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Amusements This Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Hart, Ryman & Barney's Minstrels and Comedy Company.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—"David Garrick" and "Marriage at Any Price."

THE DIFFICULTY IN THE WAY OF REFORM.

Reform movements in different parts of the country, make but slow progress, although a conviction of their necessity is universal and a disposition to promote them is general among the masses of the people. Why then are they restrained? The answer to this query is one which our readers may well ponder. We suppose that the apathetic sluggish condition of the body politic is attributable to the fact that the disease which afflicts it, has obtained too strong a foothold and that the healthy part is unable to recover its tone. It is with a moral disease as with a physical affection, and the same laws apply to each. There are stages in the diseases which seize upon our bodily frames—just as there are stages in those which take possession of our spiritual being, and if we suffer them to progress until the whole organization is affected, the case is beyond remedy. There is no absolute and certain cure for a moral disease any more than there is for a physical. The great secret to be learned by the professors of both arts is, how to assist nature in throwing off the complaint and resuming its normal condition. Our recovery does not therefore depend upon the quantity or character of the corrective which we take, but on the recuperative power which we possess. If we have lost that, our case is hopeless. The question for us to consider then is simply this: has society become so diseased as to be unable to shake off the complaint—has corruption made such headway as to affect the entire system from head to foot? We are not yet ready to admit that decomposition of our society as a political body has progressed to this extent, although there are very suspicious symptoms which call for the most vigorous treatment. Except the remedy must not be prescribed by one who is himself diseased. He who would undertake to heal another must himself be a well man, must understand, the complaint he is called to cure, know what remedies are applicable and how and when they are to be administered. He must understand the constitution and natural peculiarities of his patient—so as to meet all the conditions of the case. Now it is a humiliating confession to make that too many reform movements originate and are sought to be controlled by persons who are themselves implicated in those acts of mis-government and corruption which such movements are designed to check. Such persons cannot command the confidence of the public which is essential to success for they have themselves performed the acts which have produced the unhealthy condition which calls for treatment and are in need of the remedies they would prescribe for others. Physicians who are sick should be recommended to heal themselves before they undertake to prescribe for their fellowmen. The corruption which has elected such wide spread complaint does not however pervade the entire body of our political system. It began at the top—thus is not always the case—those who govern us. The lower limbs and the trunk are yet comparatively sound and only need to be strengthened against the stealthy advances of the disease which has taken possession of the head. The rich among us, have all more or less participated in the mis-government and the wicked dissipation which at last begins to arouse the community from its death-like torpor. Without their aid, directly or indirectly given, the money which has been squandered at such a fearful rate could not have been obtained. When this class of the population cry out for reform they are thinking of their possessions and how they are to keep them. With them the cry is a selfish one. It is their taxes they wish to reduce or some speculation or public contract they have in view. It is not the interest of the masses of the population for which they are solicitous. They are therefore easily satisfied by a reduction of their taxes or some other concession which enables them to make up their losses. For those reasons we cannot have much confidence in reform measures which are initiated by the wealthy class of the community. What cares Warmouth, for instance, whether his taxes are one thousand or ten thousand dollars? According to all accounts he has accumulated enough money to meet all such demands, and he has it in his power at all ways to repeat the operations by which he has amassed his wealth. Reform with him cannot be sincere, nor with those associated in his schemes. When reform shall be initiated and supported by the masses of the people as contra-distinguished from capitalists and large property-holders, we shall have some hope of a change for the better in our governmental affairs.

We are happy to announce the return to New Orleans of Edward Barnudes, Esq., Attorney at law of this city who has been absent for some months in Europe on professional business. Mr. Barnudes is in excellent health, and prepared to resume his extensive practice with all his former activity and vigor.

The city is fast filling up with our absentees and in two weeks more the business season will have fully opened, if the weather continue favorable of which there is now every prospect.

DUTAY NOT.—Convulsions, wind colic, and stoppage in the bowels of infants caused death. Mrs. Whitcomb's Syrup is a tried remedy. It costs only 25 cents.

Gen. G. T. Beauregard.

The Memphis Appeal of Wednesday last, speaks thus kindly of our distinguished fellow citizen who was in Memphis on that day.

