and unpatriotic. Our status is perfectly well understood. We enjoy at this time being in the power of the Federal flag, and in a day of two we shall undoubtedly have a Federal army amongst us. Under such circumstances, defiant language is manifestly out of countenance, gratuitous insults offered the Federal soldiers, are not merely unmanly, but are foolishness and folly in the extreme. Such things will be resented, and highly imprudent. We trust they will be avoided. There is a dignified and perfectly intelligible mode of maintaining our sentiments, without running to either of the dreadful but becoming honorable and high-minded actions. If we desire the respect of our foes, we must show that we deserve it.

It is quite probable that the services of the Spaniard and French brigadiers will no longer be deemed essential to the preservation of the peace of the city, when it comes to be occupied by a Federal army. But nothing should be subjected to obliterate the gratitude due them, and undoubted and disinterested cares for the zeal, energy and self-abnegation displayed by them in quelling New Orleans and keeping her from trouble which might otherwise have arisen from rash and intemperate excitement. Foreign populations in our midst have a claim that on the wisdom and fitting remembrance. It will eminently be believed, and yet we cannot shut from the mortality of officers of the French brigade, that because in the exercise of their duties military companies were occasionally compelled to disperse groups of excited men, they were identified with the repression of being enlisted and abettors of the Lincolnites. Several of the members of the brigades were so indignant at these calumnious imputations that they threw down their muskets, and refused to perform further duty. All that can be done in extinguishment of the vile slander is that it was uttered by a class of men who only flourish amidst ruthlessness and slaughter.

We observed with pleasure yesterday that many prominent stores were open that on Tuesday last. We would suggest to the business part of the community the propriety of resuming their usual avocations. The continued closing of business houses throws crowds of idlers upon the streets, and these creatures thus very frequently originate which sober-minded citizens desire to avoid. Besides, there is no further necessity to keep stores hermetically sealed. The confusion which at first prevailed with respect to the currency is rapidly disappearing. Counterfeit notes, State and City notes, and old individual notes of parties believed to be insolvent are freely circulated, received and paid out. The resumption of business habits by the community in general would tend materially to the restoration of confidence in the currency. There is no likelihood of any interference whatever in the ordinary channels by which the citizens gain their livelihood. On the contrary, idle attendance of our own citizens will do much to ensure tranquility and good order. An ancient proverb says that the idle man's brain is the Devil's workshop. We may add, too, that with respect to the provisions and provision stores it is absolutely indispensable to the wants of the citizens that they should be opened. For several days the difficulty of procuring food has been such as seriously to incommode families which are in comparatively easy circumstances. This should be put an end to as speedily as possible.



ERROR, OR AN ERROR.—A paper was yesterday generally circulated, purporting to be a letter of Capt. De Clouet, of the French gunboat *Dragonne*, addressed to Flag Officer Farragut, in reply to the threat of bombarding the city, and calling upon the best possible authority for the statement in question never to have been sent to the Mayor. In the original publication of the letter, several typographical errors and faults of punctuation give countenance to the belief that it is another more or less than a

Unknown at Nashville.—The Nashville correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette* writes as follows in reference to the supposed existence of a Union feeling in Nashville:

"I see the papers contain statements from part and then, as a distance of a hundred or two miles, that Union feeling in Nashville serves, that a strong Union reaction has set in here, which the Union men of Nashville are already proved to be largely in the ascendancy, that the people had only been waiting as a deliverance from the hated oppression of the Richmond despotism to rise up en masse and throw off the yoke. This is a trick of the rebels well known to old possessionists, who can report as many miles as well without attending it as by being there. They think they know best, and how much he received, and, knowing as much, by heeding the sage of going to sea and hear what you should know! Death has it been in this city.

The North may as well make up its mind to the fact that we have all alike been exasperating a grand Union sentiment here, which, if it remains entombed the capital of this unfortunate land of the sainted States. Men we have known from time immemorial—there are no strangers among us—*Nashville*. Of course, there is every manifesting individuals, just as there may be in Cincinnati, but it is utterly untrue that there is no open Union sympathy here, considerable enough to make a demonstration.

In the country the feelings are exuberant. Change to the Confederate everybody was delighted to see the old flag floating. But just come Nashville, and the people looking for it! every man had a funeral in his family. Talk to me about the old flag floating! But just come Nashville, and the people looking for it! every man had a funeral in his family. Talk to me about the old flag floating! But just come Nashville, and the people looking, merely, because it is their nature, and purely with a view to their own security, swarmed around the town, in a menacing, but they will openly avow their sympathies, and express the hope that our army will be speedily at their back. The rebel army is completely demoralized, and they would find the relief they expected in the supplies of Sodom—beautiful! Nothing is wanting to bloom unless upon the stem. They have not some personal hostilities to settle, no private enmity and the disposition to trample and degrade the lowest wishes of the public mind in reference to the supply of the public wants through associated industry, which can be had in motion—the moment it is assured.

Secession Flour Prices.—The subjoined are the ruling quotations for high prices in consequence of the extortion in any article on the market. There is no other way of accounting for the exorbitancy which many oppose to give you a full price. There may be other temporary causes which are operating to which many oppose to give you a full price. There may be other temporary causes which are operating to which many oppose to give you a full price. There may be other temporary causes which are operating to