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SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 29, 1868.

DEMOCRATIC STATE AND PARISH NOMINATIONS.

Our readers will find in another column an account of the proceedings of a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee, held on Friday evening last, and a list of the nominations made by them for State, and parish and municipal officers of this city. The Committee explain in an address to the voters the motives of their action in thus assuming the responsibility of making these nominations, and we hope every voter will read carefully and ponder the recommendations of the Committee. A solemn duty is upon us that duty does not alone consist in voting for this or that man for a certain office. The first and paramount object in view is to vote down the infamous Constitution attempted to be erected over us, but in the event of being defeated in that, the Committee have decided and we are all in honor bound by their decision, that men who are not ready to surrender the supremacy of the white race, should, if possible, be placed in office who will administer these odious laws in a manner as favorable as is possible to the sentiments of the white people of the State. No doubt some of the names on this list are not such as should have offered them selves at this time, and would not have been the preference of many of the voters. It is impossible to deny that some of these local nominations have given great dissatisfaction, and we are not prepared to assert that the committee could not have manifested more wisdom in their selections. It was peculiarly an occasion for the choice of new men, men who are not confirmed office seekers, men whose fitness for the expediency of nominating each of the present incumbents of office as are on the list of the committee, because they have a decided interest in exerting themselves to defeat the Constitution. It is also to be regretted that the committee did not see fit to nominate those citizens who were appointed by Gen Hancock as Aldermen of this city, so much to the contentment of the tax-payers and people generally. The committee have nominated Gov. Baker—an appointee of Gen Hancock—for the Gubernatorial office. Why should they have followed the municipal appointments also? They were chosen for the special purpose of relieving the city from her financial difficulties, and were peculiarly suitable for nomination by the Democratic Committee because they are entirely free from any responsibility for the financial embarrassment of the city, and because their election would restore confidence in the municipal administration.

There does seem to be an inconsistency in voting the Constitution and in voting for office to administer it at the same time, but it is well known that we are merely choosing the lesser of two unavoidable evils, and that under duress.

The French Opera.

We publish to day on our French side a letter which has been addressed to the subscribers of the Theatre, by Mr. E. Calabrési, on the part of the management, in which he states that on account of the small attendance upon the performances during the present Lenten Season, and advantageous propositions having been made to them by the citizens of Galveston, they have contracted an engagement to give, in that city, during Passion Week, a series of lyric representations. The Directors propose, after the return of the troupe, to make up to the subscribers before the close of the season, the four performances which they will thus owe to them. The Company leave to-day and expect to return on Wednesday, the 9th of April. In the meantime the Theatre will be closed, except for the dramatic performances of this and next Sunday, and will be re-opened on Monday the 13th of April, when the opera of "La Africaine" will probably be produced.

THE SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE SOCIETY.—We have received the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Society, for the year 1867, from which we learn that it is in full operation in all its functions, having scattered during the past year eleven thousand copies of the scriptures over the field covered by the labors of its agents, including gratuitous distribution to individuals and liberal donations to Sunday Schools, white and colored. The Report further states that two thousand two hundred volumes of the Scriptures have been distributed in various languages in this city during the year, among private families and in the public institutions which have been thoroughly explored and supplied. The total value in money of this distribution amounts to $——. Mr. Joseph A. Maybin is the President of the Society, Mr. W. M. Perkins, Treasurer, Mr. Geo. W. Kidd, Corresponding Secretary, and Mr. H. V. Ogden, Recording Secretary. General Agent, Rev. J. E. C. Doremus, D. D. 15 Bible House, 163 Camp street, New Orleans.

The attention of Merchants and Planters is directed to advertisement of Mr. Mallard, who has just leave house of Slocomb, Baldwin & Co.

Their stock is as large as any similar one in the South, and as they are direct importers and sell for cash only, they can sell at prices to compare with the times.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement, in another column, of Mr. G. W. Lyman, 100 Camp street, where those in need of paints, oils, varnish, glues, etc., etc., will find an extensive and varied assortment to select from, and which he will sell at manufacturers' prices.

The steamship Bienville, Captain Baker, sails this morning, at 8 o'clock, for New York, via Havana, with a full freight and the following list of passengers:

For Havana—H Gaither and lady, S H Smith and lady, Mrs H M Dyer, F M Rankin, M S Bullis, C Acosta, J Mata, Mrs E Sentis, A Mayo.....For New York—Mrs Le Lody, J W A Lee and 2 steerage.

The steamship Gen Geo Cromwell, Capt Vaill, sailed last evening for New York direct, with a large freight and the following passengers:

Mrs C Dreux and child, Mrs L Smith and child, W A Wall, Mrs Wall and child, Mrs Dr Bullock and child, Dr H C Hilliard, Capt Ayle, A Backer, S R Gill, A F Ayle, Mrs Ayle, Mrs E J Dilly, Lieutenant Edmonson and 9 soldiers.

The steamship Crescent City, Capt Holmes, sailed last evening from her wharf with a full freight and the following passengers for New York:

Mrs and Mrs S Whitney, nurse and child, H H Kennedy, Gen H H Sibley, Mrs Sibley and child, Dr John Duncan, Mrs J Duncan, Miss J Duncan, P Keller, Rebecca Keller, Mrs Dr Bunch, D Hurlbut, J Malone, J Hurlbut, Gibson, W F Locke and 14 steerage.

The steamship Texas Wind, Capt. Morrell, sailed last evening for Belize, Hon with a good freight and the following passengers:

Mrs L H Wilson, Mrs Dr Hunter, Mrs Dr John Hunter, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Dr Keller, Rebecca Keller, Mrs Dr Mason, Mrs Freeman and family, Mrs Dr Bunch, Mrs Dr Bullock and child, Mrs Dr Bullock, Mrs Dr Bullock and child, Mrs Dr Bullock and child, Mrs Dr Bullock and child