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NEW ORLEANS:

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 23, 1867.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

S. Guinault sells real estate, at 12 o'clock, M., at the Merchants' and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Common streets.

REAL ESTATE AND STOCKS.—Messrs. J. B. Walton & Desiquele, auctioneers, will sell this day, at 12 o'clock, M., at the Merchants' and Auctioneers' Exchange, on Royal street, a very valuable and extensive list of properties, consisting of first class stores, dwellings and building lots; also bank stocks, etc., making altogether, perhaps, the largest and most attractive sale of the season. Parties seeking investments are referred to their advertisements in the various daily papers.

Our readers must not fail to peruse the card in this issue relating to the celebrated Petroleum Cooking Stove and its performances, at the late Bazaar of the Southern Hospital Association. The design of these great modern commodities is at No. 202 Camp street, where they are in operation daily.

NEW PERIODICALS.—Mr. C. G. Holle, bookseller and stationer, whose stand in Exchange Alley is well known, has sent us some of his latest magazines and periodicals, including Frank Leslie's *Ladies' Magazine*, the *Jolly Joker*, *Godey's Ladies' Book*, and *Der Bazaar*, a splendid fashion book for our German ladies. The engravings in the latter are splendid, and, printed upon the best of white paper, have a very fine appearance. There are some patterns for various feminine and fancy articles in two of the above works that must be worth more than the price of the whole books. Mr. Holle keeps constantly on hand the latest magazines, novels and periodicals, both in English and German. Call and see them.

AN UNEXPECTED WITNESS.

Doubtless the entire Southern people were somewhat surprised, yesterday morning, to hear the innocence of Mrs. Surratt publicly proclaimed by no less a personage than Butler, "of the Beast," the hero of Bethel and Fort Fisher, the murderer of Mumford, and the *bête noire* of the Crescent City. It was an event as unexpected as it was surprising; but when rascals disagree there is no calculating on the result. Butler could keep the secret no longer. Ever since, the war he has been the worst abused, or the best abused, man in the country, and that general order to the ladies of New Orleans, and the little affair about the "spoons," you know, have clung to him through every vicissitude of fortune, to use a simile far more forcible than elegant, like death to a sick monkey. And above all the abuse he has stood apparently unmoved, although his destitute wife would show itself now and then, and his true feelings crop out, as in the debate upon the million appropriation for the relief of the Southern poor. If he could not take his revenge out of the men who had called him a thief, he could at least make an effort to starve their women and children. It must be confessed that he has been remarkably patient under an amount of abuse that would have driven most men into Bedlam. In this we find two phases of character, and upon reflection we are inclined to think that there is more in Butler than we have given him credit for.

Who could imagine, for instance, that his patriotism was so great that he could bear the sneers of those who were as guilty as himself for near two years, and not betray his companions until the South had been bound hand and foot, and almost gagged? Who could believe that there was as much forbearance in his composition? Yet we have seen him bear the bitterest words in silence, and only now and then giving any signs of the depth of his feelings. Taking this fact into consideration, the term "Butler, the brute," has a new signification, for like the patient ass he has borne many kicks and cuffs without betraying the existence of such a quality as feeling, token in its moral or physical sense. But there is an end to all things, even to brute endurance and Butler's patience. He was taunted once too often about Fort Fisher and New Orleans. The last straw was too heavy, and broke the camel's back: the last sneer from Bingham was too much for even Butler's stolidity, and, like a rat in a corner, he turned to show fight, perhaps for the first time since his unsought honors as the "white horse" of the Charleston Convention Bully for Butler! He would take chaos from his bosom, but not from Bingham. He was not the man to "bottle up" B. F.—not the man to throw mud at sinners. Butler knew himself, and the late lamented Mr. Lincoln was accustomed to remark, the weakness of a little story. A celebrated judge was once riding upon his circuit, and had come to the county seat where his next court was to be held. As he entered the hotel he was met by a big, burly fellow, who was kicking an inoffensive-looking little man out doors, and at the same time applying to him epithets unmentionable to ears polite. The judge, being a moment and recognizing the valorous "kicker," said: "Ah! you here again—I thought that I kicked you out of the house for good the last time that I was here!" "Hush, judge," replied the bully, making a screen of his hand to keep the words from his victim, "you and I, judge, know who we can kick." By this rule Butler was the show-boy of the town, for he knew of no one to kick, while Bingham reckoned without his host. Although he had pocketed the napkins and spoons, and ordered Mumford to be hanged, he had never hanged an innocent woman, and no man who had been necessary to such a crime should say "spoons" to him. He was not that kind of a man; and besides he had a character to maintain. It was well enough to be kicked occasionally by a Beacon man, but he would not bear it from one of his own "pals"—not he; and if Bingham had been sharp he would have hesitated before thrusting his head into the jaws of the lion in the lion's stole. Perhaps Bingham had forgotten the little affair in New York, when a party of his own party and other parties threw apples and oaths at Butler, when trying to make a speech, and who tried to spe Southern shame in the very teeth of the hero? But their temerity was soon punished, for the brute showed his teeth and the odds on them that he was not afraid of root even at they were, for he had hanged their brethren in New Orleans. This should have taught Bingham that there is a limit to forbearance, and that there is a point where it ceases to be a virtue. Butler's endurance was sorely tried, and if *la Brute* was not the most malevolent of the lowbred beast upon Bingham, for he changed him with being instrumental in hanging an innocent woman. He had hounded on the case until he had brought her to the scaffold; he had yelped and howled until he had her neck in the hangman's noose; he had even barked in her upon the gallows—an innocent lady who had had nothing to do with the assassination, and whose only part in it was a mother's solicitude to save her son from crime. Fiend such a man is only "opossum," or "Fort Fisher," or "Dutch Gap," or "powder boat"—never! He would give his fellows a lesson that they would not soon forget, and well might Thad. Stevens rise in alarm and say "enough of this." Who knows what revelations might not have been made had not Stevens thrown up the sponge? Who can tell what the result might have been had the great Radical been in his right upon that pugilistic occasion? Who can imagine what history would have had to record—what Ben. Chandler himself would have been exposed—what monumental sewers divulged? History will not chant Sewers for his mention, yet self-preservation is the first law of nature, and we consult human economy. But Butler was "bottled-up" and Bingham was bruised with one of the most revolting crimes that is writ upon history's page since the days of Bloody Mary or Philip II of Spain.

