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NEW ORLEANS:
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Amusements This Evening.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE—Skiff & Gaylord's Albino Minstrels.
ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Miss Lydia Thompson's Troupe.

☞ The elections of directors of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad on Monday, resulted in the choice of the following directory:

H. S. McComb, J. B. Alexander, Richard Pritchard, A. Schreiber, W. Alex. Gordon, F. J. Pratt, E. H. Summers, J. H. Oglesby, C. H. Slocomb, Lewis Alcus, S. H. Edgar. Mr. C. H. Slocomb in place of A. D. Grief, and Mr. S. H. Edgar in place of Williamson Smith are the only new directors. The Mississippi directors elected were A. M. West, T. J. Mitchell, J. C. Lucas, P. B. Stark, L. E. Houston, E. H. Saunders. The income on the road, says one of our cotemporaries, has been increased $500,000 within the last season, all of which has been invested in improving the road and the purchase of rolling stock.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The Lydia Thompson Troupe, as now constituted, is the best we have had, in its line, on the New Orleans boards. Such a ludicrous combination of beauty and ugliness, shapeliness and deformity, the graceful and the grotesque, has never been seen here before. Last night again, as well on Monday night, the Academy was thronged with an audience assembled to see the performance of "Lurline."

We shall not attempt an analysis of the burlesque, nor a description of the scenery and costumes, which form a brilliant spectacle, but simply say to our readers that if they wish to have the biggest sort of a laugh, let them go and see Edouin's moral ballet and Beckett's heroism, and if they would have something beautiful and witty to dream of, behold the charming travesties of Miss Thompson, Miss Weathersby and Miss Arnot. The company is a great improvement upon that which was here last year.

Messrs. Toulmin & Martin, of 41 Natchez street, offer for sale 2000 bushels cow peas at a low price. See advertisement.

The Disinterested Patriots of Paris.

Leone Leoni, the well-informed Paris correspondent of the New York *World*, sends to that journal the substance of a conversation he had with citizen Morean, of the Central Committee of the Insurgents of Paris. We make these extracts:

Citizen Morean.—The Central Committee was organized, in the first place, in consequence of information having been received that the Versailles government, co-operating with Count Bismarck, was plotting the overthrow of the French Republic.

Correspondent.—That is a very grave statement. Doubtless there is evidence of its truth?

M.—Ample evidence, Monsieur; overwhelming evidence, part of it being the testimony of the National Guards within the zone of Prussian occupation. But since after our organization had been effected, and we had installed ourselves at Montmartre, the government of Thiers was in every way to provoke us to acts of violence. In all these they failed, until they themselves had recourse to violence by attacking us at Montmartre. From that moment until the present we have maintained a defensive, not an aggressive, attitude.

C.—Defensive, Monsieur, and for what purpose?

M. (with energy)—To maintain the republic; to prevent its destruction. But, in the first place, to secure the municipal franchise not for Paris only, but for all France; the right of elections; the modification of the law for bills of exchange; and the abolition of the payment of rents for the period of the siege. We have made every arrangement for the elections to-morrow, and there will be held—oh, yes, beyond doubt they will be held!

C.—These, of course, are but tentative and preliminary measures. What is to follow?

M. (with great animation)—What is to follow? Listen, then. This is what is to follow: The formation of

One Vast Republic

under the regime of the Commune; a republic greater and more comprehensive than Louis Blanc ever dreamed of, or Victor Hugo ever prophesied. This new and vast republic is to have two fundamentals—compulsory education and universal suffrage. It is to be a republic in fact as well as in name—a republic without an intolerable curse of wealth; without a favored class—without poverty; without ignorance, without vice, without a prostituted, and without a church.

C.—And without a God?" I asked somewhat indiscreetly.

Citizen Morean looked at me very sharply, and, as I thought, very wickedly; and I began to feel very uncomfortable, thinking that I had decidedly put my foot into it, and that the inventor, with Blanc, to this point had been so pleasant, might end by my being shot to death by musketry in these belonging to suspicion of being a spy in disguise. But I kept my countenance tolerably well, and turned the conversation as quickly as possible by asking what was the opinion of the Versailles Government?

M. (with great contempt)—We ignore the so-called government of M. Thiers. We declare all its acts null and void, now that [illegible] We consider this object for which [illegible] attained, viz: the advantage of the [illegible] of peace, so [illegible] by the way, he has [illegible] Count Bismarck. We have defied Count Bismarck, and we shall have [illegible] Prussian army. Fresh elections [illegible] a new Assembly will [illegible] will not fear to sit in Paris, the capital of France. The Thiers government! There is no such thing. It does not exist, save in name. We are the Government.

