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NEW ORLEANS:
FRIDAY MORNING, JAN 10, 1868.

THE CAUCASIAN.—Attention is called to the opening of a saloon hereafter to be known as the "Caucasian," to prevent all misunderstanding as to the principles of its proprietors, on account of its contiguity to an establishment not altogether "Caucasian." Mr. Auguste Mannessier, of No. 13 Dryades street, announces in our advertising columns his partnership with Mr. Giuseppe Bottero.

ROBINSON'S CIRCUS.—We are requested to announce that the "Circus," now at the corner of Orleans and Bourbon streets, will be removed to-day, and opened for visitors at Tivoli Circle at noon, (matinée performance,) and in the evening till further notice at the same place.

LAW FIRM.—Elsewhere in our columns will be found the card of Messrs. Bush & Goode, attorneys-at-law, who are personally known to us as gentlemen of fine acquirements in their profession, which they will practice in all the courts in the State, including the United States Courts sitting in New Orleans, the Supreme Court of Louisiana, and the District Courts in this and the adjoining parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne, St. Mary, and St. Martin. Parties driven to the desperate expedient of the law these hard times, can rely upon this firm as that of men thoroughly conversant with all its details, and devoted to the interests of their clients. Colonel Bush has his office in this city, at No. 92 Camp street, over Grenham's bookstore, and his partner, Mr. Goode, in Thibodaux, parish of Lafourche.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—The opera of "Faust," after the unprecedented success which has attended its presentation, will be performed to-morrow (Saturday) night, for the last time, to make way for other novelties. Next week we are promised "The Huguenots." The artists in "Faust" have all added immensely to their reputations and given promise of achieving still further successes. Miss Lambelé, particularly, has satisfied her admirers of her capacity and the versatility of her talents and her high training. And Mr. Van Zuffen would have established his fame, in the rôle of *Mephistopheles*, which he personates in so artistic a manner, if that had not already been conceded to him.

MR EDWIN FORREST.—We see this gentleman has arrived in the city and is announced to perform for a limited number of nights in his favorite characters at the St. Charles Theatre. We have no doubt he will crowd the house. Mr. Forrest is one of the few "star" actors, and in his line, to the extent of his capacity, a careful and studious interpreter of the authors whose works he undertakes to illustrate. He excels most in those characters requiring the exercise of great physical power, such as, "Othello," "Richelieu," "Virginius," "Richard the Third," and others of a like stamp.

Gen. Hancock and family and a party of some forty invited guests, ladies and gentlemen, made an excursion up the river Wednesday, on the fine steamship Harlan, of the Morgan line, which steamer had been kindly tendered to the General for the occasion by Messrs. Whitney & Co., agents of the Morgan line. The party were entertained in superb style in a lunch at the plantation of W. A. Freret, Esq., where they embarked to witness the process of making sugar. There were, of course, the gay revelries of music, and the dance aboard the fine steamer and the occasion, we are informed, was a delightful one generally.

Among the party were Generals Bragg and Steadman, Messrs. Rozier, Eccleston, Zacharie, Sam'l Smith, Thos. A. Adams, Jos. A. Kennett, Alexander Brother, Collector Kellogg, Capts. Young and Chandler, U. S. Navy, Cols. Wilson and Hancock, and Capts. Cox and McGonigle, and others.

Hon. Joshua Baker has been duly inaugurated Governor of Louisiana, the oath of office being administered by Justice Illsley, of the Supreme Court of the State.

We publish below a remarkable letter addressed by Gen Hancock to Hon. John Hancock, Austin, Texas, which we need not recommend to the special attention of our readers as setting forth a further elucidation of the policy by which General Hancock is guided as Civil Commander under the Reconstruction Laws. We shall, probably in our next issue, review with some particularity a declaration of so much importance to the citizens of Louisiana and Texas, who have been prevented from registering and voting under the Reconstruction Laws:

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT,
Office of Secretary for Civil Affairs,
New Orleans, La., Dec. 28, 1867.

Hon. John Hancock, Austin, Texas:

SIR—I am directed by the Major General Commanding to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-third inst., in which you state:

1st.—That the Boards of Registers, in the State of Texas, hold it to be no disqualification for Registration to have acted, at any time, as overseer of a public road, to have acted as a deputy, or performed any duty or labor, though not under oath, for any public officer, such acts as mentioned among those enumerated in certain instructions under which the Boards of Registration in that State acted, of which instructions you give a copy;

2d—That "some who were not reached by those instructions" "were rejected "because they had volunteered in the Confederate service."

