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NEW ORLEANS:
FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 30, 1866

Thanks to the officers of the superb steamer Lonlee, of the Harris and Morgan line, for Mobile papers of Wednesday evening. Mr. I. C. Harris, corner of Camp and Common streets, is agent of this fine vessel.

COAL.—Messrs. W. G. Coyle & Co continue to supply their customers with this article, so suitable to the change of the weather, without change in price. As may be seen by their advertisement, Pittsburg coal is still offered at $1 per barrel, free of cartage, and the other qualities on the most reasonable terms. Office 142 Gravier street, and coal yard corner of Girod and Magazine streets.

DIVIDED SENTIMENT.

On more than one important topic of the day discussed by the Republican newspapers, we see a wide difference of opinion, and sometimes ideas so diametrically opposed to each other that we find it a hard task to believe that they proceed from organs of the same party. On questions of public interest, on matters of policy and on the course of leading men, there is a divided sentiment among the Radicals, proceeding probably from two branches of that party—the Conservatives and the extreme Radicals. When we find members of the same party differing upon points where it is evident one or the other must be wrong, the impression produced on the mind of an outsider is, that there is something radically wrong on both sides. As in the matter of tastes, there is no disputing about opinions; but the rule does not always hold good in the case of politics where there is a fixed policy for a party to pursue. To be successful a party should be united in sentiment. This would probably be the case whenever the members of a party can be guided by its policy and still follow their own honest convictions. Hence we have good reason for inferring that there can be but little honesty of conviction where a party is divided in sentiment.

Despite the unanimity of the Republican party at the ballot box, we find a great diversity of opinion among its leading men and among its newspaper organs. Some of the latter are constantly changing, showing, it would seem, very little honesty of purpose or a disposition to pursue a fixed policy to the end. To give particular examples, we may cite the diversity of opinion as regards the President and his policy. From the ideas which we give, from two leading Radical journals, it will be seen that a change is taking place with respect to the attitude of the Radical party to the Executive, and that this party, or a portion of it, is disposed to be more conciliatory and less vindictive. There may be two reasons for this change—a fear that the past counsels may be acted upon by the people, and more trouble caused than was anticipated, or an utter disharmony in the past opposition. In the cases before us it is probable that both of these reasons can be applied. Thus far Butler has been the only man who has brought any specific charges against President Johnson, and his charges were not without a personal motive. The rest of the party have attacked the President in general terms, without specifying a single overt act, or without pointing out any real crimes which he has committed. The abuse has been for what it was supposed he would do, and not for what he had done. As a representative of the extreme Radical party we have the Philadelphia *Bulletin*, which comes to us with a long article against the President, attacking him severely in the usual general way. It says:

"The President has gone too far in his abuse of the executive power ever to be trusted again. He has shown his flagrant a disregard for Congress to be permitted to take part in the great work of reconstruction which has been thus far wrought and brought into completion. The country at large has pronounced a verdict upon the President's course, which no member of Congress has the right to disobey. Mr. Johnson has shown what a pitiful, self-willed, reckless, despotic and ambitious President can work, and it is the plain business of Congress to take warning by experience, and to put it out of his power to repeat in future the wrongs of the past. Mr. Johnson has plainly forfeited his claim to be trusted by any party, and it would be the quintessence of folly and weakness for Congress to fall into the same fatal blunder which the President committed when he marred the brightening prospects of the South by his insolent leniency, and accepted the mere glittering professions of a false pardon seeking traitors for honest expositions of restored loyalty."

There is much more in the same strain of hostility to the President, the whole calculated to embitter the feelings of the people against him and to increase the hostility of Congress. It even goes so far as to consider his impeachment unless he retraces and repents, which unquestionably means unless he goes over to the Radical ranks.

So much for the *Bulletin*; the other paper is the New York *Times*. Perhaps no journal in the North has held more slim views. It has gradually gone a step in advance of its contemporaries, has blown a louder horn, and has been more belligerent in its tone towards the South. It has also been hitherto a most bitter opponent of Democratic policy, and lead in its praise of Radicalism; but we now find it endeavoring to harmonize the two, and advocating moderation. It says:

The same good sense which suggests the expediency of avoiding the promulgation of other plans of reconstruction pending the report of the Committee of Fifteen seems to indicate the desirableness of reexamining the temper which has delighted in personal attacks upon the President. Their own coarse may occasionally have served to divert the shafts, but, as Mr. Dennison truly observes, there has really been nothing so flagrant in his acts as to excuse the project of impeachment. General Logan, we are glad to notice, takes the same view, and we believe it will be shared by the great majority even of the Radicals. Dr. Butler may endeavor to hide his failures as a general by the display of extreme violence as a politician, but we have yet to learn that the respect felt for his career or his opinions is anywhere so profound as to warrant an indorsement of his advertised left wing of indictment. The real soldiers, like General Logan, are too brave to be malignant. And the respectable Radicals like Mr. Dennison are too rational and too just to countenance a course of proceedings having its origin in partisan violence, and calculated to obstruct the operation of the moderate policy of the Republican party.

