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NEW ORLEANS:
SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 15, 1867.

THE JURY QUESTION.

We had occasion to refer to this subject a few days ago, in connection with the fact of a mixed jury having been ordered to be drawn in the United States Courts, while in the State Courts, under the beneficent policy adopted by General Hancock, we were getting back to the wholesome practice which obtained before those newly fledged radical doctrines had become operative. There is such a thing as carrying a doctrine too far and too fast, and it has been discovered that although the people of the South had for the moment lost their courage, yet the old American spirit was not dead but only slumbered. If a just retribution ever overtook wicked men, such a recompense has already begun to overtake those who, not satisfied with lowering themselves to the negro level, were determined, if it were possible, that every one else should descend to the same depth of degradation. They counted, however, without the cost, and in their over-weening self-conceit forgot the terrible rebound certain to take place whenever the American people had thrown off the hideous night-mare which had been paralyzing them and had come to their sober senses. Retribution is an inflexible principle of moral government, and violations of moral laws generally meet with appropriate punishment.

It seems there are obstacles in the way of some of the white jurymen drawn in the courts of the United States, for this district, during the present term in serving therein, and though obstacles have been kindly placed in their way by the very men who are now so desirous of forcing them into association on a footing of equality with the negro race. Numbers of the jurymen summoned to attend these courts cannot, in conscience, qualify for service by taking "the test oath," and such were directed to stand aside, for which, no doubt, they feel under obligations to his Honor, Judge Durell. It is somewhat amusing to know that, in the case of one of those jury men, what a legal ground of exemption from the duty could not accomplish, the imposition of a *tax oath*, which the party was unable to take, proved more effectual. When our people have gained more courage, they will shun serving on juries, to be partly composed of blacks, and will make use of every excuse by which they can avoid the service. If this system be continued, the jury system will be entirely broken up. To place colored men in the jury box is virtually to exclude the white, and we are not sure that it would not be better, under present circumstances, to abolish a system which has been greatly abused and has fallen into such disrepute.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—An audience almost as large and quite as brilliant as any of the season assembled in the Opera House last night to witness the gorgeous spectacle of "The Jewess" and listen to Halevy's delightful music We know not, of the artistes, who most distinguished himself on this occasion. First, as *the Jew*, was in fine condition and equalled, if he did not surpass, the former efforts. And he—of the name—fellow—took the role of *De Brion*—we could not name him never sang with more effect. Miss Fauschetti, as *the Jewess*, was repeatedly encored. This lady being a very correct and painstaking singer grows in public favor. She also excels in dramatic power, and never exhibited it with more success than last evening. What shall we say of Miss Lambole as the *Princess*? An ideal, she was perfectly charming, and managed her voice with consummate skill. We admire her exquisite grace and modesty of demeanor, and her notes linger upon our ear, while her beauty is always present to our eye. Mr. Van Huffien, as the *Cardinal*, was very impressive, and we may say of the whole performance it was a complete success.

The ladies of Annunciation Episcopal Church intend holding an entertainment and fair in the Masonic Hall, on the 17th, 18th and 19th inst., the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the defrayal of expenses incurred in the removal and repairs of the church. The entertainments include a concert and band of music.

We wish all success to so praiseworthy an object, and acknowledge a polite invitation to be among the guests on the occasion.

By an advertisement in another column, it is announced that a violin concert will be given next Thursday night, at the National Theatre, by that youthful musical genius, Mark Kaiser. He is said to possess remarkable musical faculties.

THE NEW ORLEANS MORNING STAR.—This is the title of a new paper about to be published, in English mainly, in the interest of the Catholic Church, under the approval of the Archbishop of the Diocese, and under the supervision of the Rev. Abbe Perche, and Rev. Messrs Smith and Jeremiah Moynihan, as ecclesiastic members of the committee supervising, and Messrs. P. G. Mohan and O'Dowd as lay members.

It will be printed on eight pages of the same size as the *Times*, of this city, and the price will be $4 per annum. The paper is to be published by a joint stock company, and the stock has been fixed at $50,000.

The steamship Mariposa, Captain Quick, sailed last evening for New York with a full freight and a number of passengers.

The steamship Cromwell, Captain Vail, sailed last evening for New York, direct, with a full freight and a number of passengers.

The French steamship Guyane, Capt. Offret, sailed last night for Havana with a fair freight and a number of passengers.