3d.—That immigrants to Texas, from other States, engaged in the Rebellion, as a class, have been excluded from Registration;

4th.—That "the Freed People have been registered with little regard to age, some being known to be under twenty one years of age; and many being known to have been registered who were, only seventeen, eighteen and nineteen years of age."

And you then call the attention of the Commander of the Fifth Military District to your statements, with a view to his taking some action with respect to them.

Without expressing an opinion as to the particular questions raised in your letter, I am directed by the Major General Commanding to state:

First—That no Board of Registers could admit to Registration, under the Acts of Congress, any person who did not take the oath prescribed in Section 5 First, of the Act passed on the Twenty-third day of March, 1867.

Second—That the Act of Congress of July Twenty-third, 1867, declares that the oath required by the First Section of the Act of the Twenty-third of March, 1867, "shall not be conclusive on such question," and that no person should be "kept from the polls, and decided that he was entitled to be so," and gave special power to said Boards "to examine under oath, &c., any one touching the qualification of any person claiming registration," &c. *See Sec. 5, of the Act of July 23, 1867.*

Third.—That the same Act, in Section Sixth, also declares that the term "Executive or Judicial officer in any State" in said oath mentioned, shall be construed to include all civil officers created by law for the administration of any general law of such State, for the administration of justice; so that overseers of roads are undoubtedly officers in the sense of the act.

It follows, then, necessarily, from these Acts, that the Registrars, who are appointed for Registration had taken the oath prescribed, were at liberty, first, to examine any one, under oath, touching the truth of the facts in the application for Registration, &c., and, second, to decide upon the evidence before them upon the applicants right to Registration.

The mode of proceeding for the Registration of those entitled to vote, as detailed by you, was in conformity to the directions of the different Acts of Congress. The Major General Commander cannot therefore set the Registration aside. Nor can, without violation of the principles hitherto recognized as binding in the management of all public affairs, be legalized on to take any action as to the Registration of Voters, made in Texas, on the suggestion of errors in judgment having been committed on the part of Boards of Registrars, in the discharge of the duties imposed on them, no matter how numerous those errors may have been.

The different Boards of Registrars were bodies having limited judicial powers; and their decisions are final in all cases within their jurisdiction, like those of ordinary courts, unless there are appeals taken from their decisions, in individual cases, with a view to their revision by competent superior authority. Although there may have been great abuses in the Registration of Voters, both in Texas and Louisiana, under the Acts in question, they are beyond the reach of correction from the exercise of any authority vested in the Commander of the District.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Official: W. G. MITCHELL,
Bvt. Lieut. Col. U. S. Army, Secretary for Civil Affairs.

RIOT IN TEXAS.—General Hancock has received the following dispatch:

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Jan. 6, 1868.

T. Colonel Metcalf, Assistant Adjutant General, New Orleans:

Serious disturbance at Marshall, Texas. Sheriff, his deputy and other civil officers assaulted the rioters. Post Commander Lieut. Hawley reports no action on the part of the civil authorities, and requests to be sustained in holding rioters in mail any arrest until full report can be made. I have authorized him to hold them. Letter on the subject mailed to you this date.

J. J. REYNOLDS,
Brevet Major General U. S. A.

General Hancock has ordered the rioters to be turned over to the civil authorities.

Found Dead.—J. B. Kauze, who keeps a grocery at the corner of St. Peter and Marais streets, reports that a man named Charles Morgan or Blossom, who occupied one of his rooms, was found dead in it, yesterday. It is suspected the man committed suicide.

The New Orleans Bee.

