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NEW ORLEANS:
FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 18, 1868.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—An announcement by the Secretary of this Committee will be found in our advertising columns, that a meeting of the members, as well those appointed at large by the President of the late State Convention as those appointed by the parishes under resolutions adopted by the Convention, will be held on Friday evening, 18th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m. at night, over the Gem Saloon, 18 Royal street, for the purpose of organization.

Mr. J. A. Lum, carriage dealer, 74 St. Charles street, announces through our advertising columns, that Mr. Frank H. Hooker became a partner in his house on the 1st December, 1868, and that the business will henceforth be conducted under the name and style of J. A. Lum & Co.

The reputation of this respectable house and the quality of their stock of carriages and buggies is sufficiently known to their customers in all parts of the Mississippi Valley.

TEXAS ALMANAC FOR 1869.—We have received from the publishers, Messrs. W. & D. Richardson, of Galveston, a copy of their Almanac for the coming year. It contains a mass of valuable information upon various subjects of interest to the people of that State and to persons looking forward to a settlement there. To the latter class there is much to guide them in the choice of a location. Historical reminiscences embodying many interesting facts and papers setting forth the advantages, the productions, the resources of the State and its railroad and commercial facilities, all contribute to the usefulness of the work. Persons having business relations with Texas, it must be indispensable as a reference. The industry, care and fidelity of the compilers of the Almanac is worthy of all praise. We presume it can be found at our book stores.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—The opera of "Jerusalem," by Verdi, will be repeated to-morrow night, Madame Cambier, Messrs. Picot, Van Hoffice, Peront and Julien performing the leading parts.

Last night these artists were warmly applauded in the opera. The trio in the fourth act, particularly, elicited demonstrations of pleasure.

AMUSEMENTS.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—The magnificent $30,000 spectacle, "The White Fawn," which is nightly filling the precincts of this large theatre with delighted audiences, is to be reproduced for the third time this evening. As we have said before, the last grand transformation scene is the most magnificent which has been put upon any stage in this city.

VARIETIES THEATRE.—The performance for to-night is Bulwer's comedy of "Money," in five acts.

Saturday — family matinée — "Under the Palm."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The grand fairy spectacle, "Undine," with its magnificent scenery and charming ballets, including the renowned Can Can, and the engagement of the beautiful and daring trapeze artiste, M'lle Turnour, continues to fill the Academy with crowded houses.

By the way those who have not seen the Turnour should bear in mind that her engagement closes in a day or two, and should not fail to avail themselves of the first opportunity to see her. We doubt if they will ever see her equal in grace and daring on the trapeze. Her swinging herself around on tiptoe on the trapeze is truly a most wonderful feat, and is divested of all monotony in the ladies of the audience by the prancing of a set to watch her should she fall, a by no means probable contingency with one so fearless as M'lle Turnour.

CRESCENT CITY MUSEUM.—At this popular museum, No. 62 St. Charles street, opposite the St. Charles Hotel, we notice that the enterprising proprietor, Mr. Ames, has introduced additional attractions, so that besides the mammoth, who remains three minutes under water, eating, drinking and smoking, etc., we have Professor Greiner, the renowned glass blower, Miss Agga, a pretty Circassian girl, Mrs Bringer, the dwarf, the skeleton man, the bearded lady and the double headed girl, besides rare animals, beautiful birds, and other things too numerous to mention. By the way, Professor Greiner's productions are beautiful and varied, making admirable presents for the holidays.

OLYMPIC VARIETIES.—"Undine," an amusing burlesque of the greatfairy spectacle "Undine," Harry Robinson who plays on numerous different instruments, the pretty songs by Miss Garcia, and dances and farces, are the order of the popular entertainment for male visitors, who are served with wines, liquors, etc., by waiter-girls at the Olympic.

From New Orleans to Cincinnati.

We find the following interesting observations on the condition of the country between New Orleans and Cincinnati, in a letter written by Mr. W. M. Burwell, and published in the New Orleans *Bulletin* of Monday:

CINCINNATI, Dec. 5, 1868.