It will be seen from this that it is highly probable that a division in the Republican ranks will take at to take place with regard to the President. The more conservative portion cannot fail to see that its continual tattle about impeachment is having its effect upon the people, and they know that when the evil passions of the mob are once aroused there is no telling what will be the end. They see the extreme danger of the course advised by Dr. Butler and his friends, and know very well that an attempt to depose the President, and overthrow the commander of the army, would result in anarchy and bloodshed. This may be but the beginning of a divided sentiment, but it shows, at least, that the better men of the Radical party are beginning to reflect upon the results of the incendiary policy advocated by Dr. Butler, Stevens, and the most radical Radicals.

CROPS IN TERREBONNE.—Sugar making is going on quite lively in our parish. Although most of our planters are short planted, the weather has been so favorable that far they have got along with their work remarkably well, and sugar rolling goes on, so far, much better than we anticipated. The cane is improving in quality, and the yield is, generally, satisfactory. We have estimated that 500 hogsheads would be made in this parish this season, but we learn that so much cane has been reserved, or sold, for seed, that many think the crop will fall considerably short of our estimate. Corn is about all picked.

ST MARTINSVILLE.—Our planters, who have for the most part reserved their crop, appear among us on a frequent visit, and our dry goods stores are enlivened with the presence of customers whose pockets have been slightly swollen with the profits of the gathered crop. But much remains yet to be done to reach the prosperity of by gone days, many a town lot from the burlesque and the silent herd of cattle browses undisturbed, the grass upon our banquet walks, which on first frosts of autumn have not been able to tell.—*Teche Courier* 24th.

A bill has passed both branches of the Mississippi Legislature restoring all lands sold for taxes in 1861, 1862 and 1863, to their owners, provided they were, in 1861, citizens of the State, and continue to be, upon payment of costs, and any amount of county tax the State may have paid since the acquired title. This is a very judicious measure, and if such can not be demanded in Tennessee, we hope the Legislature will pass it. Whatever can be legally done for the relief of the people, should enlist the attention and prompt action of the Legislature.

JOHN BRIGHT'S LAST ADDRESS.—On the 30th October John Bright was entertained by his friends and admirers in Dublin at a banquet. In his address, besides advocating the Reform principles which have made him so famous, he considered the unfortunate condition of the Irish people, and advocated concession by Great Britain. He reviewed the policy of England of sending troops to America to fight the Fenians, as being of the same character as Lord North's policy of sending troops to Boston during the Revolutionary war. He said it had been a curse to the land of the Irishman's dearest hopes and the one in which a great part of the suffering people of Ireland had found a happy home.

Passengers per steamship Alliance, from Vera Cruz:

Mrs Lloyd, V Fernandez, R S Tyrrell and family, L Pardo and wife, F Fernandez, M Weber, R Cranmer, J S Lambert, M De Rose, J T Weber, and M Bundy.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

Report of the Secretary of Treasury.

No New Financial Policy.

Prosperous Fiscal Year.

Fessenden's Radical Speech.

NEWS BY THE CABLE.

The Empress Carlotta is Seriously Ill.

Liverpool Markets, &c.

Washington, Nov. 28.—President Johnson has determined to restore to Louisiana her statue of Washington.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Thanksgiving day was generally observed. All the public offices were closed. The weather was delightful.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The forthcoming report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the National Finances has been completed and printed for distribution to the country on the day of its presentation to Congress. The views which it will present will not be new, in so far as a line of financial policy will be laid down. Yet the recent use the facts and figures will show the National Financial situation to be in a much more flattering condition than at the opening of the first session of the 39th Congress, or at the close of the fiscal year on June 30th, 1865. Coming report will show that the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1866, was one of great prosperity.

The balance in the Treasury on that day stood as follows: Cash on hand June 30th, 1865, $658,369 15; cash on hand June 30th, 1866, $139,869,845 19, a net gain of $11,981,158,604. The gold on hand was not estimated as currency. Usually in the Treasury it would have exceeded $150,000,000. The receipts and expenditures for the years 1865-66 and the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1866, are as follows: receipts from customs in gold, $179,046,630 64; from public bonds $665,031 03; from direct tax, $197,473,612; from the internal revenue, $309,226,826; from miscellaneous sources, $63,325,966 46. The total receipts from all sources are $556,039,195 06. This revenue, it is believed, exceeds in amount that of any other nation on the globe for the same period.