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THE CONVENTION TAX-ACTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

The curiosity has been gratified, which was expressed by us a week ago, to see what would be the action of the Auditor of the State, respecting the ordinance of the "Dryades Street Convention," which assumed to direct aim to issue instructions to the tax collectors of Louisiana, to collect "the one mill tax" the Convention had imposed upon all the property in the State, for the purpose of paying their expenses. The Auditor has undertaken to issue officially instructions to the tax collectors to collect this tax, and thus has recognized so far as his action can recognize it, the legality of this bastard body and the binding force of its ordinances and resolutions. We confess ourselves at a loss to account for this action of Mr. Peralta, except upon the hypothesis that it considers the Convention to be a legal assembly, representing the people of this State, and that it is his duty to execute its orders. If that be his belief we have no hesitation in saying that he was not elected by the people of this State to do any such thing or to commit them to the recognition and support of such a heterogeneous and illegal assembly as the one in question, and to betray the interests of his constituents as he has done in this very ill advised proceeding. He might, if he had chosen, in his individual capacity, have forwarded to each of the tax collectors a copy of the ordinance referred to, without undertaking to instruct them officially as to what action they should take upon it, which would have thrown the responsibility of collecting the tax upon each officer, where we think it properly belongs; and we are free to say that in that event the duty of each officer would have been to treat his communication with silent contempt, and, the disposition of many of them, we believe, would have been to *throw it in the fire*, if, indeed, duty did not require such action as a curiosity for the inspection of their children in after times. We can only suppose that Mr. Peralta has determined to throw the weight of his official influence, such as it is, in favor of the Radical party and the Reconstruction laws, for he had no right and it was not his duty to instruct the Tax Collectors of the State to collect this tax. His action will be viewed by the people of Louisiana, each for himself and himself an ally of this Convention, engaged in aiding them to degrade the real citizens of our common wealth to an equality with the servile part of its population. How Mr. Peralta is to justify his conduct in this matter we know not. If he desires to transfer his allegiance from those to whom he is indebted for his present position to his new allies, his former friends and supporters can probably spare him from their ranks, and wish him joy in the performance of the disgusting work his dusky associates require him to execute, but he must expect in so doing to forfeit the esteem of all good citizens. Mr. Peralta cannot but know that some of the most constitutional lawyers in America have denounced these Reconstruction laws as void enactments, and that there is nothing in his duties of Auditor of the State, nothing in the statutes defining the duties of the Auditor of the State, which require him to recognize the legality and binding force of the ordinance under which he is acting; he must know that officers of the other Southern States have met this question on the threshold, and refused to have anything to do with these fraudulent Conventions. So far as we know he alone enjoys the inglorious distinction of setting an example of obedience to the orders of such preposterous assemblies, in which we trust he will not be followed by the Treasurer of the State—Mr. Adam Giffen—nor by any of the Tax Collectors. If the published reports of the Convention be correct, we are threatened, by a prominent member of it, that the tax will be collected "at the point of the bayonet" if the people manifest a disposition to resist its payment. Does the Auditor of the State propose to associate his office and functions with the bayonet in levying an exaction of this kind upon those who elected him?

The same delegate who makes this threat, and who is a lawyer by profession and of some experience, is also reported to have embodied, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Convention, in a final report, the opinion that "practically speaking, the Convention cannot carry out the ordinance levying the mill tax, because the Courts of the State would enjoin its collection." And he is further reported to have uttered, as his, the opinion, in the presence of the Convention, that it was sitting by virtue of laws that had been enacted by Congress in derogation of the Constitution.

This is probably the opinion of the legal profession generally, and yet the Auditor of the State, with all this evidence and all these opinions before him, proceeds to execute an ordinance passed by a body thus illegally assembled, as if such ordinance were legal and one he was compelled to execute, (which we deny,) even if there had been nothing objectionable in the ordinance itself. The effect of the Auditor's action is mischievous, and may necessitate proceedings expensive and troublesome, which might have been avoided had he declined performing this service

Officers in the interior of the State look to the example of the higher officials at the seat of Government, as a guide for their action in such matters as this, although entirely independent of any orders the latter may issue and personally responsible under the laws creating the offices they hold and defining the duties they are to perform. And in this connection we see that our spirited and sagacious contemporary, the Baton Rouge *Advocate*, in the issue of the 6th instant, that "the course of the tax-payers in New Orleans, who will be the first to bear the brunt, will be followed by the people in the country parishes." This subject forcibly suggests the necessity for organization and concert of action among the Conservatives of New Orleans, not only respecting this Convention tax, but in the devising of measures looking to the defeat of the bastard Constitution which this Radical Convention is about to attempt to foist upon the people of the State. Such an organization should not be delayed one day, but be perfected at once, so that correspondence with our friends in the country parishes may be commenced and the necessary preparations be under way, before the vote upon the Constitution shall be taken.