When rogues fall out honest men get their dues, and in the rogue's quarrel we have good contingent about one of the darkest events of the age. We now know how the Radicals themselves regard the murder of Mrs. Surratt's body; we know how her heavily is weighed upon their hearts. Butler knew how sore a point it was, for it was evident that he intended to touch Bingham on the tenderest spot—to touch him on the raw. Hoist and Bingham, henceforth, must stand in the pillory of public opinion, accused by their own mates of the blood, branded as cool-blooded murder of an innocent fellow-creature. For this insolvency Butler must have the proper credit. If it were done for spite, the result is none the worse for that, not to judge him too harshly, perhaps it is the first symptom of a moral reform. If so he should be encouraged. The work before us may yet be complete, and then he may give us a good exposé of all the iniquities of the Radical party, and show up their sins and crimes as savagely as he did in the case of women-killing Bingham. Let him be encouraged; and in order to show that we are in earnest about it, we may take off a dozen or so from the obituary list of the spoons, or we can leave out the forks entirely.

A man in Napoleon, Ark., said he would drink a gallon of rum in one day, or die. He did both.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

FORTY-FIRST DAY—MARCH 22, 1867.

The Senate met at noon pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant-Governor Albert Voorhies presiding, and a quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Walker, of the Methodist Church.

The journal of Thursday's proceedings was approved.

By Mr Gordon—Joint Resolution, submitting to the people of the parishes of Terrebonne, Lafourche, Assumption and Ascension, the propriety of closing Bayou Lafourche, in order that the Legislature, at a subsequent session, may know the will of the people.

Mr. Gray objected, as the act of Congress admitting Louisiana as a State in the Union, prohibited the closing of navigable streams.

On motion of Mr. Palfrey the resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Foote, from the Committee on Federal Relations, stated that the committee would, at an early date, report on the Resolution of Address to the people of Louisiana, advising them to register themselves as voters under the provisions of the Military Bill.

By Mr. Scruggs—An act to change the name of the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy, (calling it the Louisiana State University,) and for the relief of the same. Laid over under the rules

The House bill to amend and reenact section 3154 of the Civil Code, was called up. Mr. Gray moved that the Senate adhere to its amendment. The House bill proposes to give laborers on plantations the first privilege on crops, yet the House has refused to adopt the Senate amendment what proposes to give the laborers concurrent privileges with the factor on the sum who advances money.

Mr. Egan spoke at some length in favor of adhering to the Senate amendment.

Mr. Kenner spoke in favor of accepting the House proposition. The laborer ought to have the preference; the planter had to hire his laborers on credit, and unless they had the first privilege, they would not be hired, or in order to get them the planter had to pay to the factor heavy interest on money advanced to pay the laborers.

Mr. Gray held that it would be an injustice to the merchant or factor to give the lazy negro or laborer the first privilege; he would only make a hundred bales of cotton where he ought to make a thousand, and then he would claim what little crop was made. It was an injustice to the planter and to the factor. The man who furnished the meat and bread certainly ought in morality to have the first claim.

