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VARIETIES—"Red Light, or the Signal of Danger."
DAN RICE'S CIRCUS—Congo Square.

An Inquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals.

We make the following extracts from the Essays of an eminent English historian and moralist of the last century. At a time when the moral sense of the community is perverted, it seems to us appropriate to hold up for the contemplation of such men, pictures which appear to have been specially drawn for their benefit, so accurate is the delineation:

"Treating vice with the greatest candor, and making it all possible concessions, we must acknowledge, that there is not, in any instance, the smallest pretext for giving it the preference above virtue, with a view to self-interest; except, perhaps, in the case of satire, where a man taking things in a certain light, may often seem to be a loser by his integrity. And though it is allowed, that, without a regard to property, no society could subsist; yet, according to the imperfect way, in which human affairs are conducted, a sensible knave, in particular incidents, may think, that an act of infidelity or infidelity will make a considerable addition to his fortune, without causing any considerable breach in the moral union and confederacy. That *honesty is the best policy*, may be a good general rule; but it is liable to many exceptions. And he, it may, perhaps, be thought, who sets himself with most wisdom, not observes the general rule, and takes advantage of all the exceptions.

"But, if such a man think that this reasoning unfit requires an answer, it will be a little difficult to find any, which will to him appear satisfactory and convincing. If his heart rebel not against such pernicious maxims, if he feel no reluctance to the thoughts of villainy or baseness, he has indeed lost a considerable motive to virtue; and we may expect that his practice will be answerable to his speculation. But in all ingenuous natures, the antipathy to treachery and roguery is too strong to be counterbalanced by any views of profit or pecuniary advantage. Inward peace of mind, consciousness of integrity, a satisfactory review of our own conduct; these are circumstances very requisite to happiness, and will be cherished and cultivated by every honest man, who feels the importance of them.

"Add to *one who, besides, the frequent satisfaction of seeing knaves, with all their pretended cunning and abilities, betrayed by their own maxims; and while they purpose to deal with moderation and secrecy, a tempting incident occurs, nature is frail, and they give into the snare; whence they can never extricate themselves, without a total loss of reputation and the forfeiture of all future trust and confidence with mankind.*

"But were they so secret and successful, the honest man, if he has any tincture of philosophy, or even common observation and reflection, will discover that they themselves are, in the end, the greatest dupes, and have sacrificed the invaluable enjoyment of a character, with themselves at least, for the acquisition of worthless toys and gewgaws. How little is requisite to supply the *necessities of nature*! And in view to *pleasure*, what comparison between the unbought satisfaction of conversation, society, study, even health and the common beauties of nature, and above all the peaceful reflection on one's own conduct; what comparison, I say, between these and the feverish, empty amusements of luxury and expense? These natural pleasures, indeed, are really without price; both because they are below all price in their attainment, and above it in their enjoyment."

An Opportunity for the City.

The attention of the city authorities is called to the auction sale to take place at noon to-day, in the Salon de Fêtes, in the rotunda of the St. Louis Hotel, of the several lots of ground and brick buildings situated between the Court-House and Royal street. These lots measure 121 feet on Royal street, 193 feet on St. Ann street and 136 feet on St. Anthony Alley, and will be sold, together with the buildings thereon, on the following conditions: $30,000 cash, and the balance in eight yearly installments. We think it will be very advantageous for the city to acquire this property. It adjoins the present Court-House, and can probably be purchased at a low price, and the possession of it will enable the city, when circumstances permit, to erect, in place of the buildings now standing there, a new structure appropriated to public uses either as an addition to the Court House or for other purposes, such as offices for the Recorders of Conveyances and Mortgages. Complaint has been made at several times of the insufficiency of the present accommodations in the Court House. Here is an excellent opportunity of adding to them. The acquisition by the city of the remainder of the square at a low price, would, it seems to us, be a financial operation promising such advantages to the city that the opportunity should not be suffered to pass by. The Mayor and City Council would do well to avail themselves of it if in their power.

Gov. Warmoth's Insincerity.

The Shreveport *Times* publishes the following letter, written by one of the Representatives from that part of the State, in the lower branch of the Legislature. The *Times* says:

We make the following extract from a private letter of our Representative, under date of January 30. It will be seen that he has no faith in the professions of Warmoth as regards reform. And, south to say, appearances would indicate that he is right:

I have not been able as fully as I shall be when I return home to explain the position which I and those Democrats who have acted with me occupy. Our co-operation with the Carter party was for a purpose which you so earnestly spoke to accomplish as I do, and this co-operation involved the necessity of recognizing Carter as our leader. It was unfortunate, but nevertheless a necessity palpable and inevitable. Warmoth and his party do not need, do not wish and will not yield the reforms which we demand. To modify the registration and election laws will sign the political death-warrant of Gov. Warmoth and his host of office-holders who are his only supporters. It was but yesterday in the House we presented a bill for the amendment of the registration law and was opposed by the party of the Governor, who, instead of permitting us to refer the bill to a committee of the whole House and fix a day for its consideration, insisted upon its reference to the standing committee on registration, and that in the face of the fact that this committee has not yet been appointed, and of course they will be with special reference to this bill. I tell you we have no reform to expect from the Warmoth party and will succeed in getting nods unless it is extorted from him by a public sentiment so potential that it absolutely puts him in the same terror in which we had him at various times during our legislative controversy. I believe we will be compelled, sooner or later, to resort to force, physical force.