Editors Bulletin—The journey from New Orleans to Cincinnati by rail presents a fair comparison of the condition of the cotton States of the South and the farming States of the West. The situation of upper Mississippi and of Southern Tennessee is deplorable. An immense extent of cotton land has been thrown out of cultivation, houses and fences are rotting down, broom-straw and bushes are slowly usurping over the open lands, plantations are being connected to the most fertile spots, cotton fields have dwindled to patches, corn fields are limited to the wants of the planter, roads, bridges and ferries are broken up—all is dilapidation and decay. It is the general opinion that the negroes are docile and peaceful. The reduction of the live stock throughout the country, however, is attributed either to larceny, neglect or insufficient support. There is no doubt of two propositions.

1.—The amount of labor applicable to the production of cotton in the region stated has been reduced. This has arisen from two causes. The first that the number of negroes has diminished from diversion to pursuits other than cotton planting, and second a large proportion of the negroes formerly employed in this culture, to wit: the women and children, have been withdrawn from plantation work. The effect of this failure to add annually to the arable surface of the cotton lands, has been to diminish the capacity of production. These two causes combine to render the increase of cotton production in the region on this side of the Mississippi improbable.

These facts not encouraging prospects, especially as foreign competition is becoming daily more formidable. While, however, I cannot be expected that the present labor supply will be more efficient, it must be remembered that the lands suitable for cotton culture are so far in excess of the labor supply as that they can be purchased at almost nominal prices. The labor supply will, no doubt, remain uniform, because whatever may be the compensation returned by cotton culture, it will be greater than if employed in any other agricultural staple. The fair inference is, then, that the cotton crop will remain stationary, or nearly so. It certainly cannot be expected in the present state of land and labor to increase in anything like the ratio established before the war.

The States of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio present a very different aspect. The lands are in general cultivation; new villages and new farm houses are springing up on all sides. The mechanic arts flourish, and factories for producing fabrics of wood, iron and cloth are in operation, and in progress at every station. It is very obvious that those elements of political power—population and wealth—are rapidly accumulating in the upper or farming and manufacturing States of the Mississippi and Lakes.

The railroad travel along this route corresponds in the number of passengers and facilities for travel with the actual progress of the two sections. Our Southern roads charge more per mile, and offer fewer comforts to the traveller than the splendid lines of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. There are, no doubt, reasons why this should be the case. It is to be hoped that the obvious difference will be removed.

Gen Sherman's official report upon Indian affairs has been published. As the reader knows, he has command over about all the Indians we own. The General is greatly perplexed to get at the causes of the present war raging all along the frontier. But if he would speak a little more frankly, he would give us the truth which is this: At the conclusion of every Indian war a treaty is made in which the United States gives the Indians a certain reservation of land, to be his forever. Now, the only value land has to the Indian is, the game upon it. In a year or two after the treaty, the white man goes up to this reservation in his advance westwards and commences to invade the red man's right. Then a war commences which is charged to the "savage nature" of the Indian. The Pacific railroads now building on the plains have run rough shod over a great many of these reservations without asking leave or license. The general war has thus been brought on, and—that's the whole truth in a nutshell.

A New Haven young lady, while recently walking to her home, in Fair Haven, was followed by a man, who finally attempted to arrest her purpose. The lady drew a revolver from her pocket, and the man took to his heels, followed by two bevies which his fair young friend sent after him.—*New York Times.*

If this had been in Charleston or Richmond it would have furnished the *Times* with a fine text for a sermon upon the semi-civilized society of either place. For the *Times* holds it to be proof of a terrible state of things in this city that *men* (not women) should carry pistols concealed about their persons.

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THE CITY NOTES AGAIN.