The Senate then persisted by a vote of 28 years to 2 nays—Messrs. Kenner and Purcell voting nay.

Mr. Kenner moved for the appointment of another Committee of Conference, and after some little discussion this motion was carried, and the chair appointed Messrs. Kenner, Monday and Wilkinson.

The special order of the day was called, being an act granting State aid to railroad companies in the State, for reimbursement of their first mortgage bond. Passed finally. The bill provides that the Auditor endorse in behalf of the State on the first mortgage construction bonds of any "first class" railroad duly incorporated, to which the State has not heretofore granted aid by subscription to the amount of $10,000 per mile, when ten miles shall be in running order, said bonds to bear interest not to exceed eight per cent. per annum.

An act providing for the taxation of railroad companies in the State. Passed and sent to the House, providing a tax of five per cent. on all net earnings declared as dividends, this in lieu of all other taxation, whether State, municipal or parochial—this, however, not to apply to any city or horse railroad.

An act relative to railroad companies formed in this State. Passed and sent to the House, authorizing the consolidation of the interests, franchisee, &c., of the different companies and leases, with the consent of a majority of the stockholders of the respective companies.

An act making appropriations for the general companies of the State for 1861. Passed and sent to the House.

Mr. Newton, of Morehouse, called up the House bill to improve the navigation of Bouf river, Bayou Rapides and Bayou Bartholomew. Passed, finally, appropriating $80,000 to cut out the timber, which now obstructs navigation, and instructing the State Engineer to make the improvements; and to let out the contracts to the lowest bidder.

An act to authorize McHatton, Pike & Co to use the State, passed, finally. (These parties are the late lessees of the State Penitentiary, and claim several hundred thousand dollars for tools, materials and stock, turned over to the State.

Mr Egan called up the House bill making appropriations ($6,000) for improving the navigation of Red river. Referred, together with several proposed amendments, to the Committee on Public Work, Lands and Levees. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Met at 12 o'clock. Hon. D. S. Cage, Speaker, and a quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. B. M. Palmer.

Mr. Rogers, of Orleans, offered a resolution to purchase the life size portrait of Washington. Adopted.

Various Committees reports.—Mr. Regenberg, of Committee on Education, reported unfavorably on the "bill to develope the resources of the State by encouraging practical agricultural, mechanical, commercial and scientific education." Also, reported back to the House a bill of Mr. Eustis, with a substitute therefor "to extend the privileges of an act to extend the provisions of an act to establish free public schools in the State, approved, March, 15th, 1865." No other objects as to the exemption of colored children in proportion to the amount of the school tax paid by the colored population.

Mr. Austin introduced a bill for the relief of J. O. Nixon, State printer. Referred.

The bill relative to the New Orleans Academy of Sciences, was postponed till Tuesday, in order that Dr. Barny Lindy address the House in behalf of the Academy.

Mr. Simonds reported favorably on bill 245 relative to transfer of succession records to the Second District Court.

The unfinished business of yesterday was taken up, viz:

AN ACT

To establish a Levee District, provide for the election of Levee Commissioners and other officers therein, and prescribe the duties and powers of the same, and supplemental to an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of levees, by the State of Louisiana, and the State for four millions dollars, and to provide for the redemption of said bonds."

Mr. Eden spoke in favor of the bill, as a measure against the bill, or rather in favor of making the alluvial lands pay the tax under the provisions of the Constitution, as he interprets them. Mr. Decker, of St. Mary, was speaking on the Constitutionality question, when Mr. Farmer called up the bill for the relief of the Agricultural and Mechanical Association, which was passed and sent to the Senate.

The levee bill was resumed and discussed by Messrs. Tucker, Eden, Drake, McConnell, Leede, Eager, Green, Scanlan, Bailey, Theriot and others. The bill was finally passed and sent to the Senate. Mr. Green is specially deserving for his efforts in getting this bill passed.

Another levee bill, No. 413, an act to provide means for the construction of levees, by the issue of bonds of the State for four millions of dollars, and to provide for the redemption of said bonds, was next taken up.

Pending discussion, the House adjourned till evening.

HOUSE.—*Evening Session.*—The balance of the levee bills, Nos. 315, 315 and 316, were taken up, amended and passed.

Read the certificate from Mr. A. B. Griswold concerning the celebrated Petroleum Stove, and then go and see them at No. 202 Camp street.

THE CREVASSES.—One of the Messrs. Reman, on whose plantation, about sixty miles above the city, on the right bank of the river, a crevasse occurred a few days ago, arrived in the city yesterday and reports that the prospects were favorable for stopping the break by this morning.