Expenditures, civil, foreign and miscellaneous, $41,013,365 96; Indians, $1,485,; pensions, $16,853, 300 44; war, $284,440,701 82; navy, $125,196, 322; interest, $133,074,737 27. Total, $51,834, 733,770

Total receipts, $55,603,919 50; total expenditures, $518,347,337 70. Excess of receipts, $3,769,185,736. This excess of receipts all occurred during the last few months of the fiscal year, and is not a fair criterion of the ability of the Government to liquidate its debts.

For instance, the war expenses for the quarter ending September 30, 1865, were $185,000,000, but during the quarter ending June 30, 1865, they were but $120,000,000.

The balance in the treasury on June 30th, 1865, was but $658,369 15. The year ending December 31st, 1865, showed a deficiency in the treasury of $619,000,000, but six months from this time, June 30th, 1866, there was an excess of receipts over expenditures of nearly $37,000,000.

The estimates of the War debt for expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30 would be nearly $240,000,000 less than for 1865 were it not for the equalizing bounty bill passed at the last session, but the revenue from all sources for the next fiscal year is estimated by the Secretary in the neighborhood of $600,000,000.

The full expenditures for the next fiscal year is estimated at within $250,000,000 interest on the matured debt and a fair sum for a sinking fund.

The Secretary's report will also state that under the law of Congress the treasury has withdrawn from circulation the past six months the limit of ten millions of paper currency, and has retired of United States legal tender notes in circulation is therefore $386,000,000. The most important and gratifying fact of the report will be in the reduction of the public debt. It will be shown that the public debt has been reduced during the past twelve months nearly $200,000,000. The actual figures of the reduction are $193,837,721. Seven millions of compound interest notes, legal tenders, for their face, have been cancelled, and the temporary loans reduced $6,000,000.

The full account will be rendered for National Banks has been issued which with the United States notes gives a circulating medium of $720,000,000, and including the fractional currency. By the first of last November the total including the fractional currency, amounted to $773,421,903,826, and $85,000,000 of authorized National Banks notes remained unissued.

The Secretary of the Treasury will not present in his report what may be called strictly a new *plan for* a returning to specie payments. He has changed none of the views which he maintained in his last report, and which were enunciated in the Fort Wayne speech. He believes that the Secretary of the Treasury should have the power to control the currency to the extent of being authorized, at his discretion, to sell bonds bearing interest not exceeding six per cent, redeemable and payable at such periods as may be conducive to the interests of the Government for the purpose of retiring all United States notes. He will say, Congress to authorize a loan for cent. bond to be exempt from tax in whiet to fund the obligations that are soon to mature.

He will key great stress on the question of urging Congress to adopt at an early day a fixed policy of contract on which, when adopted, will cause the business community to gravitate to it so that specie payments may be reached without a great diminution of the revenue or a wide spread financialpanic. It does not do to state any definite time for the resumption of specie payments, but believes that, with a proper system, it can be attained with the retirement of over $400,000,000 of United States notes. In the will be shown by the figures showe given by the Secretary that the Government is on the high road of prosperity in reducing the national debt, and the treasury will cling to the simple and experienced policy of liquidating the debt by keeping the national revenue above the national expenditures. To this end a draft of a bill prepared by Mr. Wells, the special revenue Commissioner, will be submitted with the report as some future day, proposing an equalization in internal taxation and a modification of the existing tariff. Important reference will also be made to the new bullion tax of three cents per pound imposed the last session. In 1867 and 1868 $430 000,000 of seven-thirty notes fall due. A large amount of the five-twenty bonds now being funded in five-twenty bonds. Improvements in the National banking system will be suggested and urged.

New York, Nov. 28.—There was a large attendance at the Union League Club House in honor of Senator Fessenden, of Maine, the Chairman of the Reconstruction Committee of Congress. The leading Republicans of New York were present, together with Senators and Representatives from all parts of the country, en route to Washington, and other distinguished visitors. Senator Fessenden was introduced by John Jay, Esq., who alluded in complimentary terms to the distinguished part borne by the Senator from Maine in preparing the measure which had met with so emphatically sustained in the recent elections. He also referred to the supposed attempt of the President to create a disturbance with foreign powers for the purpose of overturning the popular verdict of the people upon his course in domestic affairs. Mr. Jay thanked God that the Senate of the United States was the constitutional arbiter of our foreign affairs, and he trusted that there was to be no departure from our policy of non-intervention in the affairs of Mexico.

Mr. Fessenden said that he had joined with his colleagues of the Reconstruction Committee in presenting certain measures to the country as the policy of Congress.

As to the President's policy, he had always held the opinion Mr. Johnson had no right to originate any plan of reconstruction, but whether he had or not, it was evident that the country had sustained the policy of Congress, and had put down that of the President.