The following report and resolutions were laid before the Assistant Board of Aldermen at their meeting on Tuesday evening last and adopted:

FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM, }
No 23 City Hall, }
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. —, 1868. }

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

On the subject of city money your committee have given their matters consideration. They have met with daily and hourly embarrassments in the settlement and liquidation of the city's indebtedness, owing to the depreciation of city money. Claims based upon losses made by contractors, and others of the creditors, have been pouring in upon the committee, and we must admit that nearly all of these possess merit in equity. Bondless litigation has arisen, and is daily growing out of the difference existing in the value between city money and United States currency, and it is evident to us that if the city continues to receive her taxes at par with United States currency, and pay it out at forty to fifty per cent. discount, (by the difference charged for contracts and for bills of merchandize purchased,) that an unnecessary loss is sustained, equal to, if not beyond, half a million dollars per annum

We see no remedy for the embarrassed condition of the city's finances, except in the refusal to receive city money in payment of license, taxes or other dues to the city, and it is with the greatest reluctance that we recommend this course for the action of the Council. The issue of the city money was made by the city in good faith and accepted by the people in good faith, we admit, and has become a debt that should be acknowledged and, eventually paid, not repudiated, but as the illegality of the issue is beyond any question and the enforcement of redemption would be a wrong upon the courts, we deem it only proper for the city to take advantage of the petition and postpone the redemption of her issue to some period when she could make more advantageous terms.

The credit of the city is very low, but if she continues to receive city money it will go still lower. The city owes nearly $500,000 past due interest coupons on consolidated and railroad debt, and $53,000 past due bonds of Second Municipality. This fact proves her present low city credit, and it will be almost beyond redemption if she fails to meet the interest on her late loan.

Where, then, is she to get money to pay the $50,000 interest due on the million loan on the 1st of April next, and $300,000, principal and interest, on 1st October next?

Sincerely wishing to contribute as much as it lies in their power towards the solution of these embarrassing questions, your committee, with this report a resolution embodying their views on this subject, which they submit to your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
T. F. FISHER, Chairman.
R. WYNNE,
JOHN BERNS.

The following resolutions accompanying the above report were read:

Resolved, That from and after the 1st of January, 1869, the Treasurer and all others collecting or receiving money for the city of New Orleans are instructed to receive, only, payment of city licenses, or any other dues, only United States currency.

Resolved, That within five days after the promulgation of the foregoing resolution, all of the money then in the city treasury known as city money shall be counted and destroyed in the manner prescribed by the Auditor, and that the Treasurer is hereby forbidden to pay out any of said money, on any account whatever.

Our readers will perceive by the above report and resolutions that the financiers of the City Council are still tinkering with the city notes. Foiled in their attempt to impose an additional and unnecessary tax upon the community they now propose to resort to the pretty bold measure for the purpose of patching up the city's credit, but a measure which we do not believe will receive the approval of their constituents If the committee meant repudiation they should have said repudiation. Their proposition to our minds is a mere evasion of the remedy demanded by the circumstances and is practically *repudiation*, because at the moment the city authorities rid themselves of that currency, we need never expect them to enter upon a system of economy which is indispensable to an honest discharge of the city's indebtedness. The committee, it is true, say in their report that the debt created by the issue of the city notes should be "eventually paid, not repudiated," but they couple this with an assertion of the "illegality" of the issue, and say the courts will not force the city to collect them. Now it is not according to our experience that either individuals or corporations are in the habit of paying debts which cannot be enforced at law. There may be instances of the kind, but we rather think the rule is to evade the payment of obligations when that payment is optionable with the obligor. But we are of the opinion that the courts will decree the city's responsibility for the city notes and that an injunction will hold to restrain the sale of property for taxes, after tender by the tax payer of such notes. What the members of the City Council desire is to go on with the City Government after the old fashion. Through the incapacity of themselves and their predecessors to deal with the situation, the city notes have been driven from circulation by a disgusted community, and are now comparatively worthless as a disbursing medium, being at forty per cent. discount in the market. There is little opportunity, so long as they keep their only receipts of the Treasury, for office-holders and contractors to live at the expense of the people. The Council, therefore, naturally proposes to follow the example of the people and to drive it from the City Hall. Now it is true this is very desirable to all parties, but we cannot give our assent to the measure until a radical change has been effected in our municipal system, and the expenditures have been largely reduced. The disbursement of two to four millions of greenbacks is no relief to a groaning prospect to many persons in and about the City Hall, but with this report a resolution embodying their views on this subject, which they submit to your consideration.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Repertorial Repertory—Mr. J. J. Kennedy, who has the contracts for building and repairing several of our important levees, has arrived here from Vicksburg. The public have great reliance in Mr Kennedy as a contractor.

