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NEW ORLEANS:
SUNDAY MORNING, FEB. 14, 1869.

THE RADICAL PLAN OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

The Charter introduced into the Senate by Mr. Ray is revolutionary in its character and is as much a violation of law as if there had been a clause in the Constitution guaranteeing to the inhabitants of New Orleans the right to elect their Mayor and other municipal officers. Nobody ever dreamed that the Legislature would attempt to interfere with that right. There are laws unwritten as well as written, and it is one of the unwritten laws that the inhabitants of a city shall have the right of governing themselves and managing their local affairs. It was never doubted, as well might Queen Victoria appoint the Lord Mayor of London or the President of the United States appoint the Governors of the States as the Governor of Louisiana appoint the Mayor of New Orleans. We do not counsel forcible resistance to the power that be, but if anything would justify such resistance, this high-handed uprooting of our municipal Government without being consulted therein or without consulting the voice of New Orleans would justify it. The time has gone by for such resistance and the determination of Mayor Conway to defend his office, if the people will sustain him, as announced in the *Picayune* of last evening, places him in a most ridiculous attitude before the community. Mayor Conway's valor comes a little too late. We lost the State Government by the pusillanimous conduct of one portion of the community and by the selfishness of another portion. That has been submitted to without resistance. It looks very much as if we were about to lose the city Government also, through the acquiescence of our people and we predict there will be no little opposition of a forcible character to that appropriation of power by our Radical rulers. The individual or the community who submits to any infringement upon its rights—however slight—without resistance, may be counted upon to submit to larger inroads upon its prerogatives. The time to meet an invasion of any kind is when the act is threatened, not after the enemy has made an advance and obtained a foothold in your country. Now we lose everything in Louisiana when we failed to defeat the Constitution and the election of Warmoth. The Radicals have never stopped in their march, never retreated from the position they first assumed. We have yielded on our side one point after another until we are now at the mercy of our opponents. Let us have done with this cowardly braggadocio. If it be proposed to offer opposition to these tyrannical measures, let it be shown by action—not words.

THE CRESCENT ON THE PROPERTY HOLDER'S ASSOCIATION.

The *Crescent* had the boldness in its issue of Friday to say, that the Property Holder's Association, rather than fall altogether in their attempt to bring about a change to the city government, would agree that the scheme of Mr. Ray should be adopted, provided they (the Association) had the naming of three of the six members of the Council.

We are not authorized to speak for the Association, but knowing those who are at its head we will not believe they would be guilty of such an infamous betrayal of the trust which has been confided to them. If, however they shall so agree, this journal will be the first to denounce the shameful coalition. In this connection we will add that, from the first, we had very serious doubts that the Radical leaders would consent to grant the people of New Orleans a government in which they—the Radicals—were likely to have but a small representation, and communicated our doubts to one or more of the principal members of the Property Holder's Association. They were confident they could rely upon the good will of such men as Warmoth, Ray and Conway. We thought that each of the latter were personally well disposed, the exigencies of party might induce them to draw back when the moment came for action. Our prediction has been realized. There has been a change. Whether dictated from Washington or not is immaterial. We do not believe the Property Holder's Charter will now be adopted.

"SUICIDAL" REASONING."

Our neighbor—the *Crescent*—is very fond of picking flaws in the reasoning of its cotemporaries. If that occupation gives our neighbor any pleasure, we should be sorry to deprive him of it. In the course pointed out, however, we do not think our reasoning is at fault. It may be we are obtuse, and that we might benefit by studying logic from the columns of our respected cotemporary. Indeed, we are happy to acknowledge that we frequently admire the strength of the *Crescent's* editorials, and derive great benefit from their consecutive perusal. But we cannot say that in answering our attempts to defend the Property Holders' Association our antagonist reasons against their charter as in keeping with the usual ability displayed in its columns, or that we have derived much improvement from them.