It is stated that the break in Bayou Lafourche was caused by a trough being put through the levee to let water into a rice field.

The steamer Nina Simmes, Capt. Troxler, arrived yesterday from the Roman crevasse. Her officers report a large force at work upon the break with a prospect of closing it in a few days.

The steamship Missouri, Capt. Hudson, sails this morning at 7 o'clock for New York, with a fair freight and the following passengers: E. Dupins, and six in the steerage.

The steamship Ashland, Capt. Morton, sails at 8 o'clock this morning for New York, with a full freight and a number of passengers.

ARRIVAL OF THE MATANZAS.—The steamship Matanzas, Capt. Ryder, from New York, 11th instant, with merchandise and passengers, arrived at her wharf last evening.

The Matanzas arrived in the bar last Wednesday morning, at 6 A. M., and have been detained outside forty-eight hours will thick fog and heavy weather.

The following is a list of her passengers:

F. P. Minet and wife, Wm. H. Tapp, J. Fredericks, E. Eckman, Jos. Fleitas, Jos. Fleitas, Jr., Mrs. Jane Kinnevan, G. W. Dean and wife, Miss C. Grady, John Grady, Mrs. E. Bellow, Mrs. Joseph Russell, Richard Russell, and others in the steerage.

ARRIVAL OF THE BRIGANTINE ALHAMBRA.—The steamship Alhambra, Capt. Thomas, from Liverpool February 28th, arrived at her wharf yesterday morning. She brings a full freight and the following named passengers:

Mr. John Cooper, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Lilly M. Fraser.

FUGITIVES FROM MEXICO.—Fugitives from Maxton and his band of brave by every steamer, and it is said that all who can get away leave the country. A general confiscation is threatened by the Juarez Council of Liberal censors, and 10 is very probable that confiscation will be the first proceeds the confiscation of his property. I was much amused the other day at the arrival of a party of ladies. They came in the steamer to the hotel, and immediately gathered the brown of trees in their hats and spread outdoor dress to dry. Whether they were Liberals or Imperialists I could not ascertain. The latter went up to her; she pushed him off, a colored servant girl gently assisted the undaunted bonnets on the strangers' wives, while it was no less amusing to see the strangers stare at the others to catch the prevailing styles. After breakfast the whole party started for the capital, before their fortunes could have had a comfortable smoke, and at dinner, when they returned, you should have seen Mexico! They did not go again to dress for dinner; no indeed! but came in with their own boots and other fixings, with noses as high as eagle's. The porters presented by the landlord with the luggage, and with the usual "Gracias, Senor," about the size of an opera hat, upon the crown of the head, that seemed immovable. One great coffee, after all, was: I don't think I will ever observed it so "*No Advertise.*"—*N. O. Correspondent Mobile Advertiser.*

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The "Black Creek."—Brilliantly illustrated copies of the story of this wonderful quartz color play which has created such a sensation on the stage in the Northern cities, are, we notice, for sale at the book and stationery store and general newspaper depot of Mr. C. G. Holle, No. 61 Exchange Alley. Those who wish a better knowledge of the play can now be gratified. The illustrations alone are calculated to give a good idea of the piece, independent of the story, which is given complete.

The Commerce of New Orleans.—The Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives appointed to report by bill, or otherwise, what taxes, impost or charges there may now be imposed on the commerce of the city of New Orleans which may be removed by State legislation on application to the General Government, have prepared a very able and statistic report on the subject, which in very important, and we trust will be laid before the Legislature immediately. The labors of the committee have been very great, and the information collected by them would make no inconsiderable volume.

The Committee, if we understand them aright, consider Portwardens and Wardens necessary, though the bill which the Committee report does not make the employment of Portwardens compulsory. They propose to remove the onerous charge of "entrance fees" when no actual service is rendered, and to fix the compensation for services rendered at a rate so little burthensome to commerce as is consistent with a fair living remuneration. They also propose, in order to guard against the abuse of unnecessarily employing surveys for the sake of the fee, to limit the amount to be received from any one vessel and to restore the privilege of parties having goods arriving from sea in a damaged condition, to settle the matter with the Underwriters by compromise between them instead of forcing a sale at auction, involving heavy reclamation, long delay and much litigation, which, under the present law, cannot be done. To prevent the exchequer of the fee for surveys of merchandise in store is to be raised from $7 to $10, surveys of vessels from $2 to $6, and also the fee for surveys of engines doubled.

The quarantine fees are regarded by the committee as compulsory and a very heavy burden on commerce, but one for very delicate consideration, in connection with the necessity for preserving the health of the city. The system is defective, and the law imposing these fees should be amended by the repeal of the law at this season of the year is considered unadvisable. The committee present a report of the Board of Health, showing an immense tax upon commerce towards paying extravagant salaries, and bringing the State heavily in debt for the same.