Mr. Creecey, the newly appointed Superintendent of Internal Improvements for Louisiana and Texas, has commenced his duties quite vigorously.

We see the name of "Bob Hart" posted on the streets What does he propose doing? We shall, doubtless, hear from him soon, in the usual way.

We return our thanks to the Southwestern Bible Society for a courteous invitation to attend on Sunday next, at 7 o'clock P. M., its anniversary meeting, at the church, on Lafayette Square, on which occasion an annual report will be presented by the General Agent, Rev. Dr. Doremus, and addresses made by Rev. Dr. Palmer and Rev. Dr. J. W. Harmon.

The members of the Orleans Literary and Debating Society will accept our thanks for an invitation to attend their fifth anniversary, which will take place at Eagle Hall, corner of Prytania and Felicity streets, on Monday, December 21, 1868.

New Orleans Gas Light Company.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company, held December the 16th, a dividend of six dollars per share was declared out of the earnings of the past six months; payable on and after Tuesday, January 5, 1869, to the stockholders or their legal representatives, at the office of the company.

The City Printing Business.—Mandamus Dismissed.—Yesterday came up before the Fifth District Court—Judge Lanauze—the case of the State of Louisiana, on the relation of A. L. Lee, (late editor and proprietor of the N. O. *Republican*,) vs J. O. Landry, City Controller, praying for a mandamus to compel him to warrant on the City Treasurer in his (Lee's) favor, for the sum of $2498 for printing and advertising for the month of September, 1868, and the further sum of $2147 for similar bills for the month of October, 1868.

The case came up on a rule on the Controller to show cause why he should issue the warrants in question. The rule was argued by J. Hawkins and S. S. Fish, Esq., for the relator, and A. Phillips, R. H. Ogden and H. J. Leovy Esq., for the defendant.

The Court ordered the mandamus to be dismissed.

Heavy Seizure of Tobacco—Alleged Frauds.—Wednesday evening the mercantile community were thrown into a state of excitement by the seizure of large quantities of tobacco, the value of which is variously estimated at between one hundred and two hundred and fifty thousand dollars The reasons given for the step are alleged frauds in the payment of the Internal Revenue tax

Collector Fuller, we are told, directed it, Major Creecan acting as the executive officer.

Wednesday night Superintendent Cain was requested to put a guard on the following stores, with directions to prevent the carrying away of any suspicious looking freight; Calvery & Johnson, Gravier street, between Camp and Magazine; Sims, Levy and Demming, New Levee, between Common and Gravier; J. M. Lewis & Co., corner of New Levee and Gravier; King & Meyer, Gravier street, between Magazine and Tchoupitoulas; H. Spiro, under St. James Hotel, and G. M. Bayly & Co.

It is not likely that such men as the above have been guilty of any fraud.

The Crew of the Peruvian Transport—Judge Durell, yesterday, decided that the crew of the Peruvian transport Maranon (formerly Huron) could not be discharged from the service made in New York, and that the Peruvian Government could not hold them and that they were, therefore, at liberty, to ship at the trans port or not, as they pleased The Peruvian Consul had already released them.

Burglaries—Friday last the residence No. 528 Baronne street, between Josephine and Jackson, was burglariously entered by a colored boy said to be named Prince, through the front window. He stole three hats, a piano cover, and an overcoat.

The property was recovered by special officer Barrost at the junk store of L. Holmes, on Gravier street, between Rampart and Dryades The building is called with an immense amount of property, consisting of wearing apparel, fancy articles, China, porcelain, walking sticks, etc.