He (Fessenden) was surprised to see an attempt now being made by the leading Republican journals in New York to get up a compromise. The battle had been fought, and the victory won. He referred to the policy of universal amnesty and universal suffrage. He had always supposed that when a case had been submitted to the Supreme Court and decided, there was no time for either party to be talking of compromise. In the present case his judgment had been rendered and its execution was ordered to be issued. He did not know how much further the people were to ely to go. He knew they would go to whatever length might be necessary to secure the human equality of human rights in all parts of the country. They might go so far as his honorable friend, Mr. Jay, had already gone. He (Fessenden) would not barter anything away to secure that which was right in itself. They demanded absolute security for the future. After that is established by a Constitutional amendment, and placed beyond doubt or cause, it would be time enough to talk about universal amnesty. On the subject of foreign affairs Mr. Fessenden said that it made little difference what the opinion or desire of the United States were about. If they were doing right they would be sustained, if they were doing wrong, they could harm nobody but themselves. Mr. Fessenden's remarks were received with the greatest enthusiasm. Senators Grimes, of Iowa, Hon. E. B. Washburne, of Illinois, Hon Samuel Hooper, of Massachusetts and Hon. W. B. Allison, of Iowa, were successively called on and responded briefly, and the assembly collation was served and the assemblage dispersed.

Baltimore, Nov. 29.—Thanksgiving day was more generally observed than ever before. Business was entirely suspended.

Louisville, Nov. 29.—Calhoun Benham, formerly United States District Attorney for California, took the assessor's oath before the United States Court, here, to-day.

Vicksburg, Nov. 29.—Passed up: Glasgow at 5 A. M., Lady Gay and John Kilgore at 2 P. M. River rising.

Boston, Nov. 29.—Gen Banks was honored with a dinner by the citizens of Malden prior to his departure for Washington.

Halifax, Nov. 27.—Gov. Ord, of Bermuda, has been appointed Governor of the British East India possessions with his headquarters at Singapore. He leaves here for England by the steamship Africa.

Montreal, Nov 29.—Mr. Darcy McGee will not leave for England as soon as was intended He remains to attend the Cabinet councils which will probably be held here in view of the preparations for the Fenian trials.

The Bedford Water Police will go to the frontier armed with Spencer rifles. Regular troops will also be sent there shortly.

BY THE CABLE.

London, Nov. 29.—The Americans resident in this city gave a banquet to day as an observance of the National Thanksgiving. There was quite a large attendance, and after appropriate religious ceremony, the customary edibles, consequent to American thanksgiving dinners were heartily discussed. Patriotic speeches were made, most of which referred in fitting terms to the great future of their native land under blessings of peace.

London, Nov. 29.—The steamship Union, from New York the 17th instant, has arrived in the Thames.

London, Nov. 29, noon.—Consols opened at 89¼ for money.

London, Nov. 29—noon.—The opening prices of American stocks are as follows: 5-20's, 70¾; Illinois central shares 77; Erie Railroad shares 47.

Liverpool, Nov. 29.—The steamship Columbia, from New Orleans, has arrived.

Liverpool, Nov. 29, noon.—Cotton; the market is steady; the sales to-day are estimated at 8000 bales. Middling Uplands 14¾d.

Liverpool, Nov. 29, noon.—Breadstuffs; the market is easier. Corn has declined to 38s. 9d. per quarter for Mixed Western.

Liverpool, Nov. 29—evening.—The provisions market is steady; tallow is firmer and tending upwards.

Liverpool, Nov. 29—evening.—The petroleum market is quiet; refined is quoted as is 9d.

Liverpool, Nov. 29—evening.—The cotton market is easier although notquotably changed. The sales to-day foot up 8000 bales, Middling Uplands closed at 14¾d.

Liverpool, Nov. 29—evening.—Breadstuffs—the market remains quiet and easier.

Madrid, Nov. 29.—It is stated in official quarters that an early peace will be satisfactorily arranged between the Spanish Government and the allied Governments of Chili and Peru.

Paris, Nov. 29.—It is announced that the illness of the Empress Carlotta has assumed a more serious aspect, and fears are entertained that it will soon prove fatal.

Paris, Nov. 29.—It is now announced that the Emperor Maximilian is expected to arrive here early in December.

Dublin, Nov. 29.—Throughout Ireland the British officials continue to make arrests of persons supposed to be interested in the Fenian movement.

Vienna, Nov. 29.—It is semi-officially stated that there is no truth in the report that troops are being concentrated in the Tyrol.

Southampton, Nov. 29.—The steamship Hansa, from New York the 17th, arrived here today and sailed for Bremen.

Bremen, Nov. 29.—The steamship Borussia from New York on the 17th, had arrived and sailed again for Hamburg.

