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MASS MEETING TO BE HELD IN LAFAYETTE SQUARE ON MONDAY NEXT.

A preliminary meeting of citizens of the Parish and State was held Thursday night to take the initiative in calling a mass meeting of the citizens of New Orleans, and of the other Parishes of the State, now in the city, without distinction of party, for the purpose of taking into consideration the measures proper to be adopted in checking the villainous legislation now being enacted by our law-makers in the Mechanics' Institute, legislation which threatens to enslave the people of Louisiana, both in their pecuniary and political interests, and reduce them to a condition of unspeakable degradation.

As in all such meetings, there were two parties—one for immediate action, and the other for temporizing measures. Several speeches were made by prominent citizens—some stirring in their character, others of the character of "soothing potions."

The "immediate action" men carried the day and resolutions were passed requesting the Chairman to appoint a committee of twenty citizens who should convene the city between now and Monday next to obtain the signatures of our leading men to the call, and to make arrangements for a mass meeting on Monday evening next in Lafayette Square.

The committee was appointed last night, and from the character of the names, we judge that such a demonstration will result from this movement as will make H. C. Warmoth, John Ray and company, shake in their boots.

Fellow-citizens of all parties opposed to robbery and villainy of all kinds, be prepared to assemble on Monday night, in such numbers as will strike terror in the hearts of your thieving law makers.

Successful Treatment of Cancer.

We understand some time since, that the Hon. E. R. Rost, of South Carolina, was in the hands of Dr. Chappin, of this city, for medical attention as a cancerous disease of the skin in his face.

Some seventeen years ago, Mr. Rhett went to Paris, to avail himself of the knowledge and skill of the celebrated Velpeau, at that time at the head of surgery in France. Velpeau examined the diseased part, and supposed it easily cured. Perhaps it would have been effectually cured, but for the unfortunate return of Mr. Rhett too soon to the United States. One of Velpeau's pupils, Dr. Chappin now, after dozens of experiments by others and after an immense spread of the disease, extending over the bridge of the nose, to both wings of the nostrils, and destroying one part of the cheek to within a quill's breadth of the right eye, has undertaken to attempt a cure. The operations have been various, but the correction could be trusted to take away the diseased flesh near the eye, for fear that the instrument dare might be destroyed. The knife alone afforded that protection which the delicacy of the parts affected required. Three arteries had to be severed. With his accustomed skill, Dr. Chappin, (with the assistance of his colleague Dr. Bruns) has performed the operation and has removed all the diseased flesh from the face, and we are happy to state that, that a complete, and it is believed, a permanent cure of the patient has been accomplished. It is difficult to say, in what department of human achievements, greatness is greatest; but, beyond doubt, he who can change the whole structure of the human body, and can sweep away such diseases from suffering humanity, must be among its greatest benefactors. It is Cicero who says that "in nothing do men approach nearly to the Gods, as in giving health to their fellow beings." This is true, for it approaches very nearly to creation.

THE NEW ORLEANS SEMI-ANNUAL TRADE GUIDE.—We have received from the publisher, Mr. D. Webster, a copy of the *New Orleans Semi-Annual Trade Guide*, a publication of fifty odd pages, which contains the advertisements of the larger houses in all leading branches doing business in this city, and much valuable information in relation thereto. It contains also the autonomous of a number of our most respectable merchants who are subscribers to the work and advertise therein. The book is circulated without charge by the Mercantile Agency of R. G. Dun & Co., and we do not know of a better medium than this respectable firm affords for bringing together the merchants of New Orleans and the country dealers and planters. The persons advertised are all of high-standing and receive orders from distant points may safely be entrusted to. Each page contains a column of editorial comment upon the business and the interests of business in which they are engaged. Mr. John M. Colby, formerly commercial editor of the New Orleans *Crescent*, and other journals, is the editor of this *Guide*. He has had a great deal of experience in the business of publication, and is also well acquainted with the movements of commerce here and those who conduct it.

LOUISIANA AND HISSISSIPPI DIRECTORY FOR 1870.—We have received a prospectus of a new work which is proposed to be published with the above title. The object of the directory is to supply to the merchant and planter a convenient and useful work, adapted to their *every-day* wants for all purposes of general reference, both as a directory and as a compendium of miscellaneous information. It will contain the name and business of individuals and firms carrying on business in the two States; all planters and farmers among and all incorporated companies will be fully represented, with a mass of other general information of a valuable character to every business man. This promises to be a valuable medium for advertisers. The work is to be published by Mr. Andrew Boyd, of this city, who is now prepared to receive the names of advertisers and subscribers. Price $6, and no subscription collected in advance.

THE LEFAMOUR ELECTION BILL.—Our readers will perceive by reference to the report of the legislature in this issue yesterday that the infamous Election Bill was passed through as a whole at a quarter past nine in the evening. It now goes to the House for concurrence and may go through with the same rapidity there and be a law before Monday next.

We call the attention of those gentlemen who addressed the meeting on Thursday night in the Hancock Club, and who spoke for delay in calling the mass meeting, to the action of the Senate. Were the "moderate action" men not right?

TO THE BUTCHERS OF THE CITY.—We are requested to call the attention of the Butchers of New Orleans to the notice published in our advertising columns to-day, requesting them to attend the meeting to be held in the St. Charles Theatre to-night.

The United States Senate as a Fashion Place of Amusement.

Washington (Jan. 16) Correspondence of the Cincinnati Enquirer:

Whatever may be the reputation of the Senate as a legislative body—and I readily acknowledge the indulgence of a few remarks of severe criticism—it is certainly the fashionable resort when the desire is high society to consider—that as a place of popular, though not always rational amusement, for the last few days that have elapsed since its remarkable session has compelled its principal chief, and professor of Humpty Dumpty, and it never had no fellow in the amusement line, perhaps, since the other opera minstrel company which holds forth nightly at one of the city concert saloons. Indeed, I may say, however, that the Senate is far ahead of the latter in all of the essentials that constitute a first-class opera company. Where is the equal to Trumbull, the inimitable who can hold the audience with his mere presence, and who can do anything—or the seventy-second part of anything—he chooses, from Mr. Conkling, the finest orator of the Senate from New York? Too terrible for words—Old Virginny—and the chief business of the afternoon placed at Trumbull and Sumner, were the principal actors. The plot of this admirable burlesque is too well known to need a description, but I give over a synopsis of it. It is a work of great genius and is rendered with a verve and spirit that would do credit to the best of the Ethiopian troupes. The scene is laid in Old Virginny, and the time is the present. Trumbull is the chief actor, and the action of the play is the attempt of Sumner to get the Senate to