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Amusements This Evening.

OPERA HOUSE—"Les Invalides du Mariage," a comedy; Madame est Couchée a vos Ordres (Miss Blanchard et Mr. Richings).
ST. CHARLES THEATRE—"Aladdin, the Wonderful Lamp," and "The Irish Rebel."
ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Engagement of Mr. Lotta Crabtree.
CRESCENT CITY MUSEUM—Nos. 42 and 43 Carondelet street, opposite St. Charles Hotel.

ATTEMPT TO RE-ORGANIZE THE COURTS OF ORLEANS PARISH.

A bill has been introduced in our State Senate in connection with that of the measures in progress to perpetuate the rule of the Republican party in Louisiana, looking to a partial re-organization of the District Courts in the parish of Orleans. The object really in view is patent on the face of the bill. It is to prevent Judge Abell of the First District Court and Judge Cooley of the Sixth District Court from interfering any further with the partisan and politically inhumane of the Governor and his associates by the exercise of their jurisdiction with which they are invested. The Republicans here pay a left-handed compliment to the other judges of the parish, for their jurisdiction it is not proposed to touch.

The bill we believe to be unconstitutional, and we ask the attention of those members here who are disposed to throw off partisan allegiance in a matter in which partisan action is not demanded, to the following facts:

Art. 83 of the Constitution recognizes the Seven District Courts in this parish—the first Court having exclusive criminal jurisdiction and the second court with exclusive *probate* jurisdiction and third with exclusive jurisdiction of appeals from *Magistrates*, and provides that "these seven Courts shall also have such further jurisdiction, not *inconsistent herewith*, as shall be conferred by law."

It is inconsistent with this article of the Constitution, to give to any other District Court, (whether in existence now or to be created) any *concurrent* jurisdiction in criminal or probate matters, or in appeals from magistrates; for that would do away with the exclusive jurisdiction of the First, Second and Third District Courts, in their respective spheres.

The *inconsistency* would be still more glaring, if the jurisdiction of these three courts were wholly given to other courts.

The terms "until otherwise provided there shall be seven District Courts for the parish of Orleans," with the following original jurisdiction, "do not affect the question of jurisdiction; they refer only to the number of courts, which "until otherwise provided," shall be seven. The Legislature is at liberty to increase the number; but, in doing so, they must be careful to do nothing "inconsistent" with the recognized constitutional jurisdiction of these courts.

The Legislature can create additional District Courts with general jurisdiction, but exactly on the footing of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Courts, to which the Legislature can in no wise give jurisdiction of any kind in probate and criminal matters and in appeals from Justices of the Peace.

The Legislature may enlarge the jurisdiction of any of the existing courts, provided it does not attempt to give concurrent jurisdiction to them *inconsistent* with the clause giving exclusive jurisdiction to the First, Second and Third Courts in certain matters respectively.

Now, as to increasing the number of the Courts, we learn it is entirely unnecessary. The four courts, now in existence, having general jurisdiction, are quite sufficient for the public business. Their dockets are all well in hand, if not almost entirely cleared off. Why go to an additional expense when it is unnecessary? The re-organization proposed we learn from members of the Bar, will only make confusion worse confounded, for the judges and the lawyers will contest the constitutionality of these changes, and it will not usually yield to jurisdiction now exercised when they believe the change to be unsalled for and unlawful.

The Legislature cannot constitutionally abolish any of these courts. In attempting to take exclusive criminal jurisdiction from Judge Abell they do abolish his court in one sense. They propose to make that a civil court, which is now a criminal court. It is not believed this can be done.

THE LEVEE COMPANY.

The levee plan of the Louisville Convention has taken substance in the shape of a bill before the Louisiana Legislature to grant certain franchises to a company whose charter has been before the public for some time and the object of which is announced to be the reclamation and protection of the alluvial district of the Mississippi.

We have already indicated our approbation of this project and have no hesitation in respecting for the company such legislative aid as may be deemed necessary to secure the great end in view. The advantages of this new levee plan, as they strike us are: First, it promises to succeed out of existence the present system, which, like a fallen-out little longer, will bankrupt the State beyond redemption. Secondly: To substitute for this present system one of levee management, an active, efficient and responsible corporation, the measure of whose reward will be in proportion to the service it performs. Thirdly: It provides an indemnity fund for negligence, carelessness and worse, of skill, given the planter who pays the toll the remedy of the levee against the insurer. Fourthly: It establishes a responsible system of police and protection for the levee when completed and proposes to defend the work with all the appliances essential to resist the ravages of the river. Fifthly. Contemplating a perfect equipment, united with the utmost vigilance, it says the levee what it has never heretofore been, namely the danger of crevasse. Sixthly. On what has every basis of calculation failed and paralyzed mankind on a standing job. It failed to bear the energy, thrift and economy of private enterprise.