SPAIN.—Spain is on the verge of a revolution, if one has not already broken out. The reported insurrection at Barcelona appears to have been premature, but it cannot long have anticipated the event, for every dispatch brings news of some new complication. Spain will never more be quiet so long as a Bourbon sits on the throne. Isabella has forgotten anything nor never learns anything. Experience is lost upon him, and the reigning family of Spain is not a step in advance of the seventeenth century.

Superstition and ignorance prevail all through the Spanish nation It is but recently that railroads and telegraphs, and other modern ideas have been introduced. We are told that the poor classes regard as luxuries what the poor of other nations regard as necessaries. The Queen does not dare go abroad except with armed guards, and instead of conciliating the people, she increases them still more by injudicious and by acts of cruelty. To us it matters little whether Spain is in war or peace, save as it affects Cuba.

The American people have long had an eye on the "ever faithful isle." A revolution would afford them an opportunity to "acquire" it not to be disregarded.—*Blake's Bulletin.*

Important Decision.

THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS SUSPENDED BY WAR—THE EXISTENCE OF WAR DEFINED.

[From the Baltimore Sun, Nov. 16.]

An important decision has just been rendered in the Circuit Court of the United States for Maryland, by Judge Giles, in the case of the Jackson Insurance Company of Memphis, Tenn., against James A. Stewart.

This was an action on a bill of exchange drawn in Memphis in February, 1861, at sixty days, on James A. Stewart, payable at the Farmers' and Planters' Bank in Baltimore, and accepted by Stewart, but protested for non-payment April 16, 1866.

Pleas, statute of limitations.

Replications—1st. That war existed when the cause of action accrued, and that the plaintiff had not elapsed between the close of the war and the commencement of the suit. 2d. That the President of the United States declared war against Tennessee, by his proclamation of August 16th, 1861, which war continued until, by proclamation of the President, of June 13, 1865, Tennessee was restored to the Union, and that the intervals of time which elapsed from the maturity of the bill to the beginning of the war, and from the close of the war to the commencement of this suit, did not together amount to three years.

To these replications a general demurrer was filed by defendant.

After full argument, the court, Judge Giles, decided as follows:

Unquestionably in this case *lex fori* prevails and not *lex loci contractus*; hence the bowie will apply the law of Maryland, which requires suit to be brought within three years. 1st Maryland code, article 57, section 1 and 2.

In the law there are certain specified exceptions provided for, but it is a mistake to suppose that exceptions may not arise other than those mentioned in the statutes. The law says we suppose the existence of a party in being capable of suing; and if, when the cause of action accrued, there was such party capable of suing limitations do not begin to run against a party comes into being. Hence, if war had existed at the time the cause of action accrued, limitations would not have begun to run against plaintiff's claim until the war ended.

On the 5th of September, 1861, this court decided that the President of the United States had the right by proclamation to recognize the existence of a state of war; and that the war, from and after the date of such proclamation, existed between the States mentioned in the proclamation and the rest of the United States. Also, that the late war, when so declared and recognized by the President's proclamation, became a civil war, and imposed upon both belligerents all the rights and consequences of such a war. This was one of the earliest decisions in regard to questions of this kind, the principles then enunciated have since been fully confirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States in the prize cases—2 Black, 635.

The justices of that court were unanimous as to all the consequences which resulted from a state of civil war; but the three dissenting judges were of opinion that the war began only after the proclamation of the President of August 16, 1861, passed in pursuance of power conferred by the act of July 13, 1861.

As regards the State of Tennessee, there can be no doubt that war existed in consequence of the proclamation of the President of August 16, 1861, and therefore, as that State was not included in the previous proclamations.

It is a well-settled principle that contracts made before the war are not annulled by the war, whereas contracts made during the war are void. This principle is fully recognized by the Supreme Court in regard to our late civil war.

In ancient times private property of alien enemies, and debts of every kind, were confiscated to the State.

Happily all this has been changed in modern times, and now, while contracts made during war between alien enemies are absolutely void, being against public policy, private interests are protected and *bona fide* contracts made before the breaking out of a war are suspended during its existence, but revive at its termination. To the honor of the United States and Great Britain be it said that these rights have always been respected by them.

It had been repeatedly decided by both State and Federal courts that sphere, by a legislative enactment, parties are prevented from prosecuting their claims, the interval during which such prevention may last is not to be counted as part of the time allowed by the statute of limitations. Now, the power to make war and peace is, by the Constitution of the United States, delegated exclusively to the Federal Government, and, as, during the war, the plaintiff, being a corporation of the State of Tennessee, had no right to bring suit against the defendant, who was a citizen of Maryland. The Maryland statute of limitations was suspended during such period. The general rule unquestionably is, that where the statute of limitations has begun to run, no subsequent disability will arrest it.

