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NEW ORLEANS:
SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 7, 1867.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

By J. B. Crozat, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at his auction store, corner Chartres and St. Louis streets, cigars.

By Chas. E. Fortier, at 12 o'clock, M., at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, real estate.

We call attention to the advertisement of Mr. R. C. Barrow, real estate agent, No. 30 Carondelet street, of a large list of eligible properties he has for sale in the various districts of the city, with the prices annexed, at which they are held.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—Opera-goers will not forget the presentation to-night of Verdi's celebrated work "Il Trovatore," and that the magnificent prima donna, Mademoiselle Adelbert, having recovered from her indisposition, will reappear in the character of *Azucena*, as sung by her in the Imperial Opera in Paris. Mlle. Fauchetti will sing the rôle of *Leonore*; Mr. Picot that of *Manrique*; Mr. Lechevallier that of the *Comte de Luna*; Mr. Van Hoffen that of *Fernand*.

APPOINTMENTS.—Judge Cazabat having declined the appointment of Judge of the Second Judicial District Court of the parish of Jefferson, Charles O. Dugué, Esq., was yesterday appointed in his place by Gen. Hancock.

Upon the recommendation of His Excellency, Governor Flanders, Robert Dorich was appointed Sheriff, parish of Ouachita, La., to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of M. C. Hardy.

The reporters for the press have been excluded from the trial of Capt. Shaff before the Military Commission now in session in Mobile.

According to the report of Gen. Ord, a Convention is to be held in Mississippi. So say Vicksburg papers.

The proprietors of the Vicksburg *Herald* say they have been sued by John L. Hebron for twenty-five thousand dollars damages for alleged libel.

The "Central Executive Committee of Louisiana," at a meeting the other evening, took into consideration Gen. Hancock's order revoking the jury order of Gen. Sheridan, and resolved "that the power of Congress be invoked to save the loyal people of the State from the dangers of this step backward to slavery and to the rule of rebels and traitors."

We thank Mr. R. A. Hatton, reporter of the Associated Press, for a pamphlet copy of the President's Message, and Mr. John S. Walton, Assistant City Treasurer, for a pamphlet copy of the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury to Congress on the State of the Finances for the year 1867.

The Ninth Anniversary of the New Louisiana Benevolent Association of New Orleans, is to be celebrated by appropriate observances, on Sunday, the 15th of December.

Messrs. V. Camugli, President and A. A. Marchand, Secretary, have had the politeness to send us cards of invitation.

A solemn High Mass, with full orchestral accompaniment, under the direction of Mr. G. Colignon, will be celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, on Baronne street, on Sunday next, December 8, at 10 A. M., (Fete of the Immaculate Conception.) We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. Colignon for cards of admission.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the proprietors of the Empire Parish Steam Rice Mill, at Pointe-a-la-Hache, Parish of Plaquemines, for a sack of rice, milled and polished at their extensive works. This mill, the largest in Louisiana, as we are informed, has been recently built and is prepared with the most improved machinery to hull and polish rice on the most reasonable terms. The mill cleans an average of 20,000 pounds of rice every twenty-four hours. Its Agent in this city is Mr. Firmin Martin, 145 Old Levee street, between Toulouse and Jefferson.

The sample sent us would probably be considered a prime article in this market, both in respect of its color, the size and wholeness of the grain, and the thoroughness of its preparation for market, and we have no doubt, when we shall have otherwise tested it, that it will prove sweet and wholesome.

The steamship Raleigh sails at 8 o'clock this morning for New York, via Havana, with a full freight and a number of passengers.

The steamship Concordia, Capt Sears, sailed from Boston on the 27th ult., for New Orleans, with the following passengers:

J W Seaver and family, Dexter Dane, Mrs Ogier and child, E Schneider, Mrs Serbern and daughter, H W Blaisdell, H F Rigby, F Fisherman, Michael Corcoran, W H Williams, S B Cooper, Chas Read, Jonas Pearl, T Shamock, M O'Brien, Jas Horne, Geo F Miller, E R Warred, E L Latimer and others.

Passengers per steamship Juniata, Captain Hoxie, bound to Philadelphia via Havana:

For Havana—Mr Delrazlie, Mr Dulac and lady, Hy Scherman.

For Philadelphia—S H Dockendorff, Mrs Mashburn and child.

The Louisiana State Convention.

ELEVENTH DAY—FRIDAY, DEC. 6, 1867.

THE LEVEE QUESTION, ETC.