C.—Will you, then, continue to guide the destinies of France, and to condemn her along the brilliant path you have marked out?

M. (with a sigh)—We are disinterested patriots, monsieur. All, or nearly all of us now forming the Central Committee or the existing government, will decline to become members of the new National Assembly, but we shall continue to watch over France! We shall form among ourselves a

Garden Sentinelre,

and, retaining our prestige as individuals and disinterested republicans, be ready to supervise the proceedings of the new government. If, at any time, the new government should, in any way, depart from the principles we have sketched out for it, we will be able to form

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of which all true citizens and republicans can rally. In adopting this course of action we desire to show that we are not actuated by ambitious motives, but are influenced by a pure desire to insure the maintenance of a pure republic in France.

C.—Yes and the people and the army; are they with you?

M.—Yes; yes. We have every evidence of it.

☞ Gen. R. E. Lee, writing under date of January 18, 1867, says: "Its simple mechanism, and the experience my daughters have had in operating it, makes the Wilcox & Gibbs sewing machine a great favorite in my family." For sale by M. S. Hedrick, 119 and 200 Canal street, New Orleans. febl9 lm d&ew

Another Jump-Grounds Route.

A company of British capitalists have for some two years past been engaged in the construction of a railway connecting the Atlantic and Pacific ocean through the State of Honduras, from the town of Fonseca on the Pacific coast, to the town of Trujillo on the Bay of Honduras. The route of the road is upward of 200 miles, the most of the remaining portion of which is navigable for steamers. Europe to the Pacific coast at least seven hundred miles, and will prove an important auxiliary to the commerce of the region through which it passes. The capitalists of the Central American republics are chiefly governing, and the trade of the country has apparently been monopolized by the merchants of France and Germany. The completion of this road will enable the people of Honduras to obtain a natural outlet for their products through Atlantic ports, and will also enable them to receive their supplies of foreign manufactures direct from the manufacturers, and will probably cause a large increase in the production of fruit in great abundance, which it must soon. A short distance from the coast of Honduras, in the Bay of Honduras, are the Bay Islands, which are also owned by Great Britain, and the Colonial Secretary of State has declared his intention to make the Bay Islands a free port, and to encourage the settlement of the islands by Americans. The Bay Islands are said to be very fertile, and to produce cocoa, sarsaparilla, and other tropical products in great abundance.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FOREIGN NEWS.

Details of Position Around Paris.

Insurgents Claim Repeated Successes.

Threatened Prussian Intervention Unfounded.

French Troops Opposed to Attacking Paris.

Prussians Offer to Cut Off Supply of Provisions.

Thiers Rejects the Offer.

HOME NEWS.

Congressional Proceedings.

Miscellaneous Matters.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Paris, April 17.—The Communists, after a severe battle, occupied the whole of Neuilly, capturing all the artillery and two flags. The enemy also lost 2600 men in killed and wounded, and 500 prisoners. The loss of the Communists was about the same. Mont Valerien is now bombarding Neuilly.

Paris, Tuesday, April 18.—Gen. Cluseret reports: The past night has been comparatively quiet. Gen. Dombrowski is steadily and surely advancing.

Considerable breaches have been made in the walls of Valerien. The situation is every where satisfactory.

Several of the enemy's batteries have been dismounted, and all their attacks have been repulsed, with small loss to the defenders.

The morale of the men is excellent.

The official journal pronounces as false the reports that Lullier has been appointed to the command of the gunboat flotilla in the Seine.

The supply of provisions by the Northern and Eastern Railroads is uninterrupted.

The Commune are discussing questions of commerce preparatory to the restoration of trade and credit.

Versailles, April 18.—Marshal McMahon's headquarters are now at Fontenay aux Roses, near Sceaux.

Rumors that the action of the Prussians threaten a forcible intervention in the affairs at Paris are unfounded.

Fifty Insurgent were taken prisoners in the Chateau Becon, and others were captured in the vicinity.

The repaired railway battery has been captured from the insurgents at Colombes.

The Germans are massing heavy bodies of troops and give many other proofs of an intention to intervene.

London, April 18.—The *Times* specials speak highly of the American guns used in the defense of Paris.