But we have already seen that a legislative enactment suspended the running of the statute, and the same result follows from the declaration of war by the supreme power of the land. For it is a well recognized principle of the law of nations that the right of a creditor to sue for the recovery of his debt is not extinguished by the war, it is only suspended during the war, and revives in full force on the restoration of peace.

A war, then, having certainly existed between Tennessee and the Federal Government, from the President's proclamation of August 16, 1861, and which, although a civil war, yet, according to the decision of the Supreme Courts in the prize cases, carried with it all the consequences and disabilities of a public war, it follows, therefore, that the plaintiff could not have instituted no proceedings in this court until peace was proclaimed by the President's proclamation of June 13, 1865.

This suspension being by the exercise of the paramount authority of the government, cannot be held to work a forfeiture of the plaintiff's cause of action, but that the statute was suspended by the war, revived when it ceased. And as it has not been three years from the maturity of the cause of action to the commencement of the suit in October, 1866, or from the war to the commencement of the suit, the suit is not barred by limitations, and the demurrer is therefore overruled.

The case being sent by agreement, submitted to the court, judgment was given for the full amount of the plaintiff's claim, together with interest from the 26th of April, 1861, to the 16th of August, 1861, and from the 13th of June, 1865, to date; no interest being allowed for the time during which the war lasted.

THE TAX ON COTTON.—A powerful Southern interest is at work in this matter at present, with a view of working up a public sentiment in favor of Congress repealing the tax on cotton. The Chamber of Commerce are to have a special meeting on Thursday, to receive a report from the special committee they appointed some time since to consider the expediency of forwarding a memorial to Washington on the subject. It is understood that several M C's will be present. It is claimed that the Secretary of the Treasury is in favor of the speedy abrogation of the tax.—*Cor. Phila. Ledger.*

Important from Mexico—Maximilian Still at Orizaba—The Capture of Jalapa by the Liberal Forces—Opinions of the Mexican People.

[From Last Evening's Times.]

The steamship Alliance, Captain George Staples, arrived at this port from Vera Cruz this morning. She brings Mexican dates to the 25th instant.

Maximilian was still at Orizaba. Our correspondent informs us that he has been residing as that place for the last three weeks, but only as a private gentleman, and not exercising any of the functions of office.

Marshal Bazaine is at the City of Mexico. The French now hold that place, Puebla, Orizava and Vera Cruz, using Cordova as an outpost, while they are fortifying Orizava, an impregnable stronghold, and also using Pasodel Macho as an outpost for Vera Cruz. They hold no other positions in Mexico.

It is rumored that the Church party have offered to raise six millions of dollars if Maximilian will consent to remain.

There was a report at Vera Cruz that Maximilian's baggage had arrived at that port, and that he was expected to follow in a few days, but it lacked confirmation. On the contrary our correspondent says there is very little doubt among those best informed in Mexican affairs, that Maximilian has made up his mind to remain, and that he was influenced in forming this determination by information recently received, the purport of which has not yet transpired.

Our correspondent is positive in stating that an American protestorate by the United States Government would be hailed by the people of Mexico as the commencement of better days. So great has become their belief in its efficacy, that they regard it as the only solution of their difficulties.

On Tuesday, the 6th of November, the Liberal army moved in large and overwhelming force upon Jalapa, which was strongly fortified and garrisoned by Imperial, Mexican and Austrian troops. The cannonading continued for several days at intervals. The Mexican Imperial troops deserted to the Liberal army, and the Imperial troops were driven to the Cathedral, where they were cut off from supplies of food and water.

The cannonading was distinctly heard for over fifty miles.

The final attack upon the city was made upon the 15th inst., by *la brigade Ascensio*, that is, making holes through the walls of the houses, three or four feet thick, passing across the streets to each new block of houses, with shouts of *Viva la Republica*, when the Imperial forces surrendered as prisoners of war and were so respected.

On the 17th, Col Dupan and 1000 troops arrived at San Bartolomeo, en route to Jalapa, but hearing of the surrender, returned to Paso del Macho and Orizava.

There were some Americans engaged in the attack on Jalapa. The total losses are estimated from thirty to fifty in the Liberal army.

The Alliance brought dispatches for the French and American Consuls at this port, but their contents are unknown.

The Manhattan, from New York, having to ride three days quarantine at Havana, had not arrived at Vera Cruz on the 24th.

Andrew Brockman, one of the victims of the Indian massacre at New Idaho Mountain, in 1863, has arrived at St. Louis. He experienced the most terrible fate. His wife and four children murdered, and was then horribly mutilated; his tongue cut out, hamstring severed, his fingers cut off, his scalp stripped, his scalp torn reeking from his head, which had previously been perforated with three bullets; but despite these wounds the unfortunate man survived, and was carried to Salt Lake City, where he remained in hospital for three years.