The presence of this distinguished gentleman contributed much to the success of the Fair on yesterday. The announcement of his presence spread through the city, and a general desire was manifested to see one who had offered his life a sacrifice to the people, whose heart and whose name is stablished in the public heart. No man in all the South is more secure in the confidence of the people than Gen. G. T. Beauregard. His public virtues and services are held in reverence. The splendor of his character is a valuable portion of the moral wealth of the South. His sternness of virtue, his integrity, his steady patriotism combine to make up the admiration of his countrymen. Gen. Beauregard is of French descent, but he does not wear the ardent and volatile temperament of that sons of France. The quiet, modest, unobtrusiveness of his character calls to mind the words:

It is with valor as it is with waters,
The smallest murmur, with the deep
Are mute.

We sincerely hope General Beauregard will prolong his visit among a people proud of his fame, and that he may long be spared to the friends endeared by so many social virtues, to the State so justly fond of his services, and to the nation whose sunsis the splendor of his genius have so economically adorned.

HEALTH OF VICKSBURG.—The *Herald* of the 17th, says:

For the week ending at noon Monday, the 9th, there were sixteen deaths, of whom two were of yellow fever. The week ending at noon Monday, the 16 inst., exhibited seventeen deaths, of which one only died of yellow fever. This makes the number of yellow fever deaths in the past three weeks just eleven. These added to the deaths reported for the week ending at noon on Monday, September 25th, makes a grand total of seventeen deaths from yellow fever since the disease was first declared to exist here, on Saturday, the 23d of September.

The Houston (Texas) *Times* says:

CARD SCHURZ.—We notice in New Orleans newspapers an invitation to Carl Schurz to visit that city and address the citizens on political issues of the day. Could not some such move be inaugurated here. The people of Houston would be glad to hear so distinguished a speaker as the Missouri Senator.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The fair at Blaffer's building, on Canal street, continues to be a great attraction. The table where the splendid punch bowl is that it is to be awarded to the company of the Louisiana Legion—Artillery and Infantry—that receives the highest number of votes sworn to. In every regular, and it is suspected that the punch bowl is not the magnet either. The reunions at this entertainment are very agreeable, and no where can a pleasanter evening be spent. Beauties and bachelors are equally welcome. If any partiality is shown it is only to him who has the most cheese pocket-book and taps it most frequently.

Joseph Dundear and Manuel Dirmion, colored, are reported by the police to have had a difficulty in a drinking place, on Bayados street, near Union street, about one o'clock yesterday morning, and it is added that Dirmion fired a shot at Dundear but did not hit him. Both were arrested.

Some one got at the till in Mrs. Daley's grocery, at the corner of first and Liberty streets, on Wednesday evening, and took the contents amounting to about $8.

Mr. John Fredricks, druggist, having been complained of by Dr. E. S. Lewis for libel, has been arrested and given security for his appearance to answer the charge. The alleged libel consists in having published an advertisement in the *Times*, in the name of the doctor for an apothecary who would allow him commissions on prescriptions he might send to him, a proposition which the doctor justly regards as unprofessional and intended to be injurious.

In regard to the larceny of a bank box by Messrs. Nalle & Cammack, from the banking house of Messrs. Pike, Brother & Co., by some man who obtained the ticket or check for the box, the bills receivable it contained were found in a cart, yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, opposite the office of Mr. Kirchenich, German Consul, No. 42 Perdido street, by his porter. No account has yet been got of the other papers and the State warrants which were also in the box. The cart moved off after the porter had taken out the papers, and it is not known to whom it belonged.

J. M. Seizes, who resides at 499 Customhouse street, was dangerously wounded, while working at a building, on Customhouse street, between Miro and Tonti streets, by a piece of timber falling upon him.

Explosion of a Dray-load of Torpedoes—The Driver Killed—Several Persons Wounded.—Yesterday morning, at a few minutes before ten o'clock, the people in the neighborhood of the French Market were startled by a great explosion, the noise of which was heard for miles around, and that made by the discharge of a considerable number of field guns fired simultaneously. The explosion took place at the corner of Madison and Old Levee streets, one block below Jackson Square, and the concussion was so great that houses hundreds of yards away were shaken by it.