The steamship Teutonia, Capt. Kier, sailed this morning for Hamburg, via Southampton, with 2511 bales cotton and $87,238 in specie.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP LIBERTY.—The steamship Liberty, Thos. A. Bain Commander, arrived last night with Havana dates to the 10th, having sailed on the evening of that day, and making the run to the Balize in 60 hours. She brings an assorted cargo from Baltimore and Havana, and the following list of passengers:

From Baltimore—Mr and Mrs C N Morse and child, Miss Mollie Ingersoll, Miss Maggie Tyson, Miss Annie O'Haire, Mrs Griffith, mother and child, Mr and Mrs J Mills and two children, Mr J Robichard and Schneider, Mrs W W Johnston and J D McChesney, Mr and Mrs Franklin Mr and Mrs Laurent, Mrs Kipp, Mrs Betty and Emilie Kugl, Mr Sands, Misses Dorsey, Mrs Charles Lee, Mrs Hodges, Mrs Brewster, Messrs Richard Francis, Chas Marvin, Ed Wood, F Taylor, E F Taylor, M A Hummel, G P Dawson, H T Sadler, W H Arnold.

From Havana—Mr and Mrs Newcomb, Mrs Lyons, Mrs Bayard, Miss Bayard, Mrs Lovelace, Mr and Mrs S Cash and child, Miss May Weddell, Messrs Jos Weeks Sobrino, S Bodinger, Geo F Longwith, E Cowell, Jos de la O, Gonzalez, Miguel de Aguero and servant, E de la Mora, J Villasenor, M Pagnet, S Olivares, Chas Thony, F Pozzi.

ROBERT TOOMBS AND JUDGE ERSKINE.—The Savannah correspondent of the Louisville *Courier* contains the following, which we copy without vouching for its correctness:

The other day the Hon. A. H. Stephens and Robert Toombs applied to be admitted to practice in Judge Erskine's Court, and were refused. After the adjournment of the Court, Mr. Toombs requested Judge Erskine to step into the company room to Erskine's room and have a conversation in which he desired to have with him. When he arrived where Erskine was, Mr. Toombs said to him: "Sir, twenty years ago when you were drinking buttermilk out of a swill tub in the bogs of Ireland, I was a practitioner before the court which you now disgrace. Fifteen years ago, when I was a Senator in Congress, you were selling beer from behind the counter of a Charleston grocery, and at no period in ten years has any gentleman or lady of the town when he could afford to notice you on the streets; and yet, sir, you who are prepared in accepting the office you now hold, presume to refuse gentlemen the right of practice before your bar." Here Erskine rose and told Mr. Toombs he could not stand such language, as he regarded it as insulting. Mr. Toombs told him to be seated; that the only mortifying part of the whole matter was that he had felt himself obliged to use such language to one of so abject and cowardly a nature as to render him incapable of resenting it."

DAVIS AND LEE.—The Richmond correspondent of New York *Times* sends the following to that paper:

"Gen. Bob Lee, or as the people of the South delight to call him in negro parlance, Mass Robert, came down from Lexington on Monday, accompanied by his son Custis. The same evening Gen. Lee went up to Judge Ould's house, on Governor street, to visit the man who had ruled the Confederacy. They met in Judge Ould's parlor and shook hands cordially, for it was their first meeting since some three weeks before the surrender of the lines at Petersburg. After admitting Gen. Lee to the parlor, Judge Ould closed the door and remained outside. Their interview was private, and I shall not attempt to pierce the veil."

Lord Houghton, member of the British Commission for the Universal Exhibition, has arrived at No. 26 Avenue des Champs Elysées.