ASSAULTS.

VARIETIES THEATRE.—Last evening "Leah" was presented with every requisite attention to scenery, costume and accessories, to a house that was not more select than appreciative. The fact is, this play has never been produced to unmoved audiences, and the success of the new version was no exception to the experience of its older self. *Leah*, in her new garb—and with words which, although embodying the same despair, she has not been accustomed to utter on the American stage—still centres within herself the sympathy and pity of the spectator.

As "Leah" is likely to run through several representations, we may have a more particular notice to give of it. For the present, we will only say that the cast is notably excellent. Mrs. Chanfrau as the *Forsakes*—Mrs. Nellie Taylor as *Old Elias*—Mr. Carden as the *Schoolmaster*—Mr. Bradley as *Father Lorent*;—Mr. Davenport as *Herman*—Mr. Fiske in the laughable character of the *Barber*, and Mr. Parsloe as *Jacob*, offered a reasonable guarantee that both the pathetic and the lively passages will be rendered with effect.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Zoe takes her benefit to-night. The romantic and musical drama of "Massaniello" is what she offers as a *quid pro quo* for the patronage of her admirers "Massaniello" is one of the best plays of its class, and abounds in dashing music and beaty dramatic action. Zoe deserves a crowded house. She is one of the most supple pantomimists we know of, and her "dumb show" has a fair infusion of originality about it.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—It must not be forgotten that this is the night fixed for the benefit of the Hanlon Brothers—confessedly the first acrobats on the continent. A number of new and startling feats is promised. Among these, we notice a feat, never before attempted, we believe, by other performers—a double *backward* somersault by Edward, from Thomas Hanlon's shoulders to the ground, he alighting on his feet. The double *forward* somersault has often been done, but that announced by the Hanlons to night stands alone in this category of acrobatic triumphs.

Besides the main performance, an agreeable incident of the entertainment will be the distribution, to the audience, of one thousand *cartes de visite* of the Brothers. We have our own opinion, by the way, of the sufficiency of this number. The Hanlon benefit should and must be a fouser.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Further Awards of Premiums at the Fair.

FINE ARTS.

Water colors—Mrs. H. Lawrence, New Orleans.

Copperplate engraving—Jno. Douglass, New Orleans.

Lithography—J. Boehler, New Orleans.

Lithography in color—J. Hanlon, Phila.

Porcelain painting—Reichman, New Orleans.

Crayon drawing—H. Persac, New Orleans.

Pastele drawing—Pauline Conlon, New Orleans.

Colored crayon drawing—Louise Cornay, New Orleans.

Head figures—Mrs. Lawrence, New Orleans.

Gilding on glass—J. A. Belknap, New Orleans.

Drawings with pen—George Soule, New Orleans, and Alice Moss, New Orleans, recommended.

Architectural drawing—James Freret, New Orleans.

Penmanship—W. Small, 15 years of age, 40 to Chas. Heiting, 14 years, and A. T. Sullivan, recommended.

Model of ship—Alexander Hill, New Orleans.

Musical engravings—Mrs. Wehrman, New Orleans.

Paper designs—Miss Mollie Keener, of Mobile.

Model steam propeller—H. Benyson, New Orleans.

Gold watch movement—H. Gessler, New Orleans.

Animal painting in oil—E. F. Nichols, New Orleans.

Cabinet head in oil—R. Clague, New Orleans.

Head, life size, in oil—R. Goimshwinde, New Orleans.

Composition in oil—F. Bernard, New Orleans.

Landscape in water colors—E. Persac, New Orleans.

Composition in water colors—R. Persac, New Orleans.

The Chevaret at the Mechanics' Institute—The concert and musical soiree given by the Society *St. Cecile*, at the Mechanics' Institute, Wednesday evening, was finely attended notwithstanding the rain, and proved highly entertaining. There were about a dozen lady performers, all of whom acquitted themselves so well that we will not select any names for mention. The gentlemen assistants also acquitted themselves handsomely. The air from *Il Trovatore* was one of the gems of the entertainment. The instrumental music was capital.

Benefits.—Mrs. Chanfrau had a capital benefit at the Varieties last night. The charming Zoe takes hers at the St. Charles this evening, and the wonderful Hanlons theirs at the Academy, also, to-night.

Thanksgiving Day.—Yesterday being set apart as a day of Thanksgiving, but little business was engaged in in consequence. There were the usual ceremonies in the Churches.

Larceny of Mantes.—Washington Spellman, colored, was arrested yesterday, charged with stealing two dozen knives from E. Finnegan & Co.

Drowned.—The Coroner was notified yesterday evening, that an unknown white boy, about twelve years old, had been found drowned in the Mississippi River. The inquest had not been commenced last evening.