As soon as the cloud of dust raised settled down all that could be seen, where the explosion took place, were the axle and the segment of a wheel of a dray, with a mule, the rump of which was bleeding from an adjacent wound, standing at the debris of the dray, living but paralyzed by the shock. Upon closer inspection a corpse, with the lower part of a leg gone, with a fractured skull, and the flesh torn from the left arm below, was found lying some twenty or thirty feet from the middle. All of the mules, except the parts reduced to mince, was shattered into beds splinters. The windows of half a dozen houses in the vicinity were broken in, and, internally, considerable damage was done to two of them.

It appears that a consignment of several hundred boxes of torpedoes had been sent here, by the ship George Hurlbut, which lately arrived, the lot having been sent by A. Nobel, Son & Co., and Emil Kinker & Goldsmith, manufacturers of the Union Torpedoes, the same as those which caused the death of one or two persons in the confectionery of the Messrs Miller, on Tchoupitoulas street, about two years ago. The captain of the Hurlbut received the cases supposing them to be ordinary sash, hardware merchandise. The lot was consigned to Mr. Nathenez, at the corner of Gravier and Tchoupitoulas streets, who upon learning the nature of the shipment, refused to have anything to do with it and so informed the New York firm. Thereupon an agent was sent from New York to take charge of the property, with instructions, it is said, to ship it off the river.

Two draymen were engaged in hauling the boxes, most of which had been landed on the levee, when the dray, of Timothy O'Connor, was the descending, when the others named Jacques Conlogne. Each had sixteen cases in his cart on his dray. As they were driving up Old Levee street, O'Connor's dray came in collision with one of the City Railroad Company's cars, running on the Levee street railroad, and it was then the explosion took place, caused, it is supposed, by friction resulting from the jar. The main force of the explosion was upward, in the air, and westward through Madison street. It is said that the body of Conlogne was seen in the air above the three-story building, which is probably true, as the part of his leg wrenched off was found in Shrubbery in Jackson Square, and must have been projected over the block of buildings fronted by Madam Pontalba's on Orleans street, the car driver escaped: the car was but little injured and the mule drawing it not at all. So far as we can learn there were no passengers in the car. The saloon of Mr. Camille Herras, called the Texas Exchange, at the corner of Madison and Old Levee streets, and the saloon of Mr. Louis Detrat, at the opposite corner, were wrecked. Windows, plastering, shelves, bottles and glasses were smashed. Six joined in a list of the killed and wounded, as far as known:

Timothy O'Connor, driver of the dray, killed. His skull was fractured, all his teeth were knocked out, and there was serious wound in the loins in his body.

Henry Detrat, bar tender in the saloon of his brother, Mr. Louis Detrat, badly injured.

Jacques Conlogne, driver of the dray with the second load of torpedoes, severely cut in the head. He is in the Charity Hospital and his wound is not thought to be dangerous.

G. Hean, a butcher at stall No. 141, in the meat market, struck by a flying missile, on the shoulder slightly wounded.

Augustus Masson, a butcher at stall No. 148, struck by fragment of the wreck on the head, wound not dangerous.

William Foster, a colored laborer on the streets, for the corporation, slightly wounded in the foot.

Mr. Masquerre, a draymap, residing on Frenchman street, between Clara and Flores streets, wounded painfully in the right thigh. His horse was also injured.

Mrs. Beersna, residing at the corner of St. Peter and Royal streets, slightly wounded in the head.

From Mr. Joseph Perbos, who lately returned from New York, we learn that a similar accident to that of the explosion of these torpedoes took place in that city four or five weeks ago, resulting as this did in several deplorable deaths, among which was the death of one of the manufacturers. Boxes of the torpedo were being taken from the store of the *inventor* to load a dray, when one of them dropped on the sidewalk and exploded. Mr. Goldsmith, the junior partner of the firm, standing in the store, was instantly killed, and the dray man, whose name Mr. Perbos does not remember, and 5 boy employed in the store, named Henry, met with like fate. The sole witness and only surviving partner, Kluber, and orders were issued to destroy all the torpedoes in the store. It is conjectured that the first explosion took place when the fire commenced.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

Commanders Sentenced and Acquitted.

Abolition of Slavery in Brazil.

Persia Still Suffering from Famine.

HOME NEWS.

The Protestant Episcopal Convention.

Conviction of Custom House Officers.