London, April 18.—Correspondent of the *Tribune* at St. Denis had an interview with Gen. Pafe, commanding first division of the Prussian army, on Monday, who said Bismarck's negotiations were to interfere by the twenty-third, in accordance

McMahon has a right to enter between the forts and Paris, and intends to assist. He would not hinder, but assist McMahon. He thinks weakness of the Versailles army prevents anything being done. He offered to cut the railroad traffic with Paris and allow no provisions to enter, but Thiers refused. Paris containing so many orderly people.

The insurgents recently made large requisitions in the St. Denis Faubourg. Theirs bands have been plundering and sacking their churches. Pafe sent troops to protect the people and recover their property. He also sent troops to the Commune that if it happened again the Prussian forts would open fire. He added: "My object is to prevent any conflict with the insurgents and to give the Government facilities."

Dissatisfaction exists among the French troops. They are ready to protect the Assembly but not to attack Paris.

More than half the soldiers returning from Germany are sent home, because they are regarded as untrustworthy.

500,000,000 of francs due April the first are known to be ready at Versailles, but payment is delayed because the German troops on the payment of this installment will then settle for wages of Prussians.

The people are dying from Paris in crowds.

London, April 18.—Great earthquakes have occurred in Italy.

The Lutheran inhabitants of Levonia petition Russia for annexation to Prussia The Czar ordered the petitioners to leave Levonia under pain of confiscation.

FROM MEXICO.

City of Mexico, via *Havana*, April 18.—In Sinaloa a portion of the Federal troops have pronounced for Placido Vega.

Gen. Garcia Cardenas and the Secretary of War asks for an extra appropriation of 150,000 dollars to suppress the rising.

The troops from Durango and elsewhere have been sent against the mutineers.

Slight disturbances in Guerrero and Jalisco continue.

The troops who deserted in Guerrero passed into Michoacan to cause a revolution there.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington April 18.—The Legal-tender case was discussed all day in the Supreme Court. The Attorney General appeared in behalf of the Government. Evarts, against the present decision of the Supreme Court, these contracts semi-dating Legal-tender notes are unaffected by the act, and also affirmatively upon the question whether it was binding as to contracts made in the passage.

The following nominations were announced to-day: Zachariah E. Thomas, United States Marshal, Alabama; Jesse Taylor, Collector, 6th Tennessee; C. T. Garland, United States District Attorney, Western Texas; Ellen Cleaty, Postmaster, Aiken, S. C.; Simon Stern, Supervising Inspector General of Steamboats.

The only points in the Confederated Committee of Nine affecting the South were the announcements in the press that giving access to the States of Mississippi, Charleston, and the appointment of the attorney to represent the Government before the Southern Claims Commission.

SENATE.—A resolution passed requesting the President to send an officer of engineers to assist in the survey progressing under the auspices of Louisiana for the improvement of the levees.

Mr. Blair, supported by Mr. Thurman, called upon the Attorney General to communicate the stipulations between the Attorney General and the counsel for Mr. Yerger, of Mississippi.

Mr. Schurz wanted to know the object of the resolution. Mr. Blair said to give the people information, that if were strongly suspected there had been bargain-making in the last case, and the truth should be known. No action.

The Ku Klux bill was discussed all day.

The Senate is in session to-night.

HOUSE.—Exciting general debate but no important action.

The Speaker announced the following members of the Joint Committee on the South: Pollard, Maynard, Scofield, Cook, Coburn, of Indiana; Stevenson, Buckley, Lansing, Cox, Beck, Wells, Arthur, Blair, Waddell and Robinson; also, the following as members of the Special Committee on Retrenchment: Morey, Hamilton, Maynard, Cox and Stevenson.

Washington, April 18.—The Republican Congressional Executive Committee met this morning, and the following is the call issued for the convention to meet in this city during the summer, to nominate candidates for President, Henry D. Cook, Vice President Douglass and J. M. Edmunds.

The Senate to-day passed the Ku Klux conference report by a vote of 36 to 16.

Washington, April 18.—The Democratic caucus to-night will take action on the Ku Klux conference report, which will be taken up to-morrow.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, April 18.—Probabilities: It is probable that the winds will be variable, and by morning they will generally be from the south. It is probable that there will be rain to-night and to-morrow, and it will be cloudy to-night and to-morrow.

Washington, April 18.—Synopsis for the past 24 hours:

Cloudiness, rain and thunder storms have prevailed over the Gulf States, the Mississippi Valley and the Lower Lake region. Rain has fallen in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Nebraska. The rivers have ris