The Marquis de Boonsville, French Minister in Switzerland, is at present in Paris on leave of absence.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Grain Elevator Model.—We, last Friday, examined in the Merchants' Exchange, the model after which Mr. Perkins, of this State, and other gentlemen propose to construct a large stationary grain elevator, in Algiers, on the opposite side of the river. This model, which is the handiwork of Mr. Alfred W. J. Mason, and constructed of material of his own preparation, was scientifically explained to us by that gentleman, who will, we presume, extend the same courtesy to parties having the means and disposition to contribute to an enterprise so admirably calculated to advance the Commercial prosperity of our city, and to make persons engaged in the work of loading and unloading ships, boats, and railroad cars, independent of the slow process of manual labor and the combination of laborers, which so often retard such operations. The model is very complete and is on the plan of the Elevators used in Chicago, Buffalo, St. Louis and other places which we saw in operation in those cities a couple of years ago, and which we found capable of loading and discharging vessels at the rate of 40,000 bushels per hour. The difference between this result and that of the manual labor of the same number of men, employed in the New Orleans Levee Elevators is too obvious to need illustration. To describe the operations of the Elevator comprehensively to the minds of our readers would require more space in our column than we can afford in this issue, and we shall consequently refer more at length to the subject another time. Hoping that our enterprising citizens in the mean while will take the pain to inquire for themselves into the merits of M. Perkins' and Mason's plans. Already a floating elevator is "en route" here from St. Louis, which will illustrate the workings of the machine on a plan of smaller dimensions but similar to theirs. The object of their stationary Elevator is to do away with the necessity involved in the other of removing grain from the wharf soon after it is discharged by steam as a vast repository for the reception and detention of it as long as desirable, or until it is sold or ready for transfer in the course of business.

Mississippi Valley Navigation Company.—A meeting was held last night at Col Jones' office, No. 30 Carondelet Street, by the stockholders of the Mississippi Valley Navigation Company.

Major Winnemore was called to the chair, and Col. Jones appointed to the Secretaryship. After a general discussion of the questions which had brought together more of the solid men of New Orleans than during our long experience we have collected in one body before, Col. Rice was called upon to read the charter and propositions combined in the pamphlet made by Captain DeHaven, the originator of the project. The address is made to the merchants and property holders of the South and West, and the design of Captain DeHaven is to counteract the increase of railroad transportation from the West to the East, which, by its cheapness and speed of return, is much disastrous to the interests of the natural Southern Commercial Emporium, New Orleans.

Capt. De Haven offers a plan of steamboat upon the low pressure principle, but with original improvements tending to speed and safety, which founded as they are upon an evidently close study of the primary principles of mechanics, are not only feasible of practical demonstration, but are in our opinion the commencement of a new era in the history of the navigation.

Time and space we have not in which to elaborate this idea, but the following names, composed largely as they are of the Board of Directors, will give our readers an idea of the solidity of the undertaking. Thomas A. Adams, George Williams, John Dimon, W. H. Creery, O. E. Hall, Alfred Moulton, W S Pike, Geo. W. Hynson, Gen. Swift, Ed. Cassell of Chicago, and Col Saml. Jones.

By the charter of the company it is entitled to twenty directors. The above-named were not elected last night, the provisions of the charter not having been complied with, but there is no doubt that they, with the addition of other names of weight in the commercial community, will direct the affairs of the company, which proposes to create a logistical revolution in water transportation. The stock book was opened and a large number of shares were promptly subscribed for by some of our most sagacious business men of the city On the motion of Capt Smith, the following gentlemen present appointed a soliciting subscription committee, and are directed to commence operations on Monday morning: Fred. A. Johnson, Fitch Reeves, and F. A. Chalfonte.

The meeting then adjourned to Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock, at which time it will be concluded in the same place to receive any report their committee may have to make.

The Messrs. Wallace.—Gen. Hancock, we are authorized to say, has by no means given up the pursuit of these addicted men. He has received a dispatch from Lord, stating he had given directions for the arrest of the New York policeman, Wooldridge and their return to this city, but it is not unlikely that the effort has been a failure. There are other methods of action whereby the same end may be accomplished. The Judges of the Supreme Court have been informed of the intentional secreting of the prisoners and evasion by the officer of the service of the writ, also of his being aided and abetted therein by our own police force. It is clearly a contempt of Court and a misdemeanor under the statute.

The Germania Club and the Fair Association.—The Germania Club, of our city, have presented to the Mechanics' and Agricultural Fair Association of Louisiana a beautiful flag, which is now upon exhibition at the office of the Secretary and Treasurer, Major Rhett, Camp street.

The following is a copy of the letter accompanying the flag:

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13, 1867.

Sir—The undersigned, desirous of having the emblem of that new nation, "The North German Confederation," spread to the breeze at your next Grand Fair, would feel compliment ed by your acceptance of the accompanying flag (12x20) which for the thirty feet long is at your disposition when wanted.

Several members of the Germania Club,
per CHAS. PUTHOFF.

To I. N. Marks, Esq., President M. and F. A

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An Interesting Question.