In bringing together in this condensed form a few of the advantages which, it is believed, can be claimed for the scheme alluded to, we are not to be understood as doing more than extending to it a general approval. We shall examine the bill and reserve to ourselves the right to scrutinize and object to any of the provisions which may be considered by us unworthy of support.

The Revision of the Civil Code and Shorthand Reporters.

We have had an opportunity of inspecting a copy of the volume purporting to have been printed at the office of the *Monroe Intelligencer*, entitled "The Civil Code of the State of Louisiana," revised, arranged and amended by John Ray, revisor of the Statutes and Codes; also, a copy of the volume entitled "The Statute Laws of the State of Louisiana, from the first organization of the Territory in the year 1805, inclusive," collected, revised and digested, by John Ray. These volumes purport to have been printed under the supervision of a joint committee of the General Assembly, at the office of the *Louisiana Intelligencer*, at Monroe, La. We are only able to say in passing out that the typographical execution of this work reflects no credit upon the transaction. It is in fact disgraceful. The State will no doubt be called upon to disburse a large sum of money for the printing of these volumes, which might as well be thrown in the river for any benefit or lawyer of standing and responsibility will place any confidence in books gotten up as they have been. Every member of the Code and every Statute will have to be compared with the original, before any person can safely trust them as books of reference and authority.

As an evidence of the perfect accuracy of these two volumes, we cite a misstatement of fact by Mr. John Ray in his report on page 5 of the Civil Code, addressed to the Joint Committee. He says:

"Inasmuch as it was deemed the work to be reported to the General Assembly in the next session, it was found necessary to abridge or limited that it was necessary to abandon or omit to the work all the notes wherein of the Civil Code. Accordingly, in Franklin's Digest, in reports of scholar and arguments at bar, the authorities to sound, who, together with the will of Co. F. A Hall, were collected for the preparation of the proof sheets, and explained to the revisors of the to the form here presented which, to be understood all the Louisianian required to be completed."

Now we can informed by a gentleman acquainted with the party that the "able and experienced lawyer" alluded to in the above paragraph is a young lad, not yet twenty-one years of age, who was admitted to the Bar since 1867 in a very summary manner, we deem, no doubt, but hardly equal to the task to be presented to the Bar and people of Louisiana as a "able scholar and experienced lawyer."

Mechanics and Agricultural Fair Association—Grand Semi-Public.

We have received from the Directors of the Mechanics and Agricultural Fair Association a pamphlet containing the rules, regulations and schedule of premiums for the Grand Semi-Public to be held at the Fair Grounds, in this city, on April 23d, 1870, and following days. The Directors say in their address to the agricultural, manufacturers, artisans, mechanics and stock raisers in the United States:

"Feeling a just pride in its past labors and success and pointing to them as a guarantee of its future usefulness, our Institution now appeals for support to all sections of the country. Leading off, at the close of our national troubles, in the attempt to awaken the public mind of the South, and to direct it into productive channels, we feel more than ordinary gratification, at the spirit of friendly rivalry and emulation which has been aroused by our former efforts. We behold with confidence similar institutions, in full accord and sympathy with us, springing into successful existence, in all of the Southern States, and rejoice to see them stimulating into activity, all of the great resources, agricultural and commercial industries, which alone will hereafter make the South great and prosperous.

It is evident that the key-note of Southern development has been sounded. The practical men of the country, who are calling it into operations, similar to ours, are doing more to promote the prosperity of this section of our country than has ever before been accomplished.

In the compilation of this premium list, we have endeavored to correct the errors detected in its predecessors. We have deemed it best to delay the appointment of the awarding committees to a period near the opening of the Fair. Selections will then be made of gentlemen thoroughly acquainted with the various branches of industry, represented in the respective departments.

Our grounds and buildings are in fine order, and are ample enough to accommodate much larger exhibitions than any yet held in them.

We earnestly invite visitors and exhibitors from every section of our country. The significant success of the past season, and the increasing wealth and prosperity of the surrounding region, contribute to make New Orleans, to-day, one of the best points in the South for the sale and distribution of machinery, agricultural implements and stock of all kinds.

Our Fair is held at the pleasantest and healthiest period of the year, at a time when our resident population are all at home, and when a very large floating population are drawn here by the salubrity of the climate, the attractions and amusements of the city, and the great movements of commerce. Everything contributes to make New Orleans, in April, a desirable place of resort. Railroads, steamships and other lines of transportation bring exhibitors and their wares at half fare.