The Convention met yesterday at noon, pursuant to adjournment. President Taliaferro in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Josiah Fiske.

A resolution was adopted, calling on Gen. Hancock to furnish the Convention with an official statement of the number of registered voters in each parish and representative district of the State.

Also, a resolution to authorize the drawing of warrants to pay the members and officers of the Convention.

Smith, of Orleans, moved to invite Mayor Heath from the lobby to a seat inside the Convention. Cries of "no," "no," from several voices. The President, however, put the motion carried, and Mayor Heath took a seat on the President's stand.

Same member, as Chairman of the Special Committee on Levee Matters, presented a long report upon facts already familiar to the public. It stated that all the levee boards issued still remained unsigned. It was subject to call, together with resolutions proposed by the committee for dividing the State into levee districts.

The ordinance of Mathews, of Carroll, to ratify the act of the 26th of March, 1867, authorizing the issue of $4,000,000 State bonds for levee purposes came up as the order of the day, and was largely discussed by the latter, and Messrs. Cooley, Lansenberg, and others in its favor, and Blackburn, Bolden, Wapples, Harper, Rodriguez and Ingraham in opposition.

The subject was finally laid on the table, the author of the ordinance, who voted in the affirmative for the purpose, giving notice he would move a reconsideration.

On motion the Convention adjourned till 11 A. M. Saturday.

[From the Vicksburg Times.]

In my card of yesterday, I made my programme plain and explicit. In that programme, I announced my readiness and my purpose to fight it *which issued of bounds*, which, under unbridled military power, have recently been unleashed upon me, *provided* the bounds aforesaid can find, or steal money enough to take themselves beyond the jurisdiction of a military district, and provided, also, they can find any man that a gentleman can confer with to act in their behalf. *Upon the programme I will stand*—[Card of T. HALL CARPENTER to STAND, and the readers of the *Times* will expect from me no further notice of such vermin.

W. H. MCCARDLE.

PERSONAL.—HABITS OF THE PRESIDENT.—B. F. French, Esq., of the city, has written for publication a letter in reference to the remarks on temperance by Hon. Mr. Price, in which he speaks of President Johnson's habits thus: Mr. French says that, as commissioner of public buildings, duty required that he should visit the President 2 hours each daily, and no week passed when he did not have personal intercourse with President Johnson. Relating his experience, he remarks: "I do not hesitate sincerely believe Andrew Johnson to be as temperate a man, in all his habits, as any man in the United States. That Hon. Mr. Price is not the only man who has been led by false statements, as I well know from the questions that have often been put to me by my New England friends.

The following letter—almost the last he ever wrote—of the late Emperor Maximilian, has just been published. It is addressed to Captain Pearson, who is unjustly accused of making a bargain between Maximilian and General Bazaine. It is evident that the Emperor did not think so:

"QUERETARO, June 15, 1867.—*My Dear Captain*: At my last hour of life, I still dwell on your cordial friendship, and remember the services you have so generously rendered me. I occupy my last moments in bidding you farewell. Once more I thank you for your frankness, your attachment, your devotion. It relieves my heart to write this. Remember me when dead, as I pray for your long and happy life. Do not forget him who, till his last breath, was your affectionate

"MAXIMILIAN."

We are suggested in a late reconstruction journal that a Convention of all the opponents of Radicalism shall take place, at which much of the policy of Radicalism in Mississippi can be eliminated in the Constitutional United States. We imagine no opposition will be made to such a proposition by the Radicals of Mississippi in its favor. A Convention of their party will be held at the proper time, which will embrace the members of any other party.—*Vicksburg Herald.*

Gen. Ord announces the Convention called

The New Orleans Bee.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

We resume the analysis of this important document begun in our issue of yesterday, the literal text of which is too long for our limited space.

THE RECONSTRUCTION QUESTION.

