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NEW ORLEANS:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 15, 1868.

The Sheriff sells at auction this day, at 4½ o'clock p. m., on the premises, the contents of a distillery, situate on Levee street, between Congress and Independence, Third District, and a frame building situate on Independence street, same District. See advertisement.

There will be a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee this evening, at Parker's St. Charles Hotel, for the purpose of completing the organization of the Committee.

We have to thank the "Tribune Association of New York" for a copy of that very excellent work, *The Tribune Almanac* for 1868. This almanac contains much useful information, and we have frequently occasion to refer to it, seldom failing to find what we are in quest of.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—Meyerbeer's grand opera of the "Huguenots" was presented at this house last night, in all its completeness and in all its splendor and impressiveness. Miss Fanchetti personated the character of *Valentine* in a manner worthy of the reputation she had acquired as an artiste of genius and high culture. Madame Segalas represented *Marguerite de Valois* with much dignity, power and sweetness. Mr. Picot as *Raoul* was surpassingly grand. Mr. Van Hoeffen as *Marcel*, Mr. Lonhevallier as *The Count de Neers*, and Mr. Dupin as *The Count St. Bris*, manifested per fect comprehension of these various characters, and the *tout ensemble* reflected the highest credit upon the Directors. The scenery was very beautiful, and as might be expected, true to history. The audience, which was large, went home delighted with the evening's entertainment. "The Huguenots" will be repeated on Thursday night with the same cast.

A meeting of planters was held at Franklin last Saturday, to consult on the labor question. Addresses were delivered by Gen. J. R. Chalmers, of Mississippi, and Col. P. C. Bethel.

Gen. John Beatty has been nominated for Congress, in place of Hon. C. S. Hamilton, deceased, by the Republican Convention of the Eighth Ohio District, at Galion. Mr. Hamilton, it will be remembered, was recently killed by his insane son.

The Military Bills.

SUPREME COURT—CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE.

Private letters and telegraphic dispatches concur in stating great confidence in the opinion that the Supreme Court will decide against the constitutionality of the military reconstruction act.

We have nowhere seen the idea in print, or heard it suggested in conversation, but it has been running in our head for some time past, that there is more behind this question before the Supreme Court than appears on the surface. Since an unqualified opposition to negro suffrage and Radical reconstruction policy in general, has been so distinctly marked by the Northern people in the last autumnal elections, we have heard very emphatic declarations from his friends that Chief Justice Chase, the leading Radical aspirant for the Presidential succession, had been greatly misunderstood in his character as a man of extreme political views. In short, that Judge Chase was and had always been much more of a *Conservative* than his general reputation and the position assigned him by the press and the public indicated.

It is true that men experienced in public affairs, and who had watched Judge Chase's career and had always found him in the van of every abolition and fanatical progressive movement, and who had seen him come down to the South, on a tour of the Southern surrender and make a prodigious bid for negro suffrage, knew the sincerity of his character for truth and common sense, and who saw him at that time forecasting a black aristocracy in the South, based upon the degradation of an ethiopian race and leaving white race—all these, we mean to say, laughed in their sleeves at the eleventh hour conversion to conservatism of this coming Cato—seeker a conversion forced out by the overwhelming votes of the North and West, and especially his own State of Ohio, against negro suffrage" banding of himself and his party.

But while Judge Chase's hypocrisy in this matter is clearly discernible, it does not follow that Judge Chase will not find it to his interest to clear from his ambitious path to the Presidency the huge stumbling block of the whole negro business. "Black sam," said a wag in the theatre the other evening, "is an elephant drawn by certain politicians, and now all to wriggle is to be rid of it." The gentleman the kernel of a pregnant fact. Now, is it not the policy of Chase to get rid of this elephant, including black suffrage and the whole hodge-podge of reconstruction which stands condemned by the American people?

A decision of the Supreme Court over which he presides, would cut the Gordian knot, and it might be done even without his individual judicial judgment on that side, but by his procurement from his associates on the bench. Then the race track between a Democrat and a Democratic opponent might be considered a clear and unencumbered field, relieved of the odious black question, and reduced to a contest, pure and simple, between a Republican and a Democrat. Then he might hope to stop the tide of revolution which is rolling up in favor of the Democracy. There he might hope that Conservative Republicans would break off their temporary alliance with the Democracy, and come back to Republicanism, stripped of its obnoxious principles of reconstruction and suffrage. Then he might hope for a triumph in a race which he cannot win, so long as he is weighed down with a load of prejudices so hateful to the people.

We have no doubt that Judge Chase has weighed all these considerations well, and it is upon them, more than upon Washington opinions and speculations that we base our hope that a decision of the Supreme Court may yet an end to the bloodless farce of State sanitation and Congressional usurpation involved in the military bills of Congress.

Meantime, let us of the South act with the determination and energy that should inspire us. If we were sure that the defeat of the Monster Constitution depended alone upon our individual and combined exertions.—*Mobile Register and Advertiser.*

WHY GENERAL POPE WAS REMOVED.—A Washington special to the Louisville *Courier*, exposing Pope's rascality, says:

"The immediate cause of Pope's removal arose from these facts, which are officially connected to the President. The census of Alabama, taken under the State laws of 1866, showed there were 106,000 whites and 91,000 blacks. The registration as manipulated by Pope, resulted in registering 74,000 whites and 90,000 blacks. The negro population is to be voted on the 4th of February. The negroes have scattered since registration to obtain places for the vote. To counteract the effect of this change of residence, Pope issued an order allowing any negro to vote merely by making an affidavit that he had registered. It also provided that fourteen days preceding the election, registers throughout the State should open for five days for revision. This would allow another chance for trickery. Affidavits are before the President, showing that a large number of negroes under the age of twenty-one were permitted to register and vote, and this would have been repeated. Gen. Meade will force a revision to be made, but it will be to have twice set registers, and require the names of about twenty-five thousand negroes to be written off, as they were not entitled to vote under this rule it is believed the whites will defeat the negro constitution by twelve thousand majority."

THE SITUATION.—An article in a recent Rebel newspaper upon the political situation in the South suggests an inquiry into the probable origin of the word "situation" in a connection. We find an answer in Milton's "Paradise Lost," in the wonderful passage which describes the chief of the fallen angels when

"Hadst leadings flaming through the aerial sky,
With horror stood and blood congealed, then,"

&c.

"Satan stood
Unchanged
To hideous wrath, impassible and firmer
Stood then and stood
Against the threatening thunder
With firm intrepid high defiance and disdain,
Confirmed as much as he
Such as you see
Leaders and
Regardless
Of what
Regards
Of what
Regards
Of what
Regards