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NEW ORLEANS:
FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 1870.

Assessments This Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Billy Emerson's Minstrel Troupe.

HOW TO COUNTERACT PARSON CONWAY!

We see no insurmountable difficulty in the way of counteracting the vile scheme devised by this pestilent carpet-bagger, to degrade the children of our people, and further the aims of the abominable political party to which he belongs.

Our German fellow-citizens, as we said yesterday, have set us an example which we should be prompt to imitate. They have with great public spirit and energy gone to work and digested a comprehensive plan which we think an admirable one, and well fitted to replace the public school system, which they are willing to abandon to Parson Conway and his proteges. All that remains to be done is the subscription of the necessary funds, and we are assured they will be forthcoming. This plan contemplates the establishment of several grades of schools.

First. PRIMARY SCHOOLS, one in each district of the city; each school to have six classes for boys and as many for girls. English, reading, writing and the rudiments of arithmetic, to be taught to the two lower classes. Reading, writing, composition, arithmetic, elementary history, geography and natural history, mental arithmetic and drawing to be taught to the 3rd and 4th classes. To the 5th and 6th classes will be taught the English, French and German languages, the higher branches of reading, the history of the world, geography, algebra, geometry, higher arithmetic up to single and double rule of three. The girl's classes, 5th and 6th, to be taught sewing and other feminine work outside of the above plan of instruction, in which they, too, participate. These primary schools are estimated to have at the highest, 300 boys and as many girls, between the ages of 6 and 12, divided into six classes for boys and as many for girls, making 50 scholars each way per class. Scholars to pay monthly in the two lower classes, $2 each; in the intermediate classes $2 each, and in the two higher classes $4 each. Six teachers for each elementary school, three of whom to be females.

Second. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, replacing the present High School. Objects to be taught: grammar, syntax and composition in the English, French and German languages; poetry and rhetoric in the three languages; the whole of arithmetic as contained in the text books now in use in the public schools; commercial calculations, banking, mathematics, book-keeping, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, geography, history of the United States and of the whole world, ancient history and geography, mythology, natural history in all its branches; natural philosophy; physics; history of literature, French, German and English; calligraphy; geometrical drawing; planing, etc. In the highest class of the intermediate school the elements (grammar of Latin and Greek. This school to receive children between the ages of 12 and 16. The girls' department to participate in all the foregoing studies, with the exception of Latin and Greek. The girls in this school also to be taught music, drawing, and some of the finer arts appropriate to the sex. Each intermediate school to receive 150 boys and as many girls, divided into, at least, three classes each way. Five teachers for each intermediate school, two of whom to be females.

Third. A HIGH SCHOOL OR POLYTECHNICUM in which to be taught all the higher branches of learning, mechanics, engineering, building, botany, zoology, mineralogy, geology, physic, chemistry, astronomy, higher branches of mathematical drawing, fortifications, etc.

The physical development of the children by gymnastics, in all of the three divisions, for boys and girls, to be carefully attended to.

Such is the plan of the plan agreed upon by our German fellow-citizens. We submit it to our readers simply to show them what these thoroughly earnest men have in view. The schools are not intended, we understand to be exclusively German. Indeed the projectors desire to co-operate with the American part of our population, and to listen to any suggestions from this quarter. They would even modify the plan if found advisable to do so. They are, however, determined to have schools separate from Conway's, whether the American population join them or not.

We suppose none of our people contemplate having anything to do with the public schools under Mr. Conway's control, after the admission of negroes, and if that be the case, the sooner we take into consideration the subject of new establishments for the tuition of our children the better. We have three months before us in which to make the necessary arrangements, but it would be well that all parents whose children now attend the public schools, should see that preparations are making to organize a new system in time for the opening of the scholastic year, on 1st September. It has been proposed to call a meeting of prominent citizens in the Second and Third Districts of the city at an early day, to take this subject up and to see what can be done. We are assured that the people are ready to respond. It will, of course, be necessary to raise a fund for the benefit of those persons who are unable to pay for the tuition of their children. The public schools will then remain exclusively for the negro children, who will alone enjoy the benefits of the general tax levied throughout the State for school purposes. As to the special city tax, we believe the voters will reject it by an immense majority.