LOOK TO YOUR CHILDREN.—Diarrhœa, Dysentery, and Summer Complaint are cured by Mrs. Winslow's Syrup, which is

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THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Wednesday, February 14, 1872.

SENATE.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Judiciary—Favorably upon the bills to punish bribery and the offence of selling or using the signatures of another to a petition.

Reported back, with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Elections and Qualifications, a petition to protest the proceedings and claims to a voluntary political organization, to report a fair, peaceful and legal election in the parishes of Terrebonne, Lafourche, Assumption and Ascension, which petition was presented by the Senator from the latter parish.

By Mr. Lott—Favorably upon the following bills, viz: of an act to amend and reenact section 1 of the act of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, approved March 6th, 1869, relating to the Board of Public Works; of an act to amend and reenact section 1 of the act of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, approved March 6th, 1869, relating to the Board of Public Works; of an act to amend and reenact section 1 of the act of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, approved March 6th, 1869, relating to the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Lott introduced the following bill, which was read by title and ordered to be printed, viz: It was an act [illegible]

Mr. Dewees moved to lay the [illegible] on the table and the yeas and nays being taken, it was so declared in the affirmative—Yeas, 17; nays, 15.

Then Mr. Monsteret's modified amendment was laid upon the table also, upon a call of the yeas and nays, by a vote of 18 to 13, and the section was adopted—Yeas 20, nays 13, as follows:

Yeas—Abell, Antoine, Brewer, Bunting, Bland, Brownlee, Brewer, Davis, Dawkins, Dorsheimer, Dewees, Dupuy, Dwyer, Dwyer, Dwyer, Hudson, Foulkner, Floyd, Gay, Gleason, Hopper, Harper, Hayes, Hudson, Johnson, Kennedy, Lewis, Lott, Martin, Mahoney, McCoy, McFetridge, Moore, Murphy, Morris, Murray, Orman, Pierce, Pitkin, Riley, Rogers, Sanders, Thomas, Turpin, Wheeler, Wilson, Young, Young—39.

Nays—Baker, Barker, Broussard, Bryan, Buckingham, Butler, Cochrane, Darby, Durio, Ellis, Fontelieu, Hyams, Kilbourn, Scott, H. Scott, Jr., Sanders, Monsteret, Nelson, Pond, Stinson, Thompson, Washington of Assumption, Worrall—20.

The next section (84th) now came up for consideration. It was as follows:

"That no one who is or has been a member of the present General Assembly shall be appointed a registrar or clerk of a registrar under this act."

Mr. Worrall moved to add that no supervisor, registrar or clerk should be eligible to a seat in the General Assembly for ten years after he had served as a supervisor, registrar or clerk.

The amendment was rejected by a vote of 42 to 39.

The bill having been approved section by section, an additional section proposed by Mr. Worrall to punish the supervisors, etc., for receiving bribes, was adopted, the penalty being no less than imprisonment, in the penitentiary, as hard labor, for one year, and no more than for three years.

The bill than passed finally, and the House adjourned.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

William Larada, learning that he was charged with being concerned in the killing of Guiseppe Calbino, at the oyster saloon, No. 17 Burgundy street, on Saturday night, surrendered himself yesterday to the police.

A lad named John Mooney, son of a person of the same name, was badly bitten by his father's horse, at their residence on Magazine street, in the Sixth District, last evening.

The window glasses of houses about Tivoli Circle were shattered, on Tuesday, by the discharge of artillery to assist in the celebration of the carnival.

Henry Petrie, notorious to police annals, has been arrested as one of the party that committed the burglaries at Dr. Choppin's and at Mr. S. Kardyke. Both Dr. Choppin and his wife have identified him.

Theodore Spahn, a German, about 40 years of age, driven to desperation by sickness and destitution, threw himself into the river, at the ferry landing at St. Ann street, last evening, intending to drown himself. He was rescued by the hands of the ferry boat, and was sent to the Charity Hospital.

The jury of inquest in the case of the colored girl Amelia Bonnet, killed by a shot, at the corner of St. Louis and Derbigny streets, have rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide, and that the shot was fired accidentally. The coroner speaks highly of the conduct of the police force in this matter.

Mr. Powers moved to lay on the table the bill to [illegible]