The New Orleans Bee.

OFFICE 73 CHARTRES STREET. NEW ORLEANS, WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 6, 1871. 45th YEAR—Vol. XLV.—Whole—15,5034.

NEW ORLEANS DAILY BEE.

DUFOUR & LIMET, PUBLISHERS.
No. 73 Chartres street.

TERMS OF THE BEE.

Terms of Subscription—Daily, per annum, in advance, $16; half-yearly, $8; quarterly, $4.
Price of the paper—single copies, 10 cents.
The Semi-Weekly is published every Tuesday and Saturday. Subscription, $5 per annum, invariably in advance.
Rates of Advertising—Transient advertisements having the run of the paper first insertion, $1 50 per square; each subsequent insertion, 75 cents per square.
First or Editorial Page, transient advertisements, each insertion, $1 50 per square.
Advertisements inserted at intervals to be charged as new, each insertion.
First or Editorial Page, monthly advertisements, each square $20 net per month.
Regular advertisers who advertise largely, shall be allowed such discount from the above named transient rates as may be agreed upon. In no case shall such discount exceed 25 per cent.
Business Notices of Advertisements to be "Marked" or not paged per line, each insertion.
Transient advertisements must be paid for in advance.
Advertisements not marked for any number of insertions will be published six times.
All bills with regular advertisers shall be rendered monthly.

Weekly Edition.

TERMS PER YEAR.....$5.

NEW ORLEANS:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 6, 1871.

Amusements This Evening.

VARIETIES THEATRE—Coquettes.
ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Elizabeth.
ST. CHARLES THEATRE—School for Scandal.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Considering the great number of topics treated of in the message it must be regarded as a brief document. Its salient points are the report of the President's action in the Southern States under the Ku-Klux law of the last session, the suggestion he makes as to the removal of the disabilities imposed upon citizens of the same States under the Fourteenth Amendment, and his observations touching civil service reform.

General Grant seems to have thought it necessary to make light of the Ku-Klux law, and to soothe the sensibilities of the people as to its illegal and unpopular character. While he insists upon the necessity that existed for such a statute, he tells Congress that the only action taken under it was the sending a military force into certain counties in South Carolina and the arrest by them of 198 persons suspected to be members of secret political organizations obnoxious to the Republicans of that State. The only effect this has had, so far, is partially to depopulate the counties thus ridden down by the Federal solidarity.

The reason assigned by the President for his recommendation to extend amnesty to a larger number of the class of persons excluded from office by the Fourteenth Amendment was quite as cogent when that amendment was adopted as it is now, and we marvel that so long a time elapsed before Gen. Grant came to the conclusion he announces. He says:

"When the purity of the ballot is secure, many, if not all, of the disabilities affecting the views of the majority I should see the advantages or propriety of extending. Many of these are held legally and justly under constitutional legislation that was made necessary at the time. Others were imposed by the Congress that framed the Constitution, and relieved from them certain property, soon after the end of July 4, 1870, to the number of 7,000. Others have been relieved from time to time by acts of Congress, and still others by the Executus, before he himself was disabled. Should another universal legislation that may be made necessary. I would say that in