Decision of U. S. Supreme Court.

Miscellaneous Matters.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

London, Oct. 19.—Later advices from Teheran show that Persia is still suffering from famine and pestilence and the disorganization consequent upon which disorganization she have induced. The province of Ghilan has been invaded and plundered, and is unable to levy insurrection that has broken out in various quarters, which the Government finds it difficult or impossible to quell. The province of Fraza is in open rebellion and the Government troops sent to overthrow it have joined it. Ispahan is the capital of the province, which is now held by the rebels.

The Very Rev. R. W. Church, the new Dean of St. Paula, was installed on Tuesday.

Gibraltar, Oct. 19.—The captain of the schooner Ed. Hoon and Capt Capes And was the first land sighted after leaving the Colonial coast. On parting with her sister ship Hester she kept well to the south to reach 15th Gelt stream. She took a westerly course and first found soundings on Georgia bank in 100 fathoms. Passed through a field of floating timber. She experienced a storm Thursday but received no damage. Nothing was seen of any gunboats, English or American.

Berlin, Oct. 19.—The Emperor has approved the recent treaties made with France.

FROM HAVANA.

Havana, Oct. 19.—The steamer from Cardenas brings 950 Spanish troops.

Havana, Oct. 19.—The schooner Weldam, from Guatemala for Baltimore, with a cargo of sugar, arrived on Santiago de Cuba on the 18th, with all hands sick with yellow fever. She reached port through the assistance received at sea from the Georgian ship Hurlbut.

Advices from Kingston, Jamaica, to the 14th inst. report that the Demerara telegraphic cable is laid. The steamer Dariel will now resume grappling the lost cable.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The highest barometer has moved southeast into southern and Gulf States, an area of very low pressure has also formed rapidly northeastward through Canada and as we now look Cuba with high westerly winds from lake Huron to New York. The low pressure has risen North of the Ohio, it has fallen slightly on the Gulf coast; clear weather has prevailed in New York and New England, cloudiness and hazy northeasterly wind in southern Florida.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The patent of T. W. Wilkie, of Tallegrille, Georgia, for cotton seed planter.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The following is furnished as the solution of the mail troubles between Galveston and Houston: Chevalier and Jamison, through the management of Gen. J. Warren Bell, of *Flake's Bulletin*, have agreed to carry the mail between Galveston and Houston, leaving Galveston and Houston depot to depot, and weigh the same for the points of delivery. This gives privilege of declining further service after the 1st of January. Should the remuneration be unsatisfactory, should the Postmaster General accept their offer, Mr. Caldwell, Manager at Galveston, will be directed by telegraph to receive and transmit forthwith as above.

WEATHER REPORT.

PROBABILITIES.

The low pressure will probably move over New England accompanied with fresh winds and but little cloudiness. The wind will probably diminish on the lower lakes, and pleasant weather continues Friday generally east of the Rocky Mountains.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

New York, Oct. 19.—The yachts Columbia and Livonia raced again to-day. The Columbia lost 5 minutes in the start. At the first mark, the Livonia was 2 minutes ahead, and had a stiff breeze and smooth water. The Columbia passed Fort Hamilton, 5 minutes ahead of the Livonia, and when they passed Sandy Hook, the Livonia was 7 miles ahead. The breeze slacked and the Livonia won by 10 minutes.

New York, Oct. 19.—The dry goods merchants are advancing prices on account of the Chicago fire.

Eighty-six thousand dollars worth of vouchers have been found that were paid on account of Keyser, and which Keyser pronounces forgeries. They were paid by the Tenth National Bank.

The Insurance Convention adopted a resolution to memorialize Congress to exempt life policies from the bankrupt act. A committee was then appointed to report the best method of winding up insolvent companies.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—The first real estate transaction of any magnitude since the fire was made this morning. H. H. Hinsdale sold to T. B. Bryan a lot on Dearborn place by 82 feet in Bryan's own in the burnt district, for $60,000. Mr. Hinsdale bought this property a year ago for $40,000. Since the fire it is worth much more than before.

Mrs. Leroy, of 187 Dickson street, in whose barn the fire originated, pronounces the story false that the fire broke out owning to carrying a burning lamp in the stable. She says it was not there when the fire commenced.

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