CAN A STATE RECALL ITS RATIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION—THE DEMOCRATS PROPOSE TO TEST THE QUESTION.

In late Washington letter says: There are muttering among Democratic politicians of an intention to repeal during the present session the resolution of the Ohio Legislature ratifying the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified in the States of Ohio, New York and New Jersey. The Legislatures of these States were Democratic, and have the numerical strength to carry the repeal. The amendment has been ratified by three-fourths of the States represented in Congress, but has never been officially proclaimed a part of the Constitution. Mr. Seward believes that it requires three-fourths of all the States composing the Union to make the ratification, and most of the Radicals in Congress contend that three-fourths of the States represented in both Houses is sufficient. The question between Congress and the State Department, on this subject, has never been decided, and the Democratic purpose to take advantage of the state of the case to repeal the assent given by Ohio, New York and New Jersey. Their right to make such repeal would probably be contested, but, fortunately, there is good Republican precedent for it. Congress, just before the beginning of the war, sent to the States a constitutional amendment, the effect of which was to make slavery perpetual. Ohio among other States ratified it. Before it This was in 1861. In 1862 the Ohio Legislature repealed its ratification by a simple resolution, and its right to do so was hardly questioned. If the Democrats, this winter, the course suggested, the Republicans ought not to be surprised by it. Fortunately, the war having been made the issue in the political canvass of 1866, was distinctly repudiated, as a method of reconstruction, by the second session of the Thirty Ninth Congress. If not designed to settle the sectional difficulties growing out of the war, it is written on, that's certain.

CESSION OF CUBA TO THE UNITED STATES.—A Havana letter says that through letters received from Madrid it is rumored here that the Ex-Queen Christina and Romero are urging the cession of the Island of Cuba to the United States for the consideration of about $200,000,000

General Wool, of the United States army, (retired,) has written a letter denunciatory of Congress.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

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The Virginia Reconstruction Convention.

Negro Riot in Georgia.

FROM EUROPE.

Egyptians Joining the English Expedition.

FROM MEXICO.

Senor Romero Returns as Minister to the United States.

Miscellaneous Intelligence.

Foreign and Domestic Markets.

From Southwest Pass.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Advices from Mexico state that Senor Romero is about to return as Minister to the United States.

Mexican journals object to secret sessions of Congress.

Gen. Diaz is on the road to the capital, with the trophies captured at Queretaro.

Robberies continue every where in Mexico, and organized bands of brigands are numerous.

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National Bank circulation $293,755,000. The Treasury holds as security for circulation and Government deposits $179,980,000. In addition to the $1,500,000 already appropriated, $1,200,000 more is asked for to cover reconstruction expenses to date.

Internal Revenue Receipts to day $105,000; for the week $2,253,000; for the year $31,047,000.

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Fraudulent., Dec 14.—Bonds 76¾.

Liverpool, Dec 14, Noon.—Cotton easier declined ⅛d. Sales will not exceed 8000 bales. Middling uplands 7¼, middling Orleans 7⅝.

Liverpool, Dec. 14, P. M.—Cotton—More doing; sales will reach 10,000 bales. Middling uplands, to arrive, 7⅛.

New York, Dec. 14.—Stocks steady. Gold 135¾. Sterling, 109¾. Money 6 to 7 per cent. Bonds, old issue, 105⅜; new issue, 105⅞. Flour dull and drooping. Wheat dull. Corn a shade firmer. Pork dull, at $25 75. Lard quiet. Cotton quiet; middling uplands 15¾ to 15⅝. Freights dull.

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[Fourteen Dispatches.]

Southwest Pass, Dec. 14.—Wind southeast. Tide low. Arrived, schooner Mary A. Rich, from forty-eight days from Rio, with coffee to J. L. Phippe & Co.

Sailed—Bark Valparaiso and Wetterhorn; brig Margaret and schooner Mercedes.

Went up in tow—Ship Belgravia.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A mixed delegation from Virginia, North and South Carolina visited Stevens yesterday.

Stevens said he regarded the failure of impeachment as an evidence of the fickleness of public opinion.

A Virginia delegate said its failure would work seriously against reconstruction. Stevens thought it could not fail to be otherwise, and mutual regrets were expressed.

A North Carolina negro named Harris, said they would get along very well; that Northern whites were more frightened about negro suffrage than Southern whites.