The committee also present a bill relative to Harbor Masters, stating that four Harbor Masters are sufficient, and, if competent, would require no deputies. This bill proposes to reduce the charge on tonnages from three cents to two cents per ton.

Other subjects of interest are duly considered in the report.

Raid on Reporters.—Some enterprising thief, who must have had a literary taste, or was ignorant of the character of his victims, made a raid the other night upon a couple of reporters, occupying a room together, somewhere above Canal street. We give the particulars in the concluding portion of one of our regular description of the thief's preposterous adventures.

After due examination, we found that both of our well filled pocket books had been purloined, two pocket knives missing, and even an old file, the favorite capillary covering being owning to our friend and *confrère*, feloniously appropriated. Having come away early and counts, we found that the loss sustained in cash amounted to exactly $1 75. But the loss of our pocket books was the hardest blow of all. The pocket book of one contained considerable valuable article on the weather for next Monday morning, and also several well-written criticisms on the theatrical performances to come off to-night.

We must acknowledge that we fared no better than many and several very old, learned literary productions anticipating events which we know must sooner or later take place, were now in the hands of the unprincipled fellow who, devoid of all judgment and discretion, foolishly invaded the *sanctum sanctorum* to increase his worldly goods. We dismiss the subject of the thief with that contempt that both deserve.

Coroner's Certificate.—We published in the *Bee* of yesterday morning the following:

Governor Wells has received a letter from Paris, France, signed by Henry Auguste Pilliard, making inquiry in relation to his father, Georges Henry Pilliard, who, he says, left that country in 1846, by the ship Venus, bound to New Orleans, and the last heard from him was by letter dated 5th of February, of the same year, written in the parish of St. Bernard. The son expresses great anxiety to know if his father is alive or dead, and any information on the subject will be thankfully received. We are requested to the party interested. We give this statement in the hope that it may benefit the parties.

In answer, we have received the following certificate from Coroner Delery:

I, Charles Delery, Coroner of the parish of Orleans, having notice of the death of Henry Pilliard, native of Switzerland, from consumption, on the 25th of February last, at the Charity Hospital, in this city, and having viewed the body of the same, and made inquiry respecting his death, do certify that I am satisfied that no guilt attaches to any person by reason of his death, and that an inquest is unnecessary.

(Signed) C. DELERY, Coroner.

New Orleans, 22d March, 1867."

Buckets Lineas.—We learn that a petition is in circulation among all the butchers of the city, and will be presented to the City Council at an early day, asking for a repeal of the $50 license tax.

Larceny of a Diamond Ring.—Peter Pickers, charged by Josephine Harris, of No. 63 Franklin street, with having taken from her bonne on the 19th of February last, a diamond ring valued at $75, was examined yesterday morning before Justice Lawless, who sent the accused for trial before the First District Court, under bonds of $250.

Battle for the Mobile Silver Bowl.—We learn that on Saturday next, at twelve o'clock, the silver cut glass strawberry bowl, presented by the ladies of the Mobile delegation to the Regatta, will be contested for by the oarsmen of Messrs. Hoger & Bien, No. 34 Union street, near Carondelet. All holders of tickets are requested to be present.

Drowned.—An inquest was held yesterday by Justice Lawless, over Burton, on the body of a man found floating in the river, at the foot of Spain street. From papers found in his pocket, and dated in London, his name appears to have been William Hogg. He was a evidently a seafaring man, about 35 years old, and respectably dressed. A verdict of drowning was rendered.

To Be or Not To Be.—A man by the name of P. L. Brown was yesterday discovered on the river's brink, in the Third District, and apprehending, to judge from his actions, going through a similar state of reasoning to that mentioned in Hamlet's soliloquy. A policeman who was observant of his actions, came to the conclusion that "not to be" was Brown's solution of the question, and refused to let him look any longer at the sea tempting water.

It was subsequently discovered that Brown had just escaped from a hospital where he had been sent by his friends on account of sickness, and it is supposed the ills that flesh is heir to had slightly affected his reason. He was returned to the hospital.—*Evening Crescent.*

Bright of the River.—Superintendent's Office, M. O. O. & G. W. R. R., March 22, 1867—Editors N. O. Bee—Gentlemen: At this time it may interest your readers to know the height of the river, compared with the high water of 1862. On the 19th, 1862, the river was, in the morning, 20½ inches below the levee; in the evening, 9½ inches below. On the 19th, morning, 9½ inches; evening, 8 inches below; 20th, morning, 4½ inches; evening, 4 inches; 21st, morning, 3 inches; evening, ½ inches above; 22d, morning, 3½ inches below 1862 mark. Respectfully yours, C. W. H. BAYLEY.