What we meant to say was this—that we had information from a reliable source that leading members of the present city government were very active in the neighborhood of the Legislature in Baton Rouge—that they were frequently seen with Senator Ray—a suspicious circumstance—seeing he has introduced a plan of charter, the leading features of which are entirely different from that of the Property Holders—that a strenuous opposition to the latter had suddenly sprung up with indications of its coming from the City Hall—that it would be quite in accordance with the ways of office holding human nature, to revenge itself upon those who sought its ejection, by defeating partially the scheme of its opponents, if it could not itself retain power. So that it does not follow that the only motive of the members of the present city government, in opposing the Property Holders' Charter and co-operating with Senator Ray, was to retain their places. They might have discovered that a change was inevitable—that they were certain to be ejected—and determined that those who had been the means of ousting them should not benefit by the change. We cannot see that this is "suicidal reasoning." Will the *Crescent* be pleased to make it clear to our darkened understanding? Will it deny that officers of the city government have had frequent consultations with Senator Ray? Will it enlighten us as to what motives they took to defeat the Property Holders' Charter? If we have been unjust to our friends we shall cheerfully acknowledge our error.

GROVER & BAKER'S SEWING MACHINES.—We publish in to-day's advertising columns a notice of this popular sewing machine, which has all the latest improvements, including the following points of excellence:—beauty and elasticity of stitch; perfection and simplicity of machinery, using both threads directly from the spools; no fastening of seams by hand and no waste of thread; beauty and firmness of the seam retained after washing and ironing, with other recommendations. The representative of this machine received the award of the Legion of Honor at the Paris Exposition of 1867. The sales room is at 182 Canal street.

Mr. Alfred H. Pierson, successor to Folsom & Pierson, Commission Merchant and Dealer in Groceries, Oils and Drugs Nos. 95 and 97 Gravier street, announces through our advertising columns that he will execute orders for general stocks of goods and will pay special attention to the sale of Cotton, Sugar, Rice and other country produce.

Mr. Pierson also has on hand for sale at low figures, English Bi-Carbonate of Soda, Alcohol, Linseed Oil, Coal Oil, Quinine, Morphine, native and Scotch Wines, all in large quantities.

PLANTING POTATOES.—The best planting potatoes are to be found at Davis & Weaver's, 24 and 26 Poydras street. See advertisement in another column.

BALL OF THE CONTINENTALS.—We are indebted to the personal attention of our friend Captain J. G. Fleming, for complimentary cards of invitation to the annual drum, fancy dress and mask ball, to be given by the Continental Benevolent Association, February 22d, at Odd Fellows' Hall. This Association, it should be remembered, is composed of the very best citizens, and we can assure those who attend that they will find the assemblage not only large but select. It will be one of the grandest balls of the season.

DEATH OF JAMES T. BRADY.—*New York, Feb. 3.*—*Ex. T.* Brady died to-day of paralysis. He was seized with the disease on Sunday and became unconscious on Monday, but was able in intervals of the disorder until 5 o'clock this morning, to recognize his friends and converse, and shortly after breathed his last. All the courts adjourned to-day in respect to his memory. A meeting of the bar will be held Thursday, and the funeral will take place on Saturday.—*Associated Press.*

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MARINE NEWS.

The Marine News will be found on our inside page.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—Last night there were two delightful performances at the Opera House. There was the "Song of Fortunio" and the "Child of the Regiment", with Miss Hasselmann as *Marie* and Engel as *Sergeant Sulpice*, characters very well suited to the voice of these artists. We should judge by the demonstrations of applause made that the audience were pleased with their efforts. Miss Hasselmann will acquire by experience a little more confidence in her own powers and will throw a little more action into her pantomimes. Her deficiency of style and correctness is commendable.

Engel made a capital *Sulpice*.

The second performance—the "Song of Fortunio"—was presented for the first time in this theatre, and the first time in New Orleans. Judging from remarks we heard, it gave satisfaction—the habitues pronouncing it a gem. It is an elegant operette—and it was presented in a creditable manner last night.

This evening "Il Trovatore" is announced, and a vaudeville in three acts, entitled, "My Niece and My Beard." Miss Bourgeois per sonating the rôle of *Azucena* in the "Trovatore." On Monday "Barbe Bleue" and "The Song of Fortunio."

Mr. Perout, the accomplished barytone, will shortly take his benefit in "Don Giovanni."

SAILING OF THE GEN. GRANT.—The steamship Gen. Grant, Capt. Quick, sails this morning at 8 o'clock for New York direct, with a full freight and the following named passengers:

H. F Irvin, H Alexander, Fred Horner, D A Procter, H Merren, and 5 in steerage.

SAILING OF THE GEO. WASHINGTON.—The steamship Geo. Washington, Capt. Gager, sails this morning at 8 o'clock for New York direct, with a full freight, $26,053 in specie, and a number of passengers.

SAILING OF THE VICKSBURG.—The steamship Vicksburg, Capt. Barron, sailed last evening for New York direct, with a full freight.