He also said that Gov. Holden was the lifeblood of the Republican party of North Carolina.

A Virginia delegate represented the condition of affairs in his State as critical, and that unless Congress come to their relief, the sufferings of the colored people and white Unionists will be terrible.

Stevens favored the repeal of the clause in the reconstruction act requiring a majority of the registered voters. The delegates thought that would be impracticable. Already a few Conventions already called to establish provisional governments immediately, then if the constitutions are defeated they would at least have loyal State officers.

Stevens said he had drawn up a bill with two or three beneficial provisions. One was to leave a majority to affirm or reject the Constitution.

Another that the present Conventions shall as independent bodies, establish governments in lieu of district commanders, as soon as the constitutions were ready for submission to Congress.

The delegation approved of this. Stevens inquired whether their old masters would be able to seduce the negroes from voting property.

Harris replied that the negroes were dependent upon their old masters for their daily bread, their wages many, but he hoped the negroes were capable of enduring great privations.

A Virginia delegate, Cook, colored, said Harris was correct. There are about half-grown hundred negroes in Richmond had lost their places.

Stevens hoped the whole Southern vote would be cast with the Republican party, this would elect a republican President and secure the triumph of reconstruction.

London, Dec. 13.—A barrel of powder was exploded under the wall of the prison at Clerkenwell, one hundred persons were killed.

The wall was blown down, and twenty houses destroyed. The firemen are digging for the dead. No prisoners escaped.

Forty men, women and children were wounded. The man who fired the fuse escaped.

Gen. Diaz is on the road to the capital, with the trophies captured at Queretaro.

Robberies continue every where in Mexico, and organized bands of brigands are numerous.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Stanton is to have a full hearing before the Senate Military Committee, to meet the President's charges.

National Bank circulation $293,755,000. The Treasury holds as security for circulation and Government deposits $179,980,000. In addition to the $1,500,000 already appropriated, $1,200,000 more is asked for to cover reconstruction expenses to date.

Internal Revenue Receipts to day $105,000; for the week $2,253,000; for the year $31,047,000.

Augusta, Dec 14—In apparent defiance of the relief ordinance, adopted on Thursday last by the Convention, the Sheriff of Richmond here to-day on a store and closed it. Gen. Pope was appealed to, and replied that he could not interfere. Ordinances conflicting with military orders would be suspended, but not preventing their being made. This construction is sustained by the law, and under it the ordinance defeats its own ends.

Augusta, Dec. 14.—The *Republican* reports that a collision occurred between a party of negroes and the citizens of Eatonton, Ga., on the best county, in which the Sheriff, George Allen, was killed and several others, whites and blacks, were wounded. The difficulty originated at a ball. Three of those implicated in the riot have been arrested.

Richmond, Dec. 14.—In the Reconstruction Convention, to-day the following resolutions of inquiry were offered:

Of incorporating in the Bill of Rights a clause declaring all test oaths diametrically opposed to the principles of Republican liberty.

Of establishing a system of school education for all classes;

Of allowing naturalized foreigners to hold property after one year's residence, and to be eligible to State offices after three years residence in the State.

Of abolishing capital and corporeal punishment for crime.

Of enfranchising all persons from whom it is in the power of the Convention to remove existing disabilities.

A resolution declaring all debts contracted since January 1st, 1865, in the purchase of slaves null, was referred.

The chairman of the Finance Committee introduced a resolution that whereas there is only about $100,000 in the treasury, and $700,000 will be required to pay interest due January 1st, therefore the Finance Committee is instructed to suspend payments of interest until the Convention is satisfied there is money enough in the treasury to pay all interest due January 1st. Resolution referred to Committee on Finances.

A resolution making inquiry as to how many educational funds had been disposed of, was referred.

The resolution and amendment relative to the intimidation of voters came up. The Convention seemed determined not to go into political debates, and as a very large one had already taken place on the same resolution, the previous question was sustained by 72 to 25, and the matter was referred to a Committee. Adjourned.

The weather is exceedingly cold here. A man was frozen to death in the suburbs of the city last night.

New York, Dec. 14.—Three days mails from the South arrived last night.

New York, Dec. 14.—Money plenty—demand less active at 6 to 7 per cent on call loans. Gold closed firm at 134⅞. Government Securities slightly lower. Stocks quiet and steady. The Directors have ordered the base ball grounds at the Fair Ground to be put in good order, as it is expected that quite a number of clubs from other cities will take place during the holding of the Fair.