Register for Louisianians at the Paris Exhibition—Messrs. Bloomfield & Steel have on exhibition, at their store on Camp street, a register which is elegantly bound in Russia leather, and handsomely embossed, which is intended to be forwarded with the Commissioners from the State to the Paris Exposition, and to be kept in the office of the Commissioners for the purpose of registering the names, &c., of visitors to the great fair of fairs. Upon its return from Paris, the book will probably be deposited in the archives of the State.

Boy Sick.—A son of N. A. Baumgarden, who keeps a bakery at the corner of Dryades and Julia streets, Victor Baumgarden, about 11 years old, shot accidentally, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and was severely if not mortally wounded in the head by a negro named Joseph Manuel. The boy and the negro were playing, and the negro took offense at something pulled out a pistol and fired, then ran down Julia street to the landing, where he was arrested by officer Gaffney. An excited crowd gathered, and the police had some trouble in keeping them off, some of whom wanted to kill the negro. The sufferer is about 10 years old, has a bad shot wound, and has on one occasion tried to stab his own brother and also his mother. The boy was taken to the residence of Stappert, on Carondelet street, where the wound was dressed.

First District Court—Judge Abell.—In the case of Wm. Bohne, charged with having published, in the *German Gazette* newspaper in this city, a libellous article, charging certain members of the Committee of Arrangements of the German Volksfest, held at the Fair Grounds in May last, with appropriating a portion of the moneys collected, the counsel for defence objected to the order of Court compelling the officers of the Volksfest Society to bring their books and papers into Court, on the ground that this society was not incorporated. As the decision on this point will establish a precedent, and is also the view of the importance, Judge Abell ordered the case continued till Saturday next, when the point will be argued.

Frank Johnson, colored, charged with assault with intent to kill, was found guilty of assault and battery. The accused in July last was coming out of a church or school-house with a female friend, and accosted prosecutrix, who met him with a spear attached, and severed what was termed a small United States flag. Mrs. Ward was sitting in front of her house with her child, when Johnson, who was then passing, addressed took exceptions. The latter went up to her; she pushed him off, a colored servant girl of Mrs. Ward's employ, threw rock at the accused, and wounded threat Mrs. Ward threw them in the breast with his cane or spear.

Thieving Florist.—P. Opperman, an apothecary, residing on Marigny street, was arraigned before Recorder Levy, yesterday on the charge of abstracting violent in the face of a negro servant, Caesar, with whom he had a dispute about two weeks since about a flower. The case was sent before the First District Court.

Claims to the amount of $600,000 have been made, by private parties, against the city of New Orleans, for damages to adjoining property from breaks of the mead.

A girl in Antwerp tried to drown herself because she was refused a piece of plaster board.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

Mexican Intelligence.

Later from Vera Cruz.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Wilson's Resolution in Regard to Mr. Davis.

The Relief Bill Adopted.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

A Western Confederacy.

France, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland United.

Washington, March 23.—SENATE.—A petition for the strict enforcement of the laws in Utah was referred to the Committee on Territories.

Wilson introduced a concurrent resolution in regard to Mr. Davis. It concedes that common justice, sound public policy and national honor unite in requiring a speedy trial or release on bail. The bill was laid over. Wilson will endeavor to get a vote on it before adjournment.

A bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to discharge the direct tax collectors in the insurrectionary States and their duties on the revenue collectors, passed.

The Senate concurred in the House amendment furnishing 10,000 arms to the Tennessee militia.

The House amendment on the Southern relief bill was concurred in. The bill goes to the President.

The resolution suspending action on the Bentiguy claim, passed.

A bill to relieve the Chief Justice from the nomination of registers in bankruptcy, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to refund to Indians her expense in repelling Morgan's raid, passed.

Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—The Relief bill passed. It authorizes the Secretary of War, through the Freedmen's Bureau, to furnish food to all classes insufficient to prevent starvation and extreme want. The relief is to come from unexpended monies of the freedmen's and refugees' appropriations, and the expenditure shall not extend beyond the appropriation already made.

The case of Smythe and the New York Custom-house was vacillated, and the Committee on Ways and Means were directed to enquire and report articles impeaching Smythe if the charges are well founded.

The Senate bill, authorizing the Secretary of War to issue arms and ammunition for 50,000 militia, was amended by making it 10,000, and passed. House adjourned.