It has been estimated that if an annual fund of $150,000 could be levied for the purpose of maintaining a new system of schools, such as we have urged on our readers, a like sum would probably be raised from the monthly dues paid by parents. This would give $300,000, a sum amply sufficient to educate ten thousand children. But this is a mere estimate, which we do not profess in any thing more than approximative. Doubtless there are those among us who are familiar with the subject, and whose suggestions based upon their experience, would be more valuable.

To proceed in this way would, it seems to us, be more appropriate and more dignified than to prolong a contest which must end in the triumph of the social equality doctrines. We must either establish separate schools or accept the public school system under control of Mr. Conway. Private tuition in separate schools sustained by voluntary contributions and tuition fees, avoids all wrangling on the question of race or color. The tax of two mills, which the whites will have to pay for the education of the black, will only be a temporary sacrifice. It cannot be long before we shall recover control of our own affairs. We can then repeal Mr. Conway's law and adjust the school question in conformity with the sentiments of the white people of Louisiana. Probably by that time we shall have become convinced of the advantages of private schools and the pay system.

In the meantime we must keep in view to vote down the special tax which Mr. Conway wishes to impose upon us if we will let him. It is believed that that tax will be fixed at one-quarter of one per cent. The day of election is not yet fixed, but we suppose it will be held shortly.

SODA WATER.—Mr. T. S. Waterman, of 56 Baan street, announces through our advertising columns to-day a further reduction of fifty cents in the price of his soda water.

The price is now one dollar per fountain, including cartage.

THE EIGHTH WONDER!—To the seven wonders of the world an eighth has been added. It is a fluid pleasant and smell, sentless, or color, that changes the gray-est hair to its youthful shade, in from five to ten applications. This prodigy of the age is PHALON'S VITALIA, or SALVATOR FOR THE HAIR. Sold by all druggists and fancy goods dealers. 2

What Railroads Do for the People.

VALUE OF LANDS INCREASED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PER CENT.

The editor of the Gadsden *Times*, who has recently been over the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad, says that the time made by their trains is probably faster than that of any other road in the South, being at the rate of 22 miles per hour, including stoppages. He further states that lands along the road which heretofore sold for twenty dollars per acre, are now worth fifty.

As if yet we hear of land-owners refusing to grant railroads the right of way in Louisiana—others demanding exorbitant and inadmissible equivalents for the right of way—others demanding two and three times the value of property which railroad companies require and seek to purchase.

Is not this a very short-sighted policy?

It is much better to make fair contracts with railroad companies than drive them to the legal methods of expropriation.

The Baton Rouge *Advocate* thus exposes an instance of the short-sighted policy to which we have reference:

It is rumored that the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Company, owing to the exorbitant prices asked by property-holders for staked lots along Front street and at the foot of North Boulevard and Africa streets, intend to strike the river above Baton Rouge at some point near the old brick-yard, and for that purpose a line from the Plank road along the Bowle's levee, has been surveyed by the engineer of the company.

Louisiana Rice.

Mr. James Wood, dealer in Louisiana and Carolina rice, and agent of the Empire Parish Steam Rice Mill, No. 33 Peters street, between Customhouse and Bienville, has submitted to us a sample of rice grown on the land of Gustave Bayle, Esq., Plaquemines parish, hulled and polished at the Empire Parish Rice Mill, Pointe-la-Hache, and destined to have been exhibited at the late State Fair, if it had been milled in time. The rice we find to be of superior quality and well prepared for market. The grain is large and of good color. Mr. Wood communicates to us these particulars touching the present growing crop:

A large breadth of land has been put into rice, and the prospect is that the yield will yield rich returns. Should the season prove favorable, rice of the new crop will be received here on or about the 15th of next August. Last year the first lot made its appearance on this market on the 12th of August, and in 1868 on the 10th of the same month.

From the list of September last to date the receipts here foot up 47,860 barrels of cleaned rice, averaging 240 lbs.

The stock of rough rice now in the country is represented as very light, scarcely amounting to 8000 barrels.

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It is related of the late Prince Henry de Bourbon that last summer while he was at the Hotel Rauhwald, ex-Queen Isabella said to her son, "Ask your nurse always to be your friend and protector." The Prince thereupon took the boy on his knee and gave him a lesture on the good qualities which he ought to cultivate. "I feel he had finished," the ex-Queen burst into tears, and cried out, "In other words, try to be all that your mother is not."