Sunday night the residence of Mr. E. S Keep, at the corner of First and St. Charles streets, was burglariously entered by an unknown thief, who made under clothing, a small mosaic work three-quarter, and eight fancy articles of worsted work. They were recovered at the junk store on Gravier street, between Dryades and Rampart.

Run Over.—Joseph Thorpe, a native of Ireland, and a laborer, was on Wednesday run over by one of the Magazine cars, at the corner of Philip and Magazine streets, and slightly injured. It is thought that he was thrown under temporary aberration of intellect. The company sent him to the Charity Hospital, where his injuries were attended to.

Stolen Mules—An unknown negro was seen in possession of two mules on Elysian Fields street on Wednesday, by officer Smith, who believed they were stolen. The negro fled when the officer attempted to arrest him. The mules were, however, secured, and are now in the pound.

Burney Burglary—About half-past 3 o'clock, Wednesday morning, the Planters' Hotel, at the corner of Magazine and Julia streets, was burglariously entered by thieves, who got into the building from an alley way in the rear of the premises. The burglars effected an entrance by the noise, and coming up to where one of the men was standing, the thief presented his revolver, and quietly informed him that if he dared to utter any cry he would be compelled to add to the disorder of his personal appearance by blowing out his brains. The gentleman thought best to keep quiet, and the miscreants escaped.

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M McNulty was fined $10 for having a set to with Charles McLaughlin, on the levee, Wednesday evening Charley was also ordered to fork over a five, with the alternative of five days in the Parish Prison.

The case of Robert Gage, for committing an assault and battery on the person of E. P. Gavillon, at the Lake End, on the 12th inst., was sent before the First District Court.

Recorder Gastinel's Court.—The charge made against Bernard Ducos and Cambre Jeantil, by special Baptiste Jourdain, of attempting to add to passions but sound reasoning. The subscription to Baudin's monument is a mistake. If it really is a commendable tribute of an honorable man it also brings back the excesses and the faults of his party, and this is enough to prevent the nation from joining the opposition in its present crusade against the Government.

Wendell Phillips says the Democratic party is still a power in the land but to be despised "In numbers," he says, "the two parties are about equal. It is most alarming," continues that eccentric, but bold-spoken man, "to see that, with a mediocre rebel like Seymour for candidate, and a platform dictated by Forrest and Wade Hampton, the Democratic vote was not 300,000 less than the Republican, in a case of more than 4,000,000 votes, the Republican majority being about 6 per cent of the whole vote. With such an enormous minority gravitating towards rebellion the future of the country is critical It is idle to suppose that such a state of affairs will not have a large influence on a man like Grant. When we know who are to compose his cabinet we can divine something of his policy. We have no fear that he will give us a Democratic Cabinet. We have no expectation that he will give us a Republican one—the most that we dare hope is that he will execute the laws impartially, and thus give opportunity for the great existing forces of the age to enter the South and remould it."

The catch of herring in Massachusetts Bay this season has never been equaled One boat, with a crew of two men and five nets, caught in one night 50 000 herrings, and were obliged to call other boats to their assistance to get them ashore The catch of halibut is also very large all along the coast.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(To the New Orleans Bee.)

FROM WASHINGTON.

Congressional Proceedings.

Gov. Bullock's Views for Reconstructing Georgia.

Louisiana's Representative Muddle

Sypher's Eulogy on Thad. Stevens.

Fight Between the Militia and Citizens in Arkansas.

Miscellaneous Matters.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Dispatches from St. Louis indicate the election of Carl Schurz to the United States Senate.

Judge Chase is quoted as having said that he don't believe a single Associate Justice has given an intimation of his views on the constitutionality of legal tenders

Customs from 7th to 12th inst., inclusive, $2,185,000.

Hons. Robt. J. Walker and W. W. Warden, the President's private Secretary, were before the Retrenchment Committee to-day, in reference to the Alaska corruption fund.

Internal Revenue collections for $184,000.

The Reconstruction Committee have continued the examination regarding Mississippi and Georgia.