SAILING OF THE SANTIAGO DE CUBA.—The steamship Santiago de Cuba, Capt. McDiarmid, sails at 8 o'clock this morning for New York direct, with a full freight.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY, FEB. 13.

SENATE.—Senate met at 12 o'clock M. pursuant to adjournment. Lieut. Gov. Dunn in the chair—a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Campbell the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Mr. Campbell then called for the bills on City Charter, which, on his motion yesterday, were made the special order of the day immediately after the reading of the minutes.

The chair decided the motion out of order, as the rule was imperative that the regular order of business should be called by him. The chair further decided that the bills would come up after the unfinished business.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance, favorably on the bill to exempt from taxation the New Orleans Methodist Repository.

Claims.—Mr. Pinchback, from the Committee on Claims, reported favorably on the bill for the relief of Pike, Lapeyre & Co., recommending that it be referred to the Finance Committee as the most proper Committee to consider the claim. So referred.

Commerce and Manufactures.—Unfavorably on the bill to remove a lumber and timber inspector for the city of New Orleans.

Internal Improvements.—Favorably on the bill for the relief of Joshua James for work performed on the levees.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Campbell—For the relief of the South western Bible Society.

By Mr. Lee—Exempting certain citizens of Providence from levee taxation.

ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS NOTICE.

By Mr. Todd—To incorporate the Fox Filling Company of the City of Jefferson.

Also for the relief of Lucy G. Garson. Referred to the Claims.

Mr. Campbell's bill for the relief of the South western Bible Society was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Ray introduced a bill to facilitate the transmission of telegraphic despatches and their reception. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also granting additional powers to Police Judges. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

By Mr. Campbell.—To investigate into the affairs of the late Freedmen Bank Trust Company in this State. Lies over.

Also to prevent the Mayor or Common Council of the City of New Orleans to lease or otherwise dispose of the Water Works. Lies over.

By Mr. Day—For the relief of Robert Harrison and others. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Day presented a memorial for relief. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Lee—Creating a Standing Joint Committee on Immigration.

Mr. Pollard, (a colored Senator) objected to the passage of the Joint Resolution. He was not in favor of emigration, there were enough here already. The idea of opening the door of emigration meant crowding out such as he. Lies over.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Lynch presented a resolution for the relief of J. E. Trimble, for per diem and mileage as witness before the Committee on Penal and Good Order. Referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

By Mr. O'Hara—That the members on the Committee on Internal Improvements be increased from five to seven. Lies over.

By Mr. Ray—For the relief of Augustus Davis for services as witness in the contested election case of Campbell vs. Sanbois. Referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

REPORTS LYING OVER.

The bill entitled, An act to protect the Levees of the State, reported by the Committee on Internal Improvements. Ordered to be printed and made the special order of the day for Thursday.

The bill regulating the terms of the Supreme Court was also made the special order of the day for Thursday.

The bill creating the Parish of Tangipahoa was made the special order of the day for Tuesday, at 12 o'clock.

A bill for the relief of A. F. Field was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The bill entitled An act to expedite the construction of the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad, passed.

The bills on City Charter were taken up as the special order of the day and the first section read.

The Senate then adjourned until Monday, at 12 o'clock M.

HOUSE.—The House met at 12 o'clock, M., pursuant to adjournment.—Speaker Lowell in the chair and 66 members present.

The motion pending at adjournment, on the 12th instant, to postpone McMillen's bill to aid in the construction of the New Orleans and Texas Railroad, was taken up.

The motion to postpone was carried.

A motion to reconsider the motion to postpone was made.

A motion to lay on the table the motion to reconsider was then made, which was lost.

The question then recurred on the motion to reconsider, which motion was prevailed.

A motion to postpone the bill until Friday was carried.

The Committee on Education reported a bill relative to Public Schools, which was ordered to be printed, and made the special order for Monday next.

Mr. Wiltz, (Dem.) from the same Committee, submitted a minority report adverse to the bill, and recommended that the present school system be retained.

Two bills to amend articles 2294 and 2299 were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill for the relief of H. Brown Reid was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Nelson introduced a bill to incorporate the Louisiana Transit Company, and to provide for connecting railways and telegraph communication between the city of New Orleans and the Pacific coast, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

House bill, No. 61, an act to amend and reenact an act entitled "An act to establish a Metropolitan Police District and to provide for the government thereof," approved September 14, 1868, was then taken up.