The Girod Fund.—It will be remembered that shortly after Mayor Heath's induction into office, a meeting of the French residents was called at the Mayor's office to take into consideration the disposition which had been made of what is known as the Girod Fund. After a long and spirited time, the committee has finally reported in favor of $12,000 in the shape of indemnity to the contractors for the building of the hospital called for by the insertion of domain.

The ground which had been selected for the asylum is not considered suitable. Mayor Heath will lay the matter before the City Council.

Charge of Libel.—Jean Lacaze was arrested, and yesterday gave bond before Recorder Lestan, to answer to a charge of having slandered the character of Marie Augletare, in a letter addressed to her, accusing her of shameful intrigues and a nameless offence. Accused is an old man, while the complaining witness, a young girl, is reputed to be a respectable woman.

Another Prospective Habeas Corpus Case.—The Chief Clerk, R. L. Bradley, and special officer Wm. Carr, of the Police Court, on Sunday, served Verrolin on board the ship Liberty, on suspicion that he was an absconding defaulter from the Express firm of Wells, Fargo & Co., in New York. Verrolin denies that there is any ground for the suspicion, and will seek release by *habeas corpus*. Messrs Wells, Fargo & Co. have been telegraphed for authority to employ counsel.

Held Robbery.—A noted character named Charles Dupre, alias Stonehouse Jack entered the office of H. W. Gribble, No. 91 Carondelet street, at about half-past 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and stole an overcoat, a meerschaum pipe, a flask of brandy, and a pistol. These articles, with a carpet bag which was deliberately ripped open by the thief. Mr. Gribble entered the office before Jack had time to finish his depredations. He boldly drew a revolver and attempted to shoot Mr. G. managed to beat a retreat.

He was immediately pursued by Officer Anderson. When the thief saw that he could not escape he turned and endeavored to shoot Officer Anderson. He snapped two caps, but neither time would fire. The chase and final capture of Dupré created considerable excitement, and a large crowd followed to the station.

Officer Anderson dropped his pistol during the chase, which would have saved, in all probability, the life of the thief, who so boldly attempted to kill him.

The Ordinances Passed by the Alabama Convention.

[From the Montgomery Mail.]

The Military Convention of Alabama, in addition to framing "Constitution and civil government" in accordance with the enabling Act, (incorporating the requisite clauses with regard to suffrage,) went beyond its functions, and passed a number of ordinances which are not legitimately a part of the Constitution. The term "civil government" used in the enabling Act in connection with the word "Constitution," is evidently surplusage, and can have no distinctive meaning. The Reconstruction Act enabled the Convention to frame a Constitution—nothing else. In framing a number of ordinances, which it has not submitted to the people for ratification, the Convention has endeavored to establish them as laws, without authority from the enabling Act of Congress, in contravention of the evident intention of the Reconstruction Acts, and to the utter disregard of the votes of that portion of the inhabitants of this State which has been constituted into a sovereignty by military power. It is the intention, we understand, of military commanders to give temporary effect to the ordinances in question by incorporating them in a military order. This, however, would not affect the question of their validity. The edicts of Gens. Pope and Swayne cannot render them valid. Nor will the ratification of the Convention by the people render valid any acts of that Convention not submitted to the people.

Whatever may be the legal effect of these ordinances, we cannot escape the conclusion that the framing of them and the fact that they are not submitted to the people with the Constitution, were intended by the Convention as a trick to deceive the people. The ordinances in question contain provisions as obnoxious as many of those incorporated in the Constitution. They do away with all civil courts of justice for two years. They exempt from levy and sale more property than nineteen-twentieths of the people possess, thereby destroying all credit, and preventing merchants from advancing provisions and clothing to laborers. They provide that the homestead of a family, however valuable, shall not be touched for the debts of a decedent so long as his children are minors—it may be many years—and thus they cut off all luxury and reap for twenty years the profits which should properly belong to the creditors of the deceased father. They provide a widow to retain her homestead, it may be a palace built with the labor and wares of unpaid creditors, for her natural life. It may be fifty years. They refer in between buyer and seller and declare which of them shall lose the value of the emancipated slaves. The open up the accounts of executors and administrators, and declare void all settlements made on the basis of the currency existing with no during the war. These and other similar absurd and