Gen Sypher, at the request of Menard, will present the latter's credentials to-morrow. Mr. Boutwell will present certain papers; also, Simon Sloss, when the whole matter without any comment or any recognition of Menard will go to the Election Committee.

The House bill, repealing militia restrictions, passed the Senate without comment.

Governor Bullock of Georgia, having been summoned before the Reconstruction Committee of the House, addressed a letter to the Committee as to the proper mode of overcoming the difficulties in Georgia, recommended that there should be a literal execution of the reconstruction acts, with such aid as the proposed amendment of the State Legislature to be made by the admission of only those who could take the test oath or had been relieved of disabilities by Congress. This course would restore the colored men to their seats without any special legislation and place the legislative department of Georgia in the hands of loyal men. No bill to deprive Georgia of any of the fundamental conditions precedent to the State's admission to the Union, will receive the Governor's signature. The constitution and the 14th amendment, will be admitted to seats and no further action of Congress would be necessary.

Washington, Dec 17.—SENATE.—The bill granting the right of way through public lands to the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The House bill removing disabilities from certain citizens of South Carolina passed.

Senator Sumner, regarding the Spanish revolutions was discussed. Bayard characterized them as impertinent. The resolution went over.

The resolution of the Finance Committee concerning the President's financial views was discussed.

Hinton spoke at length on the financial question. He said that the way to resume specie payments was to first institute a system of rigid economy, and second to remove all political clouds that hung over the people. The resolution finally passed by 43 to 6

The House was engaged all day on Stevens' estate.

Washington, Dec 17.—Sypher's eulogy of Stevens, delivered in the House to-day, concludes:

"I pass over the period given to fostering and building up the institutions of the great Commonwealth which he so highly honored, and come immediately to my upon the grave of Stevens, where he sleeps with the dusky race, the thanks of an emancipated race, of a disenthralled people, and of States regenerated. His name, as the friend of Lincoln will ever be remembered with the warmest emotions of gratitude by this and succeeding generations of the emancipated people of America. When others now unknown shall be forgotten, the rapid strides of time shall have crumbled his monument to dust, no pillar of marble with carved inscriptions, to tell posterity his fame, will be required, it did not exist, but will have rendered him immortal. In the name of the loyal South, whose fertile fields have been drenched in the blood of his killed labor, in the name of toiling millions who call homesteads; in the name of States now no longer cursed by slavery; in the name of a people redeemed from the abject degradation of the helot, and coming up to where one of the men was standing, the thief presented his revolver, and quietly informed him that if he dared to utter any cry he would be compelled to add to the disorder of his personal appearance by blowing out his brains. The gentleman thought best to keep quiet, and the miscreants escaped.

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M McNulty was fined $10 for having a set to with Charles McLaughlin, on the levee, Wednesday evening Charley was also ordered to fork over a five, with the alternative of five days in the Parish Prison.

The case of Robert Gage, for committing an assault and battery on the person of E. P. Gavillon, at the Lake End, on the 12th inst., was sent before the First District Court.

Recorder Gastinel's Court.—The charge made against Bernard Ducos and Cambre Jeantil, by special Baptiste Jourdain, of attempting to add to passions but sound reasoning. The subscription to Baudin's monument is a mistake. If it really is a commendable tribute of an honorable man it also brings back the excesses and the faults of his party, and this is enough to prevent the nation from joining the opposition in its present crusade against the Government.

Wendell Phillips says the Democratic party is still a power in the land but to be despised "In numbers," he says, "the two parties are about equal. It is most alarming," continues that eccentric, but bold-spoken man, "to see that, with a mediocre rebel like Seymour for candidate, and a platform dictated by Forrest and Wade Hampton, the Democratic vote was not 300,000 less than the Republican, in a case of more than 4,000,000 votes, the Republican majority being about 6 per cent of the whole vote. With such an enormous minority gravitating towards rebellion the future of the country is critical It is idle to suppose that such a state of affairs will not have a large influence on a man like Grant. When we know who are to compose his cabinet we can divine something of his policy. We have no fear that he will give us a Democratic Cabinet. We have no expectation that he will give us a Republican one—the most that we dare hope is that he will execute the laws impartially, and thus give opportunity for the great existing forces of the age to enter the South and remould it."