Our readers are already familiar with the President's views on this subject and it is unnecessary to set them forth with the fullness in which he elaborates them. His process of reconstruction is simply to make a faithful application of the Constitution and laws. He allleges there is no reason why the Constitution should not be obeyed, unless those who exercise its powers have determined that it shall be disregarded and that the mere naked will of one or more of the branches of the Government, is the only obstacle that can exist to perfect union of all the States. The President asserts the right of the Federal Government to enforce the provisions of the Constitution upon the Southern States, to be clear and unquestionable, but adds that there is a correlative obligation on the part of the Government to observe its limitations and execute its guarantees. That proposition so often thrown down to the opponents of his policy has never been answered because it is unanswerable. Nor is Mr. Johnson less happy when he reminds Congress of another consideration which, though of minor importance in his opinion, is yet of great weight. After demonstrating the constitutional duty of Congress towards the Southern States, he brings to their recollection the pledge which that body promised to make good to the country by a unanimous vote of both Houses, taken on the 22d day of July, 1861, viz: "that the war should be conducted solely for the purpose of preserving the Union and maintaining the supremacy of the Federal Constitution and laws, without impairing the dignity, equality and rights of the States or individuals; and that, when this wasdone, the war should cease." The President insists this was "a solemn, public, official pledge of national honor, and if it be said that the Government is not bound to keep faith with rebels, he replies the promise was not made to rebels only, but that thousands of true men in the South were drawn to its standard by it, and hundreds of thousands in the North gave their lives in the belief that it would be carried out. He asserts it was an assurance given in an hour of extreme peril to the Government, and the violation of it now, in the day of its power, would be a rude rending of that good faith which holds the moral world together. The war would thus be made not only a failure but a fraud." The President might have added that this promise was never recalled, either specifically or by implication, but up to the very last moment of the war was as binding upon the Government as on the day it was given. Being sincerely convinced his views are correct, he recommends the repeal of the acts of Congress which place ten of the Southern States under the domination of military masters. Mr. Johnson demonstrates them to be "not only in direct conflict with the Constitution but a violation of national faith, and does not permit himself to doubt that they will be immediately stricken from the Statute Book." He denies that Congress is authorized to dictate what alterations shall be made in the Constitutions of the several States, to control State elections by declaring who shall and who shall not vote, to dissolve Legislatures, dismiss judges and other civil functionaries of States, and appoint others without regard to State law, to organize and operate all political machinery of States, to regulate the whole administration of their domestic and local affairs, according to the mere will of strange and irresponsible agents, sent among them for that purpose. Nor these are powers not granted to the Federal Government or to any one of its branches.

Speaking of the Reconstruction measures as a mode of punishment, the President says, "they are not only unreasonable that could be invent ed, that vengeance upon classes, sects and parties, or upon whole communities, for offences committed by a portion of them, was common in the barbarous ages, but the punitive justice of this age does not consist in stripping whole States of their liberties, and reducing all their people, without distinction, to a condition of slavery. It deals separately with each individual, confines itself to forms of law, and vindicates its own purity, by an impartial examination of every case before a competent judicial tribunal."

The President disposes of the argument that this system of government for the Southern States is to be provisional only and not perpetual, by showing that "though this temporary evil, a grave one evil is to made perpetual; that if the guarantees of the Constitution can be broken provisionally, to serve a temporary purpose, they can be destroyed for all time. Arbitrary measures often change but they generally change for the worse. It is the curse of despotism," says Mr. Johnson, "that it has no halting place. Intermittent exercise of its power brings no sense of security to its subjects; for they can never know what more they will be called to endure when its red right hand is armed to plague them again; nor is it possible to conjecture how or when power unrestrained by law may reek its next victim. States that are still free may be enslaved at any moment; for, if the Constitution does not protect all, it protects none."

NEGRO SUPREMACY.

On this subject the President is equally decided. He is determinedly opposed to clothing the negroes with the privilege of suffrage, and exhaustive argument and illustration in his exposure of this wrong. "The avowed object," says Mr. Johnson, "of these laws is to disfranchise such number of white citizens as will give the negroes a clear majority in all elections. This, to the minds of some persons is so important that a violation of the Constitution is justified as a means of bringing it about. *The morality is always false which erases a wrong because it proposes to accomplish a desirable end.* We are not permitted to do evil that good may come. But in this case the end is itself evil, as well as the means. The subjugation of States to negro domination would be worse than the military despotism under which they are now suffering. It is admitted that the blacks of the South are not only regardless of the rights of property, but their voting can consist in nothing more than carrying the ballot to the place where they are directed to deposit it. It cannot be presumed they are as well informed as to the nature of our Government as an intelligent foreigner who makes our land his home by choice. In the case of the latter, neither a residence of five years, and the knowledge of our institutions which it gives, nor an attachment to the principles of the Constitution, are the only conditions upon which he can be admitted to citizenship. He must prove, in addition, a good moral character, and thus give reasonable ground for the belief that he will be faithful to the obligations which he assumes as a citizen of the republic where a people, the source of all political power, speak by their suffrage, through the instrumentality of the ballot-box. There is no time for probation in the case of the native, who is born subject to these