COMPLIMENT TO PRESIDENT, JOHNSON.—The New York *Citizen*, which is edited by Charles G. Halpine, Esq., otherwise more widely known as Miles O'Reilly, pays the following characteristic tribute to President Johnson:

The Radicals all think that President Johnson is politically dead; and that he ought to be killed and buried. They demand this, even if abuse could kill, is morally certain. But abuse beyond a certain point, or when its allegations on public and well known facts are in direct contact with enormous power and to become a source of strength; and this strength, as we believe, the Radicals have conferred on President Johnson by their unmitigated lies and heinous charges against him, in the first place, and by the utter fiasco and fiasco of their attempt at impeachment in the second.

It must be confessed of President Johnson that he has fought a long fight with immense tenacity and courage; that he has faced Congress in the political ring for the past two years, and taken his punishment like a little man; that he never gave way, never threw up the sponge, never dodged a blow, and that, in short, he never let them get his official head into chancery; and finally, at the end of the fight, that we find Congress and the people of the country in breath, Mr. Johnson, our Presidential athlete still comes up, fresh as a nosegay and smiling as a basket of chips, for every new tussle that the Radicals may feel tempted to try with him.

DELENDA EST CARTHAGO.—Yes; away it goes, this African empire which the Radical politicians would feign erect upon the ruins of the republic of the United States. Such is the hope of Thad. Stevens of playing Æneas to the Dido of Harriet Beecher Stowe or Elizabeth Cady Stanton, for the sake of their sympathies and applause in the dust. Unlike the temple of the ancient Philistines it required no Samson to put his shoulder to the pillar and involve himself in its ruin to destroy it. The parti colored temple of the Radicals was erected upon five columns, and the mighty toe of Andrew Johnson's boot has proved all sufficient to kick four of them from under. One column remains, and the toe has been withheld from it only because it is apparent that it will help to pull down the temple for which it was a government. Let it fall in this, and it also will follow the rest. There is magic in that Presidential chair. It made even Lincoln powerful. Andrew Johnson is no less, but the only symbols of his influence on occasion. With his breath made he Sickles, Sheridan, Ord, and Pope, and with his breath has he destroyed them. When some hussah for Lancaster, and some say "Long live York" a wise man is he who cries "God save the King!" The only sensibility man is Andrew Johnson, and the white men of America can swear by him, for from his mouth has gone forth the fiat "*Delenda est Carthago!*"—*Charleston Mercury.*

IMMIGRANTS—THEY BEGIN TO COME.—The Richmond *Dispatch* says: "General Imboden, Domestic and State Agent of Immigration, having established an office in New York, under charge of Colonel Page, his partner, and secured a booth at Castle Garden, commenced operations a few days ago. Applications for labor, and orders for able-bodied men; and the Niagara, which arrived last night, brought a number of both sexes to fill the orders for the week. Companies in Richmond, Henrico, Chesterfield, Prince George, Augusta and Albemarle. We understand orders are coming in very rapidly from the country; and from the magnitude of business in the North, the New York partner in this enterprise, Colonel Page, writes that he can fill orders to the numbers of thousands with first-rate men and women at very reasonable rates of wages.

"The parties who have inaugurated this enterprise here have established direct official relations with the New York Board of Immigration, thus affording an opportunity to every family to get rid of the heinous negroes, and obtain good white laborers at little if any more cost."—*Lynchburg Virginian, 1st.*

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The State Fair—Third Day.—Yesterday morning the weather was clear but very cold, a chill northerly wind rising after sunrise, and continuing until after sunset. That made the day somewhat disagreeable, and, again, many refrained from visiting the Fair Grounds who would have done so had the weather been warm and pleasant. Still there was an increase in the number of visitors over that of the day previous, and we noticed a greater number of strangers. In walking around the grounds, and through the various buildings, we notice a marked improvement from day to day. More live stock has arrived; the department of Louisiana products, cotton, sugar, tobacco, &c., is gradually filling up; the machine department is beginning to assume a business appearance, workmen having been engaged constantly in putting up shafting for running cotton gins and other improved machines which have been sent for exhibition. The central hall, devoted to fancy articles, pianos, musical instruments of various kinds, sewing machines and fine arts, continues to be the centre of interest, and particularly with the ladies. This is best, as arranged of all the halls. The next, devoted to furniture, wooden work, marbles and hothouse shrubbery is the best filled. A set of carved furniture on exhibition here is remarkably fine, the carved sideboard being very rich and costly. During the day a crowd was seen around the tables devoted to Honduras products and every visitor seemed particularly interested in the various specimens of wood grown in that country. Some very delicate shell work done by the Carib Indians, is worthy a place in the fine art gallery. It is to be regretted that no one exhibits the woods of Louisiana, as we have here many kinds that will compete favorably with those from Belize.