Mr. Jones, a white man from Louisiana, claims that he has a right to a seat in the Congress which will meet in Washington on Monday next. Mr. Menard is negro from the same State, disputes the claim of Jones, and asserts that he (Menard) is entitled to the seat.

Who will get it, will depend on the following rules of *Lex Talionis*. If Jones be a carpet-bagger, and have possession of the certificate of election, duly authenticated by the proper officers, no matter what amount of illegality and fraud may be brought concerning the conduct of the election in which he and Menard were opposition candidates, Jones will get the seat

If Jones be a Democrat, and have possession of the certificate of election duly authenticated by the proper officers, no matter what proof may be brought that the election in which he and Menard were opposing candidates was fairly and lawfully conducted, the negro will get his seat. The question will not turn on the legality of the election of either. Congress prefers a carpet bagger to a negro, and it prefers a negro to a white Democrat. These preferences will rule the decision between Jones and Menard.—*Chicago Times.*

RIVER NEWS.

Louisville, Dec 17.—Weather clear and pleasant. River falling; 6 feet in the canal.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—River falling. Navigation South is open.

FROM SOUTHWEST PASS.

Southwest Pass, Dec. 17—5 P. M.—Barometer 30.20 Wind S.south and light.

Arrived—*steamships* Agnes, Wilson, Galveston, to C. A. Whitney & Co; St. Mary, Bourne, Brazos, to C. A. Whitney & Co; Clark Asterias, Rowell, ice to Crescent City Ice Co.

No departures.

(Previous Dispatches.)

London, Dec. 17.—A famine again threatens Central India. Earthquakes are reported in various places.

Pesth, Dec. 17.—Foreign emissaries are tampering with Roumanian soldiers in Transylvania. Money has been furnished from Russia.

Berlin, Dec 17.—Prussia, in the interest of European peace, has endeavored to induce Greece to comply with the Sultan's demands.

Cadiz, Dec. 17.—The fleet, with Dulce on board, sailed on Tuesday for Cuba.

London, Dec 17—The following from Cadiz was detained by the Government on the 10th: The troops were badly beaten in a fight on the street.

During the fight Capt. Farrell, American Consul, in official uniform, mounted a barricade with the American flag, and stopped the fighting.

The City Hall was shattered by artillery.

The troops plundered some of the deserted houses.

Madrid, Dec. 17.—Maurice Roberts has been appointed Minister to Washington, and Novaro to Constantinople.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—Russia explains that her movements in Central Asia are not to extend her territory, but to strengthen the late treaty of peace with Bokhara.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Senate passed a bill extending the time for the payment of the tax on tobacco to 15th February. The bill goes to the President.

Bills removing political disabilities from certain individuals are presented from all quarters.

The House is engaged on Stevens' eulogies.

Internal Revenue collections for $184,000.

The Reconstruction Committee have continued the examination regarding Mississippi and Georgia.

Gen Sypher, at the request of Menard, will present the latter's credentials to-morrow. Mr. Boutwell will present certain papers; also, Simon Sloss, when the whole matter without any comment or any recognition of Menard will go to the Election Committee.

The House bill, repealing militia restrictions, passed the Senate without comment.

Governor Bullock of Georgia, having been summoned before the Reconstruction Committee of the House, addressed a letter to the Committee as to the proper mode of overcoming the difficulties in Georgia, recommended that there should be a literal execution of the reconstruction acts, with such aid as the proposed amendment of the State Legislature to be made by the admission of only those who could take the test oath or had been relieved of disabilities by Congress. This course would restore the colored men to their seats without any special legislation and place the legislative department of Georgia in the hands of loyal men. No bill to deprive Georgia of any of the fundamental conditions precedent to the State's admission to the Union, will receive the Governor's signature. The constitution and the 14th amendment, will be admitted to seats and no further action of Congress would be necessary.