LECTURES ON THE GOSPEL AND TALMUD.—We invite the attention of our readers interested in the subject to the announcement in our advertising columns to-day that the Reverend Dr. Wise will deliver three lectures on the Gospel and Talmud, at the Deutsche Company Hall, corner of Bienville street and Exchange Alley, one on January 23d, one on January 26th, and one on January 30.

We acknowledge receipt of a copy of "Keziah's Poems," from the publishing house of J. B. Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia.

The admirers of the author of the distinguished authoress, who is well known in literary circles in New Orleans, can supply themselves with a copy of the book by calling on J. A. Gresham, Bookseller, 94 Canal street.

AN APPOSITIVE JUDICIARY.—A bill has been introduced in the Senate of Louisiana providing for the future appointment, instead of election, of the District Judges of the State, but as this is clearly opposed to the provisions of the Constitution, we hear it has been withdrawn and a bill introduced providing for a submission of the question to the people at the next general election, and, if ratified, that the Constitution shall be amended accordingly and the Governor empowered to appoint these Judges.

We shall be in favor of an appointive Judiciary whenever the government of the State shall be returned to those who have a right to administer it. While a Radical Governor and Legislature remain in power we shall be opposed to any change.

DR. T. ANFOUX, one of our most successful surgeon-dentists, has just removed to No. 145 Canal street, near Bourbon. His charges are always moderate. See his card in another column.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Saturday, January 22, 1870.

SENATE—Lieut. Gov. Dunn called the Senate to order at 12 M.

Nineteen Senators present.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Judiciary—Favorably on act creating the Ninth Judicial District. On the act to provide pensions for the veterans of 1814-15, and their widows reported by substitute. Also on the bill authorizing the Governor to establish the manufacture of arms materials in the State.

The two latter bills were read twice, and ordered to be printed.

Also, by substitute, on the bill authorizing the Governor to issue warrants against certain persons charged with murder.

Public Lands—Favorably on the bill providing for the payment of Joshua Jones for work done on the levees.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Wiltgen-stein introduced a bill for the relief of Rive Humphreys. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Bacon—To punish bribery and corruption in persons in office.

By Mr. Lynch—Relative to the sale of Public Lands.

By Mr. O'Hara—To prevent the crowding of cars.

By Mr. Day—Conferring certain powers upon municipal corporations in reference to minor criminal offenses.

Also, for the establishment of certain manufactories in the State.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Ray introduced a bill relative to appeals from judges in the parish courts.

Also, fixing the salaries of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Also, to amend the election and registers of certain parishes to return the names, &c., of the parish of Richland, etc., to that parish. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Bacon called up his bill to punish bribery and corruption in office. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Under a suspension of the rules, a joint resolution was introduced relative to the duties on sugar and molasses, requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influence against the reduction of the same, as it would result in injury to the sugar planters in this State.

By Mr. Packard—Under a suspension of the rules, offered a resolution that the "Election bill" be referred to a special committee of five.

Mr. Campbell called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Ray rose to a point of order, as the resolution could not be acted upon, for a motion to reconsult the bill to the committee from whence it was reported was defeated yesterday; therefore, such a resolution could not be in order.

The President decided the point well taken.

Messrs. Bacon and Walsh differed from the decision of the Chair.

The President decided the resolution was out of order until the bill came up. When the bill came up he would give his decision on the resolution.

A bill relative to Public Education was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Campbell asked leave to present a report on the Revision of the Code. Leave granted and the report lies over.

The bill for the relief of J. H. Hardin, appropriating the sum of nine hundred dollars for removing the furniture, documents, books, &c., from the old State House, corner of Conti and Royal streets to the Mechanics' Institute, called up by Mr. Lynch and passed unanimously.

Mr. Ray called up the bill relative to vagrant in the Metropolitan District.

On motion of Mr. O'Hara the bill was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brougham called up the bill relative to the cession of a summary docket in the Supreme Court. Passed.

Mr. Wiltgenstein moved for a suspension of the rules to bring up the bill reported by the House amending the recent act abolishing the gambling law.

Mr. Blackman called for the ayes and nays.

Rules not suspended, ayes 17, nays 12.

Mr. Wilson moved for a suspension of the rules to call up the bill authorizing the Governor to issue warrants against certain persons charged with murder.

Public Lands—Favorably on the bill providing for the payment of Joshua Jones for work done on the levees.

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