Some fruits raised in this city and parish have been added to the specimens in the last hall; and this, also, is gradually assuming a fine appearance. Exhibitors are tardy this year, and two or three days must yet elapse before the fruits are all in.

About the grounds there was nothing of particular interest to day, the cold wind keeping visitors within the tents or halls. Some thirty or forty prizes were awarded, a list of which will be given elsewhere.

The races late in the evening drew a large crowd to the stand and many ladies were present. The first race caused some excitement. The winner, *Ocean Maid*, distancing her two competitors, a protest was entered on the ground that she had previously trotted a mile in 2:35. Some of the outside bets were paid; others were held until the decision of the judges was rendered, the protest being instructed to present his proofs before the termination of the fair. The distanced horses, a sorrel and a gray, continued the race, Dunbar winning in two straight heats, time 2:47¼. The second race was a pacing match between *Jack of Clubs* and *Tom Patton*, the former distancing the competition in the first heat, reaching the judges' stand time of 3:24. *Jack of Clubs* being the favorite from the street, but little money changed hands, only a few bets being taken at considerable odds.

Altogether, the day showedan increased interest in the Fair, which, taking the weather into consideration, gives promise of better times during the remaining days of the exhibition. As the various articles are amazed we shall endeavor to speak of them in detail.

City Tax Suits Questioned—Grave Results Involved.—The general rule governing jurisdiction of the District and Justices Courts in this State is that the jurisdiction of the latter is but a former is limited outside of questions of law to controversies involving sums of one hundred dollars; that of Justices Courts ending where that of District Courts begins. But the Legislature of 1858-9 passed an act giving the District Courts jurisdiction in all tax suits, whatever the amount in question may be, and consequently, have been confined since that time to those courts, till latterly the new Assistant City Attorney, Judge Heistand has thought proper to violate the law, or, at all events, the customs prevailing since 1859, by bringing these suits in the Justices' Courts of New Orleans.

Consequently, as a test of the loyalty of his action, the clerks of one or two of the District Courts have mandamused him with the object of forcing him to withdraw his suits as heretofore and in accordance with the law of 1858-9 in their courts. Judge H. pleads that the law was unconstitutional in taking suits of any kind or amounts under $100 from Justices of the Peace, and that a law of 1864 gives him the right to bring the suits in the Justices Courts where the amount is under $100. The Judges of the District Courts contend that the law of 1864 applies only to suits to recover taxes paid to the city and not to suits by the city for taxes to be collected. Following out this idea, citizens have already commenced applying to the courts for annulment of judgments for taxes against them, on the plea of the Assistant City Attorney that the law under which such judgments were rendered is unconstitutional, not only in tax suits for amounts under $100, as contended by the Judges, but in suits for taxes to any amount, and this on the ground that a law which is unconstitutional in part is unconstitutional as a whole, and that, therefore, the section under which judgment is rendered in such a law were null and liable to be quashed. Thousands of such suits, running back for years in their operations, are likely to be the result of this action of the Assistant City Attorney if maintained by the Courts, and hundreds of thousands of dollars will be involved in the issue.

Attempt at Rape—Policeman McKenna and Sutherland were examined yesterday before Recorder Neville, charged with attempting to commit rape on Mary Wilson, white, the night of the 22d ult., in the house of Sally Ann Bell, colored, No. 251 Magazine street. McKenna was sent for trial before the First District Court. Sutherland was discharged, rather reluctantly, however, by the Recorder.