Alleged Arson.—Geo. Acoty has been arrested, charged with arson, in an attempt to burn the steam tug Spy. Warranted at $500 bail. Proceedings for the examination have not been made known.

Police Rules.—Orders have been given by the Chief of Police for all the police of the city to assemble at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and proceed to the Place d'Armes for the purpose of a general review and inspection at 3 o'clock. The police by the way present a decidedly military aspect in their new uniform.

Recorder Letten's Court.—The case of one Jules, colored, charged with cutting Levi Jefferson, colored, was continued.

Important from Washington.

[Special to Chicago Times.]

Washington, Nov. 25.—About the middle of October the French Minister of State addressed this government, proposing a change in the programme agreed on in June last between the American Minister and Baron De Ilhys De Miramon, Instead of removing them in detachments, according to the original understanding made in June, and hoped that there would not delay in the withdrawal of the first detachment during the present month. On Monday last the Marquis De Montholon communicated to Mr Seward a dispatch from his government, instructing him that Napoleon desired more time for a general evacuation, and proposing to defer it for four months. The president, after due consideration with the cabinet, directed Mr Seward to reply to the French Minister, that the government saw no good reason for accepting any change, but intimating on the contrary that the terms announced by Mr. Bigelow on June 6 last being fully carried out. These terms were promulgated officially by the French Minister at that time, and were accepted without modification by this government. This construction was communicated to day to the marquis. The government has no official information that a part of the detachment of French troops did sail from Western Mexico about the 1st of October, but believes, if they have, that some reasonable excuses, after careful inquiry, will be found to be correct.

HORRIBLE DEATH.—On the 10th inst, Mr. H. E. Inman, of Grappe's Bluff, about 20 miles from this place, when on a deer hunting straight, met with accidental killing. He was shot in the head, which had previously been perforated with three bullets; but despite these wounds the unfortunate man survived, and was carried to Salt Lake City, where he remained in hospital for three years.

Mr. Oner Isaacs surrendered voluntarily to the authorities and after examination was discharged.—*Natchitoches Times*, 14.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, Nov. 29, 1866.

The general market has evinced very little activity, the movement being restricted by the fact that several of the business houses were closed on account of its being Thanksgiving day. Sugar and Molasses have been quiet but firm, and Western Produce has exhibited about the usual vitality; while operations in the leading staples have disclosed only moderate animation, the sales at the close comprising only 1,500 bales at prices indicating a softening tendency.

The movement in the Coin market has been of a trifling character throughout the day—Gold opened this morning at 141¾ against 141¾ to 142, the latter rate last evening, and nothing transpiring to stimulate the demand, it closed at about 141¾ to 142. The Board of Brokers held only one session to-day, at which $2000 sold at 141¾. To-day's supply, reported included $21,000 (1000 and 20,000) at 141¾, and $2000 at 141¾. Nothing has been reported in Silver.

Foreign Exchange has exhibited little movement. The Banks being closed at an early hour there was little opportunity afforded to effect negotiations. The only sales of Sterling reported, was £2000 At at 151¾. The same rates were refused for other bills of a like character. To Paris we notice the sale of 15,000 Al commercial at 5.70. The business has been too limited to admit of regular quotations, which we accordingly omit.

There was nothing of moment done in Domestic Exchange. The Banks checked on New York in the early part of the day, for some $200 at par, and $1 35 for $100, per cent discount. The offerings of Commercial were lightish, and the only sale reported was $10,000 New York sight at ¼ per cent discount.

In Stocks we noticed sales at the Board of 50 shares Bank of New Orleans at $41, and 25 Citizens' Bank at $155 50. Outdoors, 300 shares Louisiana State Bank sold at $34. City Bonds were quiet, and the only transaction reported in Uncurrent Money was $500 State Treasury notes at 96c per dollar.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
Thursday Evening, Nov. 29, 1866.

COTTON—The movement to day has been of a restricted character, many of the principal houses having closed in honor of its being Thanksgiving day. Those factors, who uncovered their samples, appeared anxious to sell, and even generally disposed to submit to concessions, while the inquiry on the part of buyers was chiefly confined to those who had unexecuted orders to fill, the majority holding aloof in anticipation of further depression. Under these circumstances the rates were confined to 1500 bales, twelve hundred of which were sold between the States of ordinary 27 to 28c, Good Ordinary 30 to 31, Low Middling 32 to 33, and Middling 34 to 35c.

The receipts since our review of yesterday comprise 144 bales Sugar, 926 bbls and 25 half bbls Molasses, per boat by the Opelousas Railroad, but mostly from the upper coast. The market has exhibited no material change to-day. There was a better and more general demand, both for Sugar and Molasses, and prices for the former are stiffer, while those for the better descriptions of