It is said that Bowley cotton seed by way of the Suez Canal has been returned to India from Liverpool as yarn in consequence of the small demand required by the Cape of Good Hope in many days.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Magnolia Conclave, R. W. M.—We are in receipt of tickets to the second grand annual pic-nic to be given by this conclave, for the benefit of their relief fund, on Sunday, May 22d, at the Fair Grounds. Admission for gentlemen, 50c; ladies and children free.

Academy of Music.—Billy Emerson and troupe of minstrels are the great card at the Academy to-night. They will give a grand matinee, with a select programme to suit the ladies and children, to-morrow noon.

Swiss Target-Shooters.—We are indebted to the society of Swiss target-shooters of this city for invitations to be present on the occasion of the inauguration of their shooting gallery, commencing at the Magnolia Garden at 9 o'clock, Sunday morning, May 22d.

The Jowes-Liddell Affair.—Volney Liddell and Wade Young, having been arrested, were sent to prison by U. S. Commissioner Urban, to await hearing on an affidavit made by Lawyer H. Jones, charging them with the murder of his father, Charles Jones, and his brother, William Jones, while they were prisoners in the fauxbourg Lafayette of Catahoula Parish, of Harrisonburg, in that parish, on the 28th of February last.

Sixth District Court.—The Operation of "Mohat."—Judge Cooley's Decision.—The following decision relative to a claim for services due for performing the operation of "Mohat," in performance of a Jewish custom, will be read with interest. Judge Cooley said:

This is a suit for services and expenses for going to Mexico and Texas to perform the ceremony of circumcision on some children there.

The defendant, Meyers, claims he did not employ the plaintiff. He says he was written by a friend of his to send him an operator named Hochwald, and that he produced this letter to the plaintiff, and upon that letter the plaintiff went. He says he did not hold himself out as liable for the expenses incurred in going there or for the value of their services; and it is alleged also by the defense that if he did not intend to make himself liable, no pecuniary compensation is allowed in this case.

It seems to me plain that Meyers did not comply with the request made by his friend in that letter. Had he complied with that request he would be only acting as the agent of this man, who wrote to him and would not be liable. Meyers was requested to send a certain individual, but he did not send that individual; he sent another, and exhibited to him this letter as his authority. He had sent the man that he was requested to send, that would have been entirely different. It seems to me he cannot claim the insurance against risk, and that the proper way of Chapman's being able to influence, him one way or the other was without a shadow of foundation.

The question of guage was carried in Committee by a bare majority. It is generally understood that the entire provision regarding the guage will be struck out of the bill, thus leaving it to be determined by the company, or five feet guage established.

Mr. Kellogg introduced a bill granting lands to the North Louisiana and Texas road running from Vicksburg to the Texas line.

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Fifth District Court.—Francis Foray vs. Hugh J. Campbell, Register of the State Land Office. In this case plaintiff alleges that he is the Parish Surveyor of the parish of Lafourche Interior, and as such employed by Emile Thibodaux, Lambert Brossard and others to enter certain lands in said parish. He has not been paid by the public domain of the State of Louisiana, granted to the State by the general government by the act of Congress of 2d of March, 1849, and 28th September, 1850, and known as swamp lands.

He alleges that he has applied to Hugh J. Campbell, Register of the State Land Office, to enter said lands, and that he has refused to allow them to be entered, or to give petitioner any satisfaction. He avers that he has been persistent and earnest in his efforts to accomplish his mission to this city, and for the sole purpose of entering these lands; that he has waited upon said Hugh J. Campbell from hour to hour and from day to day, and he has failed to do his duty by refusing to allow the entry of the lands. Petitioner avers that he has exhibited to said Hugh J. Campbell a memorandum and paper informed the operation for six hundred dollars. It will take the estimate of Dr. Hedingfelder, and Drive, judgment in favor of the plaintiff for $600. Hawkins and Tharp for plaintiff; Cotton and Levy for defendant.

The points of interest raised in the case may be summed up as follows:

1. That this decision forms a precedent for the legal rights of persons skilled in the art to recover compensation for their services.

2. That a person residing at another point sending a mandatory heir to another to send a certain person named to perform the operation, is not bound if the mandatory disobeys the instructions and sends in the place thereof another party, and in such case the mandatory becomes personally responsible for the operation.

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