Another Charge—A. J. Crendly, who was arrested on a charge of attempting to steal a bank bow containing over $30,000, from the office of A. Cohen, No 55 Carondelet street, on last Thursday, was arraigned yesterday morning before Recorder Neville, on a second charge preferred by J. G Bienrenn, of having, on the 26th or 29th day of December, feloniously carried away from depositor's store, No. 144 Gaupp street, a bank box, of the firm of Messrs Kursheedt & Co., containing gold coin and city bonds and notes to the amount of $4,000, with intent to deprive the owners of the same. The case was continued, and the accused remanded.

The Aldermanic Investigation.

Official Corruption: Disclosures ad Nauseam.—Further investigation was made by the Special Committee of the City Council, last night, into the charges of official corruption preferred by Mr. F. Marquess against Street Commissioner Baker and his deputies, Brown and D'Homergue.

After considerable colloquy between the committee and counsel, generally deprecatory of the protracted nature of the investigation, the examination of witnesses commenced.

Francis Pénot, sworn—Owns the alley-way on Erato street, between the premises of Mr. Baker's, in common with Baker; was amazed at the small amount of the bill ($21) presented for his share of the expense of paving the alley-way, it was represented about $1,000; thought the work was done; witness had no intimation of this investigation till he saw it alluded to in the newspapers.

Cross-examination—The notice sent witness to pave the alley-way was marked "official business," and marked at bottom "settle with Mr. Baker;" can produce the document.

William Thompson, sworn—Had been in the employ of the Street Commissioner under Mr. Burgher; drew pay in his own name and the names of others; did not know that he ever worked with a gang of men, was paid off with them and does not know who signed for the pay. The Treasurer of the State can be answered to the names of himself and others; gave the latter's money to Burgher without their authorization; received money for another of the party once; knows that other hired workmen answered to different names; Crawley, Costello and Barry have answered for parties who were absent but named on the roll.

Cross Examined—Burgher took witness to Treasurer's office to draw the money of another man as well as his own; Burgher called on and the Treasurer for a name which proved to be a strange name to witness; none of the defendants told witness to do this; witness made no mark when he got the money for the man or for himself either; the receipt was signed beforehand by Burgher as foreman; the subpœna served on witness in this case was the first notification was served on him by a man whom witness recognizes as Marquez's foreman.

Jesse Brown, sworn—Was employed in Street Commissioner Department by Mr. John Nelson; had drawn pay for himself and others like the previous witness; drew in the name of Taylor one day, Maylard; Nelson told him to answer to that name; can't say whether or not this was during Baker's administration. Mr. Nelson paid the money was to pay for seed, etc.; furnished no bills for same, and he had devised that means to get his money back. [Mr. Nelson is a horticulturist and has a city contract.] Witness has worked for other people by Nelson's direction and was paid for his time by the city; worked on the place of Nelson's father on Bayou Ridge; was paid by the city for the work done.

Pat. O'Brien, sworn—Has worked on the place of Nelson's father—this while employed by the city—and was paid by the city.

Gen. Dennis Crouan, sworn—Has had paving contracts; worked in the business for years; knows that the city carts and employés used to hauling ballast to repair streets; has seen carts pointed out to him as city carts going to the City Workhouse, half loaded with ballast, within the last 20 days; his clerk, Engineer, Sam. Barchfield, has informed him that there was some brass lying around the Bienville Street Draining Machine; never sold one but any city official had stolen copper from the draining machine; the accused have nothing to do with the machine which has been turned over to the Board of Improvements of the city and lessupervised for the city by the Surveyor; the copper was stolen before witness' contract was made: Witness does not know who stole the copper; only knows that it was stolen or spirited away.

Judge Collens and Col. Field had some sharp sparring with each other, as to the progress of the investigation. Col. Field, making light of the matter, asked why there were not more witnesses—every man, for instance, employed on the Street Commissioner's Department—to account for every load of dirt that had been hauled during Baker's administration. He hinted that the matter of official corruption dated back behind the present city government, and instanced a case, without giving names, in which a party whom he had known as a Union man had gone over to the enemy for the purpose, the latter said, of "becoming a member of the City Council in order to make a living." "What an idea," the speaker observed, "seeking an office without salary or official perquisites as a means of livelihood!"

The investigation was continued till half past 5 o'clock Saturday evening.