Washington, March 22.—Cotton quiet; mid dling Uplands 29½c. Flour quiet; sales of 1,000 barrels. Corn firmer—New 90c. Oats firmer at 53¾c to 56c. Cotton unsettled and nominal—Middling Uplands 29c. Whisky held at 30c. Pork firmer; sales 200 bbls. Mess at $26 demand at 10c for Sides and 10¾c for Hams. Bacon steady—Shoulders 9½c, Sides 11¾c, Hams 13½c. Lard 13c. Sugar—Raw Havana 12¾c. Sugar-cured 15¾c. Lard 13c. Groceries unchanged. Clover Seed $6 75. Money active at 7 to 21 per cent.

Evansville, Ind., March 22.—The river has fallen 21 inches. Weather cloudy. Passed Mary E. Forsyth from New Orleans to Evansville, and Bishop, from Cincinnati to Memphis.

St. Louis, March 22.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Tobacco quiet; Lead ranges from $5 to $9. Cotton nominal; low and lower; 26c. for middling. Provisions quiet and unchanged. Wheat $1 20 to $1 25 for prime spring; $1 10 for fair. Corn, $1 to $1 05 for choice. Oats sweet; $1 70 to $1 75. Oats sweet. Provisions nominally unchanged. Lard unchanged. Whisky $2 14 to $2 15.

Cincinnati, March 22.—Lumber, St. Louis to New Orleans, 2 A. M.; Atlantic, New Orleans to St. Louis, 3 P. M.; Emerald, New Orleans to Cincinnati, 4 P. M.; Cornelia, St. Louis to New Orleans.

Paris, March 22.—It is announced that the Emperor favors the confederation of France, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland against Prussia.

Liverpool, March 22, 2 P. M.—Cotton closed quiet and steady; Middling Uplands 12¾d.

Liverpool, March 22.—Evening.—Cotton closed quiet; Middling Uplands 12¾d.; Middling Orleans 12¾d.; sales 10,000 bales.

London, March 22.—Evening.—Consols closed at 91. Five-twenties 73¾. Illinois Central 78. Erie 39.

Liverpool, March 22.—Middling uplands 12¾d. Breadstuffs quiet. Corn—Mixed Western 29s. 3d per quarter. Extra prime pork 125s. per 304 lbs.

The Deutschland arrived at Southampton yesterday, and after landing passengers and mails sailed for Bremen.

London, March 22.—The Brazilian mail steamer has arrived at Lisbon from Rio Janeiro. Active operations have been resumed in Paraguayana. The allied fleet had shelled the fortifications of Humaita.

When the news of the Spanish fleet had come in sight of and was pursuing the combined fleets of Chili and Peru.

Florence, March 22.—The National Parliament met yesterday to day. Victor Emanuel, who delivered the usual speech from the throne.

Frankfort, March 22, P. M.—U. S. Bonds 77¼.

Paris, March 22.—The iron-clad Monitor and other vessels of the American fleet, are still at Port Mahon, in the island of Minorca.

Southport Fleet, March 22, 12 M.—Barometer 30 20. Wind N. W. Moderate and clear. Fleet off. Steamship Rapidan from Galveston, passed up at 4 A. M. Steamship Matanzas, from New York, passed up at 7 A. M. Ship Rose Standish, Upton, 54 days from Liverpool, with a general cargo to master, went up in tow. Ship Union, Miller, 50 days from Liverpool, with railroad iron to master, went up in tow. Ship Lowell & Bailey.

5 P. M.—Wind N. E., light. Weather, clear. Barometer, 30 10. Steamship Rapidan went up as far as Quarantine. Ship Mary Russell and bark Punjaub went to sea at 4 P. M. Arrived, schooner Lizzie Kraus, 46 days from Belize Pass, with 329 bales of cotton to Joseph Kelly. Schooner Watchful, 36 hours from Belize Pass, to master. On the bar, ships Rosina, Devonshire and Peruvian. Inside, in anchor ground outside Saranac, Vigilant and Thos. Knox. The dredging machine is still moored at the telegraph wharf, discharging coal.

Last Evening's Dispatches.

London, March 23, noon.—Finances unchanged.

Liverpool, March 22.—Cotton dull—Middling Uplands 12¾d. Sales 6000 bales.

Queenstown, March 22, noon.—Steamer City of Antwerp has arrived.

Washington, March 22.—The Secretary of the Treasury reports to the Senate that unless the collection of the direct tax is soon resumed in Virginia, Florida and Tennessee, the direct tax collector should be discharged.

Sandy Hook, March 22.—The severest storm that has been known for five years, is now prevailing. The wind is blowing a gale, and the sea running very high. The pilots are all inside the Hook.

Louisville, March 22.—The river fell four feet last night. Now nine and half feet on the falls. The steamer Cuba Republic passed over the falls. The steamer Bermuda goes over the chanals in the Tennessee river, en route for Chattanooga, to-day.

