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NEW ORLEANS:
TUESDAY MORNING, NOV. 21, 1871.

Amusements This Evening.

OPERA HOUSE. Verdi's "Trovatore."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. "The Field of the Cloth of Gold."

ST. CHARLES THEATRE. Mr. Forrest—"Richelieu."

THE NEW ORLEANS PARK.

We find in the report of the proceedings of the last meeting of the City Council, a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, J. R. West, President, enclosing a resolution requiring the City Council to pay into bank, subject to the order of the Board, the amount now in the City Treasury, to the credit of the Park tax.

We are aware that this demand upon the City Council is in pursuance of the provisions of the acts of the Legislature establishing a park, creating the Board of Park Commissioners and authorizing the collection of an annual tax upon the property of the inhabitants of New Orleans of one-eighth of one per centum. But we think that the circumstances of our people, burdened as they are with a weight of debt, more than they can bear, and unable to meet even the necessary expenses of government without considerable difficulty, do not justify the continued imposition of a Park tax. We should dispense with a Park until we are more prosperous. A community who are poor, who are worried by millions of debts and are compelled to mortgage their credit to meet the interest upon it, have no right to indulge in pleasure grounds and luxuries of that character. The Legislature should repeal the acts alluded to, and the money already collected as a Park tax should be devoted to the payment of unavoidable expenses among which the establishment of a park can not certainly be included. It is positively cruel to be extracting money from the people of this city for such a purpose, when our public authorities tell us they do not know how to meet the just demands of their creditors without increasing the debt already existing. It must be obvious to the most unreflecting mind that it is impossible to lift off a debt by assuming new obligations which involve a further increase of that debt. This system of finance has been going on now for some years, both as regards the State at large and the city of New Orleans also, and the only result is that they are getting deeper and deeper into the bog without any prospect of extrication. The way out of it must be in the direction our faces are now turned. We must turn back and endeavor to throw off by degrees the load we are carrying. Relief from the Park tax alone will not, we are aware, be of much consequence to us, but its repeal will be a beginning in the right direction. And for this reason we hope that the example will be made.

Mr. Gayarre's New Work "Fernando De Lemos."

It is known to some of our readers that Mr. Gayarré, the scholarly and distinguished historian of Louisiana, has a new book in press which will shortly be given to the public. It is a historical novel, many of the scenes, incidents and characters described in the book being found in the city of New Orleans. The old residents of the French portion of the city will easily recognize the fidelity of these descriptions. The chapters delineating the great chief Tonti and his companion Cavelier of Louisiana—Father Xavier Mar. Cousin of his black servant Tom, and of Judge Henry Bry—are the earliest sketches of the Louisiana Dictionary regarded by persons who were acquainted with those original worthies as very faithful portraitures. The chapters in which have related conversations held by the Governor of Louisiana, Don Martin Enrique, with the Viceroy of Mexico, are brilliant as well as powerful specimens of composition. There are also remarkable passages, but we must not in an extended notice of them anticipate occasion. In the meantime we subjoin what we cannot say is an exaggerated estimate of the book from the pen of the learned Editor of the Engl-ish edition of the *Longuetian Chronicle* of this city.

This new work of the Chevalier Gayarre which we have now perused with much pleasure, is a delightful one, much superior to all his previous works, and a lasting monument of his genius.

The plot is very interesting, and the crowd of remarkable characters, which make up the panorama of the pastoral times of Louisiana, are very well drawn, and will be recognized by those who are acquainted with our people, blundered as they are with a weight of debt, more than they can bear, and unable to meet even the necessary expenses of government without considerable difficulty, do not justify the continued imposition of a Park tax. We should dispense with a Park until we are more prosperous. A community who are poor, who are worried by millions of debts and are compelled to mortgage their credit to meet the interest upon it, have no right to indulge in pleasure grounds and luxuries of that character. The Legislature should repeal the acts alluded to, and the money already collected as a Park tax should be devoted to the payment of unavoidable expenses among which the establishment of a park can not certainly be included. It is positively cruel to be extracting money from the people of this city for such a purpose, when our public authorities tell us they do not know how to meet the just demands of their creditors without increasing the debt already existing. It must be obvious to the most unreflecting mind that it is impossible to lift off a debt by assuming new obligations which involve a further increase of that debt. This system of finance has been going on now for some years, both as regards the State at large and the city of New Orleans also, and the only result is that they are getting deeper and deeper into the bog without any prospect of extrication. The way out of it must be in the direction our faces are now turned. We must turn back and endeavor to throw off by degrees the load we are carrying. Relief from the Park tax alone will not, we are aware, be of much consequence to us, but its repeal will be a beginning in the right direction. And for this reason we hope that the example will be made.

PITTSBURG AND ANTHRACITE COAL.—The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. W. G. Coyle and Co., agents for Pittsburg and Anthracite Coal, office 138 Gravier street.

Families will find it to their advantage to deal with Messrs. Coyle & Co., whose terms are as favorable as those of other houses.

INFANTS.—Much suffering to these tender little buds of the family might be allayed by using Mrs. Whitcomb's Syrup.

BANK OF AMERICA.—The cashier of this institution, Mr. J. E. Pascal, gives notice through our advertising columns to-day, that an election for 15 directors to serve the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House, corner Canal street and Exchange Alley, on Wednesday, December 20th next, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Judge Cooley has removed from his late excess, and was presiding in his court yesterday.

Mr. Lawrence Barrett, the distinguished actor, is said to be the manager of the Varieties Theatre, has arrived in the city, and is superintending arrangements for the production of Shakspeare's Cymbeline, which is expected to be complete within a fortnight.

A dwelling at Camp Parapet, owned and occupied by Mrs. Zeringue, was burned down by incendiary on Sunday night. Loss estimated at $1800. No insurance.

Between one and two o'clock yesterday morning three men, Hamilton, Fahean and Kennedy, and a fourth, name unknown, were shot in the corner of Basin and Poydras streets, when two pistols were drawn and shots fired by some of them. No one seems to have been hurt. All ran off upon the alarm of the police, but the three named above were overtaken and made prisoners.

The number of deaths in the city last week was 116, of which 2 were from yellow fever. Males, 58; females, 47; not stated, 1. Whites, 75; blacks, 25; mulattoes, 17; not stated, 1.

At a little before 3 o'clock yesterday morning three burglars seeking to get into a house in Carondelet street, near Gravier street, awoke the inmates, one of whom banged away at the thieves with a pistol and they fled.

The Billiard Match.—The first game of the match of three games between the celebrated player, Mr. Dion and Mr. Miller, came off at the German Theatre last night. A large number of amateurs were present and greatly enjoyed the contest. The game was the three ball French carom game, each carom being counted as but one point. The number of points played was 500, and Mr. Dion was the victor, although he gave 150 in the game. He won the first play and had his cue drawn in the game immediately and first finishing. He was the first player and had his cue drawn in the game immediately and first finishing. He won the first play and had his cue drawn in the game immediately and first finishing. He won the first play and had his cue drawn in the game immediately and first finishing. He won the first play