Washington, Dec 17.—SENATE.—The bill granting the right of way through public lands to the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The House bill removing disabilities from certain citizens of South Carolina passed.

Senator Sumner, regarding the Spanish revolutions was discussed. Bayard characterized them as impertinent. The resolution went over.

The resolution of the Finance Committee concerning the President's financial views was discussed.

Hinton spoke at length on the financial question. He said that the way to resume specie payments was to first institute a system of rigid economy, and second to remove all political clouds that hung over the people. The resolution finally passed by 43 to 6

The House was engaged all day on Stevens' eulogies.

Washington, Dec 17.—Sypher's eulogy of Stevens, delivered in the House to-day, concludes:

"I pass over the period given to fostering and building up the institutions of the great Commonwealth which he so highly honored, and come immediately to my upon the grave of Stevens, where he sleeps with the dusky race, the thanks of an emancipated race, of a disenthralled people, and of States regenerated. His name, as the friend of Lincoln will ever be remembered with the warmest emotions of gratitude by this and succeeding generations of the emancipated people of America. When others now unknown shall be forgotten, the rapid strides of time shall have crumbled his monument to dust, no pillar of marble with carved inscriptions, to tell posterity his fame, will be required, it did not exist, but will have rendered him immortal. In the name of the loyal South, whose fertile fields have been drenched in the blood of his killed labor, in the name of toiling millions who call homesteads; in the name of States now no longer cursed by slavery; in the name of a people redeemed from the abject degradation of the helot, coming up to where one of the men was standing, the thief presented his revolver, and quietly informed him that if he dared to utter any cry he would be compelled to add to the disorder of his personal appearance by blowing out his brains. The gentleman thought best to keep quiet, and the miscreants escaped.

The Present French Dynasty.

In the work of Rev. Mr. Loskin, of this city, on "The Periodic Law," reference is made to the perpetual parallels of history, and among these is an allusion, not without interest in the present apparently critical state of the Bonaparte dynasty in France, to "the striking similitude of the leading events in the downfall of Charles X. and Louis Philippe. Both kings were dethroned at the age of seventy-four; both abdicated in favor of grandsons, each ten years of age. The previous combat with the people lasted in each case three days, During the year preceding each fall, bread rose to an exorbitant price, and, as if nature sympathized with portentous events, terrific storms arose immediately after each downfall"

The present Emperor of the French was born on the 20th of April, 18 8 In an article published in the New York *Home Journal*, a few years ago, some reminiscences were given of the personal character of Louis Napoleon when in New York in 1837. One of the peculiarities remembered of him at the time by the celebrated Albert Gallatin was, "that he had a strange fancy. Can you believe it?" said Mr. Gallatin, "that he has persuaded himself that he will one day be Emperor of the French! Can you conceive of anything more absurd?" Another anecdote was: "I have been told that he is a fatalist; that he does not believe that he shall die a quiet death, but that he will be cut off sudden ly" Another was: "Imperial first and only Son of the Emperor, was born on the 16th of March, 1856, and is consequently now in his thirteenth year. Should Napoleon, now sixty, should meet the violent end which he is said to have anticipated, or even if he should die a natural death at this old age, in the present uncertain state of things in Europe, could scarcely be expected to succeed him.

The Emperor himself seemed fully conscious of the precarious tenure of the crown of royal families, especially in France, have before them when, in response to the congratulations of the Legislative Corps upon the birth of his child, he said: "I have been deeply moved by the manifestation of your feelings at the birth of the son whom Providence has so kindly granted me. You have hailed him as the hope, so eagerly entertained, of the perpetuity of a system which is regarded as the surest guaranty of the general interests of the country. But the hopes which the events which surround his cradle do not prevent me from reflecting on the destiny of those who have been born in the midst of splendor and under circumstances If I hope that his lot may be more happy, it is, in the first place because, confiding in Providence, I cannot doubt its protection when seeing it raise up,