Charleston, March 22.—A meeting of 500 freedmen was held here last night, under the auspices of the Union League. The speeches and resolutions were of a Radical character. But few white men participated.

New York, March 22.—The *Times* says private advices represent that the coal miners of Schuylkill county, Pa., are committing serious outrages. The superintendent was murdered last week. Gov. Geary has been appealed to for aid.

New York, March 22.—Flour 5 cents better. Wheat firm and advancing. Corn 1 to 2c lower. Pork firmer—New $23 81½ to $23 87½. Lard quiet—Steam 12¾ to 13¼c. Whisky quiet. Gold 134½. Arrived, Australasian.

New York, March 22.—Five-twenties of '62, 109½; Money 7 per cent.

Influence of Spring Medicines on the Health and Morals of Women.

We have received from the publisher, Mr Henry C. Lee, of Philadelphia, the last number of Redding's half yearly abstract of the medical sciences. The selections of articles on the different branches of medical science, if remarkably good. In practical medicine, surgery, obstetrics, and *materia medica*, the best contributions to the English and Continental journals are reproduced, whilst the reviews, bibliographical notices, &c., are of more than ordinary interest. A very striking article, by M. Guibert, of Paris, on the "influence of sewing machines on the health and morals of work women," is published in this number. The fact that these ingenious labor-saving contrivances have come into such general use in this country, invests this article with uncommon interest, and we reproduce its leading features for the consideration of our readers. The editor says that "any one who witnessed the wonderful activity of that harmless contrivance, the sewing machine, worked by an intelligent seamstress, would scarcely imagine that it is calculated in some degree to endanger the morals of work women." This appears to be the case from a report of M. Guibert to the Medical Society of Hospitals, of Paris, in which he illustrates his theory—He says: "A month ago two women, entirely unknown to each other, and employed in different factories, applied for aid from the same charitable society. The first was a pale, lymphatic woman, worn down and emaciated, and suffering from several epigastric pain, dyspepsia, lieromania, hiccoughs and a marked state of general debility. She attributed all her symptoms to the effects of the sewing machine. Before her admission into the factory, when she was employed in hand sewing it, she was strong, fresh colored, in vigorous health, and never suffered with the symptoms of any kind. Since seven or eight months she had observed a gradual decay in her health strength and appearance, and the disease above mentioned had come on and were growing more daily. She also stated that whilst the moral effect of the work had been very perceptibly bad, she had been no with her companions and that many of them had experienced the most disagreeable symptoms in this respect

The other woman, employed on another patient, who was a strong, dark-haired woman, of sanguine temperament. She worked a sewing machine in a large factory, and had enjoyed perfect health up to the period of her admission in the establishment, where she remained about twelve months, and was obliged to leave on account of the illness brought on, caused by the nature of her occupation. She alleged as the moral effect of the work on herself, and said that she had a hundred women employed in the house at least two hundred times, and the same effects that she had done, that the work was a source of constant changing, and were unable to persevere at the long length of time they entered the house in good health, and left it pale and debilitated.

More recently Dr. Down, physician to an asylum for idiots in England, has made some interesting observations of M. Guibert's conclusions. His attention had been attracted by the constant recurrence of cases characterized by the same features, pain in the back, leucorrhœa, etc., attended by the moral symptoms mentioned by Guibert. Upon inquiry he learned that these cases occurred amongst the women who worked habitually at the sewing machine.

Many of the physicians of our own city have lately had occasion to observe many of the physical and moral symptoms mentioned by the author above quoted, and concur in attributing them to the nature of the business itself. The constant action of the lower extremities, and the one way motion of the entire body wear them out, and cause pains in the back and stomach and the other symptoms mentioned above. It is therefore highly desirable, if sewing machines are to be continued in use, that mechanical skill assume some other motive power than the feet of the women who use them.

A Frenchman in New York blew his brains out while tortured with religious doubts.

NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD.—*Work Commenced.*—The Mobile *Evening News*, of the 21st, says:

The first lick of work on the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad was struck at 1 P. M. yesterday, on the large redoubt near Company's. About thirty hands were set to work, and this force will be greatly augmented in a short time, as the company is employing hands rapidly going on. Ten thousand dollars will be built in the southern part of the city, and the depot, which will be erected as soon as the necessary machinery can be procured, will be at the redoubt near the corner of Conti and Bienville streets. The company have the cars running from this city to New Orleans in fifteen months from the 1st of April.

A special to Flake's *Bulletin*, received by the steamer Tecea, dated Vera Cruz, March 19th, says that on Saturday last, twelve of which are to French forces in Mexico left that port for France on the 12th inst. The French iron clads Magenta, Solferino and Gloire and a fleet of gunboats were still at Vera Cruz, but would sail on the 15th.

The Liberal forces were invest