This act reduces the number of sergeants to 12, the number of clerks to 14, and decreases to the number of ten.

The bill was finally adopted with amendments, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A bill for the improvement of St. Charles street, or St. Charles Avenue, was referred for consideration to the Committee of the Whole.

An act relative to filling vacancies was postponed until Friday next.

House bill relative to the observance of the Holy Sabbath in the State of Louisiana. This bill requires the closing of all places on the Sabbath, with the exception of drug stores and hotels.

Mr. Gelpcdone, of Avoyelles, made a speech in the French language in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Rogerson, of Orleans, also opposed the passage of the bill, and on his motion the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Pending a motion to reconsider this vote and to lay that motion on the table, the House adjourned until Monday at 12 o'clock, M.

LETTER FROM SENATOR WILSON.—The Austin (Texas) *Republican* publishes the following letter from Senator Wilson on the proposed division of that State, and disfranchisement:

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 4, 1869.—E. B. TURNER, *Dear Sir*: Your communication of the 12th ult., I found on my return from Massachusetts this morning. I am but be deeply interested in the political matters of which it treats. Concerning the project of dividing Texas, I think you have no means of superabundance on that score, for I hardly think there is a majority in either branch of Congress who would look with favor upon the proposition.

As to the matter of disfranchisement, that will be left to the States, but I would be sorry to see anything more stringent than the fourteenth article. The fewer disfranchisements we can get along with safely, the sooner we shall get out of the mire of trouble. There may be some risk and present inconvenience, but the principle I think to be right, and on the whole best.

I hope the people of Texas will adopt a good Constitution and be soon represented in Congress. Very truly, yours,

H. WILSON.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Mayor Conway and the Governor.—Mayor Conway has not assumed the responsibilities, in the event of the passage of a law ousting him, of giving Governor Warmoth the right of appointing the Mayor of New Orleans, to resist such authority, by refusing to yield the office to such an appointee, and appealing to the people for support in doing so. In other words, that he will only yield to the people, and to them when and in any way they please. We are sadly afraid Mayor Conway in this determination, and do not doubt that he will be heartily encouraged by the people.

Sacred Concert.—A grand sacred concert is to be given this evening at Odd Fellows' Hall by the choir of the Rampart street Synagogue, assisted by the renowned pianist—Mr. Rodolph Sipp—and other fine artists and amateurs of this city. The concert is for a charitable purpose. Those who hear Mr. Sipp will be delighted with his performance.

St. Anna Asylum.—We take pleasure in inserting the following communication:

The President and Directress of the St. Anna's Asylum beg to return their very grateful thanks for the kind sympathy of the citizens of New Orleans, manifested in the assistance they have rendered them in making the entertainment given for the benefit of that institution, so great a success. The ladies feel the deepest gratitude to the editors of the city papers for their frequent and elegant appeals to the public in behalf of the Fair. All interested will doubtless feel gratified to learn that the sum of $26336 was realized from the entertainment.

By order of the Board.

MRS. ED. CHARLES, Sec'y.

New Orleans, February 13, 1869.

Finger Factory Labels.—United States District Attorney Morgan has caused to be libelled for condemnation the finger factory and fixtures of J. K. Bailey, on Bienville, between Tonti and Rochefontaine street, in the Second District, was seized for confiscation by the authorities on the 6th of February, for alleged violation of the revenue laws, governing distilleries, and regulating a general license therefor. It is contended that he makes "mash, fit for distillation, and the production of spirits and alcohol," and that he is subject to a penalty of $5000 fine for violation of the revenue law requiring bond and license.

Mr. Bailey has been engaged in his business in this city a great many years, and we do not believe he is amenable to any penalty.

United States Court.—There was no session of this Court yesterday, Judge Durell, we suppose, being still unwell.

Reported Duel.—Mr. Louis E. Monsseur, of this city, reported to the papers of last evening, that he had fought and mortally wounded Mr. Charles Bell, on Saturday morning, which fought, he said, because the latter had insulted him. This is all we could hear of the affair, after considerable inquiry by our reporter among the police and citizens. We did not see Mr. Monsseur.

Embezzlement of $1800.—A young clerk employed in J. Bauer's bonders office, No. 14 St. Charles street, has recently mysteriously disappeared with $1800 in State warrants. He was entrusted with them to sell, and not being heard from in two or three days, his employer succeeded to look after him. He learned the youth had left for Havana, but the warrants are still in the city.

