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ADDITION SALES THIS DAY.

J. P. Boissenault, by [illegible] of household furniture at [illegible] o'clock, at No. 46 Bayou street, between Gravier and Common streets.

We take pleasure in calling attention to the card of the Olive Branch, and to the [illegible] Commander John H. Burk, of the Lady Gay, between Memphis and Vicksburg papers.

CONCERT AND GRATUITY POSTPONED.—The Stonewall Jackson concert and oration announced for this evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, has been postponed until [illegible] evening, the 16th inst., for which occasion Prof. La Hache has consented to arrange and conduct the concert. We are requested to state that a limited number of reserved seats may be procured at the Reading Room, at the Hall, and at the music stores of Blackmar and Grunewald.

FIREMEN'S CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.—We have received in pamphlet cover the annual reports of Officers and Committees to the Fireman's Charitable Association for the year 1865, accompanied by the annual communication of an elected Fireman, F. I. N. Morris, who has been retained in that position for seven consecutive years. We are glad to perceive in these documents evidence of the unfailing prosperity and efficiency of the practical system of benevolence organized by this Association, whose corporate tenure is conferred by a well-devised charter for twenty-five years.

THE ANNUAL MARDI-GRAS BALL AT ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—We are politely favored with tickets to the annual Mardi-Gras Mask and Fancy Dress Ball, to be given at the St. Charles Theatre, on Tuesday evening, the 13th. Tickets of admission are $5. This festivity is ever welcome to the habitués of the St. Charles as a regular feature of its winter season.

ANDERSON'S REPORT.—We have received, through the courtesy of Mr. H. Perkins, State Auditor, a copy of his report to the General Assembly, of the condition of the State finances on the 1st of January, 1866. Owing to the insufficiency of official data, he is not able to make the precise and clear exhibit which he is so well qualified to make when he has the necessary materials.

We learn from this report that the total of outstanding taxes for 1865, '62, '63, '64, '65, is [illegible]. As regards the taxes for the four [illegible] years the Auditor says:

"In not amending the collection of taxes for the years 1862, 1863, 1864, and 1865, having failed to become a law, I shall instruct the Assessors and Collectors to proceed at once to the assessment and collection of these taxes, with what success I cannot say. My own belief is, that the portion in that very little will be collected, the people not being, just now, in a condition to pay back taxes.

The Auditor, upon the limited data at his command, estimates the probable receipts for the current year at $1,833,500, derived from a total taxable property of $300,000,000. This is in fully $100,000,000, less than the assessed value before the war.

The estimated appropriations for the present year, amount to $2,426,200.

The grand total of the debts and liabilities of the State, is $11,182,377 14.

With a probable deficit of over one million on the 1st of next January, the Auditor thinks increased taxation out of the question. He advises the issue of bonds on a plan similar to the one just adopted by the General Assembly.

The Brig Hope, previously reported ashore above the head of the Passes, has been got[illegible] off, and arrived up to the city and now lies at Algiers.

AMUSEMENTS.

WASHINGTON THEATRE.—Mr. Lawrence Barrett takes a benefit to-night, and will appear as *Shylock* in the "Merchant of Venice," and *Don Cæsar de Bazan*. Long before this, doubtless, every available seat has been secured by the admirers of this talented young actor. Mr. Barrett has done well in selecting Shakespeare's Jew. *Shylock* is clearly drawn. His passions, although intensified, are natural, and afford free scope to its original actor. However well he may play, in the general estimation, such characters as *Cæsar Lagordère*, we are bound to say they can not "hold a candle" to Mr. Barrett's conception. They may even injure him by accustoming him to look more to the interest of the piece and the spectacle, than to the artistic portrayal of the passions, and may end in encouraging his powers when a great dramatic effort is to be made.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—It must not be forgotten that Miss Ada Webb has selected this evening for her benefit night. She will appear as Female Detective—Husband at Sight. Miss Ada Webb has shown special variability during her engagement here. She has appeared in a large number of characters, and has given satisfaction for all. Her "Nan, the Good for Nothing," is for us, since, the most natural piece of acting. We have never seen by the way the character better rendered.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The selections from "Arrah-na-Pogue," exhibiting scenes from Irish home life, a song from Bob Hart, "the Wearing of the Green," by Billy Emmet, and a grand jig by the whole Company, ending in a Kilkenny fight, seems to be the great attraction this week. A pleasant addition has been made to the nightly entertainment in the person of the prima donna Miss Emma Clyde. Miss Clyde comes heralded to us from a genial favorite.

PEARLS AND RUBIES.—White teeth cropping a fresh out of ridges of ruby, a breath spicy as the isle from Araby the Blest. Who can resist such fascinations? To retain them, to perpetuate them, to make the mouth a casket of pearls and rubies, and every sigh a gush of fragrance, all you have to do, dear ladies, is to use that matchless vegetable preparation, Fragrant Sozodont.

The Steamship Matamoras, Capt. William Lessenger, of the Atlantic & Mississippi Steamship Line, left her wharf in front of Jackson street, on the River side, at 4 o'clock yesterday, with a full cargo and the following passengers, viz:

H G Jones, J D Hamlin, James Foote, J Mosher, U S Army, Lieut. [illegible] and servant, D Dunlap, Mrs Dunlap and child, Miss Dunlap, H Reed, D Hilliard, J Hilliard, Wesley Hilliard, J Bowen, Mrs Bowen, J W Perkins, Mrs Perkins, Miss Perkins, Miss Hilliard, J Cooper, J P Bowen, Mrs Bowen, Miss Bowen, Miss Allen, C