APPOINTMENT.—Upon the recommendation of His Excellency, Governor Baker, George W. Compton is hereby appointed Sheriff of the parish of Rapides, La., vice A. J. Spiller, resigned. Upon accepting this appointment he will file at these Headquarters a copy of the oath prescribed by law.

By command of Major General HANCOCK.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

Resolution of Mr. Morton.

Appointments Rejected by the Senate.

Indiana and Ohio Democratic Conventions.

Riot at Pulaski, Tennessee.

Mob at Marshall, Texas.

Foreign and Domestic Markets.

Miscellaneous Intelligence.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Senate rejected Edmund Cooper, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and L. D. Evans, Collector of the Fourth District of Texas.

The Government paid Pierpont $5000 and Riddle $3000 for prosecuting Surratt.

Internal Revenue receipts to day $234,000.

Oscar Minor was confirmed as Collector for the District of Texas.

Washington, Jan. 9—SENATE.—A memorial was presented asking an appropriation for the relief of the freedmen of Columbia, also, asking for female suffrage in the District.

Also, one from five thousand hand loom operatives, asking exemption from taxation.

The House bill to prevent fraud in the whisky revenue, with an amendment, strikes out the words in the bond making provisions apply to all whisky.

A petition from the Alabama Constitutional Convention, praying for the removal of Governor Patton for political disabilities.

Morton called up his resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to report a bill abrogating existing State Governments in the rebel States, and providing proper Governments in their stead.

Frelinghuysen moved to amend so as to make specific that the bill discretionary with the Judiciary Committee.

Morton desired to test the sense of the Senate directly upon the question. It was high time that Congress should define its position in terms not to be misunderstood on this subject. To do less than this would be unjust to the people.

London, Jan. 9—The *Times* says the English are still at Sena. No sickness. Natives continue friendly. The new Cabinet of Portugal favor the collection of Taxes.

London, Jan 9—Evening.—Consols unchanged; Bonds ¼ higher.

Paris, Jan. 9.—There is an improved feeling on the Bourse. Rentes are higher.

Liverpool, Jan. 9, evening.—Cotton—more doing, though prices have declined ⅛d; uplands 7¾d in port, to arrive, 6¾d. Sales to day 10,000 bales. Breadstuffs quiet. Provisions firmer.

[Previous Dispatches.]

New York, Jan 9.—Cable Summary.—Tunes and Ambas have elected opposition members to the Corps Legislatif.

The French Minister of Foreign Affairs has received dispatches from diplomatic agents saying that Napoleon's New Year speech is generally accepted as a pledge of peace.

Menabrea's ministry will have thirty-five majority in the Chamber of Deputies.

Rigault, editor of the *Irish Republican*, has been arrested for seditious publications.

The Emperor of China has appealed to the European powers for assistance to defend his throne.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—The Convention of Boys in Blue have nominated Grant for President.

Indianapolis, Jan. 9.—The Democratic State Convention has organized. James B. McDonald, chairman, in his address, endorses President Johnson. Every State in the county is represented.

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Attempt at Rape—Policeman McKenna and Sutherland were examined yesterday before Recorder Neville, charged with attempting to commit rape on Mary Wilson, white, the night of the 22d ult., in the house of Sally Ann Bell, colored, No. 251 Magazine street. McKenna was sent for trial before the First District Court. Sutherland was discharged, rather reluctantly, however, by the Recorder.

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In the south of Peru a serious engagement had occurred between the Government troops and the revolutionists, near Chelago, on the 11th ult. The fight was continued throughout the 12th, and was still going on when the steamer sailed.

New York, Jan. 9. Money easy; call loans 6, with fair demand. Prime paper not plenty—6 to 8. Sterling, weak at 9 for sixty days. Francs bankers' bills 9⅞. Gold 135¾. Stocks buoyant at the close with a general advance.

New York, Jan. 5.—Cotton dull and declining. Sales to day 1800 bales, middlings 16 to 16¾c, closing at 16. Flour—State $8 90 to $11. Southern $10 40 to $15. Wheat dull. Mixed Western Corn $1 38 to $1 39; white Southern $1 40 to $1 42. Oats dull. Pork, old, $27 50; dull; pentine 51½ to 52½c. Rosin $2 90 to $7. Freights firmer. Cotton 5-16 to ⅜c by sail and ⅜ to ½ by steam.

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