The Ship Island Canal.—The *Picayune* learns that the stock in this visionary scheme already commands *six cents on the dollar!*

Changing his Locality.—Mr. John F. Weichardt, late of the 2d District Police of this city, left yesterday for Galveston, to take the position of reporter for Flake's Bulletin and to assist in editing the *Galveston Press* in that city. He has left us with the kind wishes and esteem of his confreres here generally. He possesses many qualities, for which we were commend him to his colleagues and employers, and is especially commendable for his activity and genial disposition, which are great desiderata for acquiring information in the rounds of a reporter.

Review of Confiscation Proceedings.—Mr. Duncan F. Kenner has applied through Messrs. Symmes & Bell, and Conrad & Nott, as his attorneys, for a review of the proceedings by which his property was confiscated during the war. The application is based upon the ground that the bond is heavy fraught.

It is to be hoped that this effort to enforce vague equality by a change of the Constitution itself, will be the last severe mockery to brand the bulk of the inhabitants of the South, which has already brought upon the country such intolerable misery; and that the people will pass sound and healthy laws for the future, and have them carried by the hand of revolutionists existing in the capitol of the nation and calling itself the Congress of the United States.

TRUE.—The *New York World* says to Radical Congressmen: "Gentlemen, you can't keep the South down. Cork screw, and you will get tired of holding it under; corkscrew long before the temporary depriver. Let 'em alone. So long as they keep the screw and pay their taxes, there seems use to do with their pets. Let 'em have it. Consent to a plain matter. It is time agreed. And the pot and pan business don't pay."

BY TELEGRAPH.

(To the New Orleans Bee.)

FROM WASHINGTON.

Congressional Proceedings.

FROM EUROPE.

Important from Havana.

Miscellaneous Matters.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Washington, Feb. 13.—HOUSE.—The Committee on Public Expenditures reported white-washing both the Post Office Department and Wells, Fargo & Co. in the matter of Pacific mails.

The Banking and Currency Committee reported a bill prohibiting national banks from certifying checks in the absence of corresponding deposits, passed. Also, a bill prohibiting loans on legal tenders or national bank notes as collaterals, passed. Also, a bill ifording commissioners for the sale of government bonds on account of the Government and sales of gold, except after public notice, passed.

The general banking question was discussed, but without action the House took a recess, but meeting to-night for general debate.

SENATE.—An additional Rule was reported that debate must be closed at a specified hour by a three-fifth vote.

Spencer introduced a bill to provide for the improvement of Mobile river, bay and harbor.

Several bills regarding naturalization were introduced.

River and Harbor bill resumed. An amendment striking out half a million for the Louisville canal, was lost. Thes. 22. Nays 32. After further discussion the bill was recommitted for further consideration in committee. Adjourned.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Senator Robertson presented a Constitutional amendment controlling the counting of the electoral vote.

The President has nominated Lewis Dent, Grant's wife's brother, as Minister to Chili, vice Kilpatrick.

Chubing telegraphs Seward that he will be here on Saturday next. No satisfactory treaty for a ship canal over the Isthmus.

Peru advices state that the Pacific Republics have accepted the mediation of the United States in the matter of their quarrel with Spain. Plenipotentiaries meet in Washington in the Spring.

The Secretary of the Treasury reports $26,000 has been recovered in foreign countries on account of Confederate property, part of which is held for court fees abroad.

In giving official notice of the count of the electoral vote, President Grant that his countrymen were gratified with the result of the election.

Speed testified in effect that the points of his administration would be economy, retrenchment and reform, and that revenue officers would be held to a strict account. He refused to furnish the Cabinet paid much to the Senate for confirmation.

Pryor, one of the committee honored Grant that his administration, in respect to the points mentioned, would meet the support of the Democratic party.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The President has pardoned Edward Conroy.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Grant, replying to the committee, said he would endeavor to call around him men who would carry out the principles on which he was elected. Economy, peace, full, namely—economy, retrenchment, faithful collection of the revenues and payment of the public debt. If these principles be followed, he would make a second and even a third trial, until he found those who would prove satisfactory. He would reserve his own opinions as to who was to be his successor. He intended announcing his Cabinet upon the present notification, but after careful consideration had concluded not to announce it before the inauguration. In the matter selected the Cabinet, because there was not a man in the country who was not willing, if he could not be satisfied, to sacrifice himself for the good of the country. Grant, in reply