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IMPROVED REAL ESTATE IN THE THIRD DISTRICT AT AUCTION.—The Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans sells at auction, this day, at noon, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, for account of a succession, a lot of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Bartholomew street, between Greatmen (now Dauphin) and Craps streets, Third District. For particulars see advertisement.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, ETC.—Messrs. Michon & Schweitzer, 166 Royal street, advertise that they have just received a large and elegant assortment of Artificial Flowers and material for making every thing in that line, which they propose to sell, as heretofore, at the most reduced prices.

SCHOOL TEACHERS.—On account of the Holidays next week, the School Teachers will be paid off to-day, an arrangement to which they will certainly not object.

FANCY DRESS BALL.—The American Hook and Ladder Company No. 2 gives a grand Fancy Dress and Masked Ball at the Mechanics' Institute, to-night.

We had the pleasure of a call yesterday from Mr. A. J. Day, one of the gentlemanly and very efficient agents of the Erie railway, one of the finest and best managed enterprises in the whole country.

AN INTERESTING EXHIBITION.

We were present last night at the commencement exercises at the "Loquet Institute," on Camp street, and were well entertained. The room was crowded by the relatives and friends of the young ladies, and, indeed, it proved quite too small to hold all who sought admittance. First upon the programme came the examinations, which were highly satisfactory, and then the exhibitions began. The Recitations, "Bertha in the Lane," by Miss Fanjie F., "Italia," by Miss Lizzie H., "Closing Year," by Miss Ida W., and the "Dream" by Miss Mary B., were well rendered by the fair speakers. After these came a beautiful fairy scene, in which the younger pupils dressed as fairies gave a dialogue. It was an interesting and beautiful spectacle. A parlor drama followed, rendered by the older pupils. Subsequently William Evelyn, Esq., awarded the prizes and gave the list of honorable mentions. The French prizes were awarded by M. Labuzan. Among the young ladies who bore off the honors were Miss Mary Black, Miss Amanda Keep, Miss Jennie Sumner, Miss Ada Wells, Miss Eliza Foley, Miss Emma Wheeler, Miss Emma Pugh, Miss Jannie Finnie, Miss Ada Kella, (who bore away eight prizes,) Miss Cordelia Terrell, (who closely contested the honors with Miss Wells,) Miss Lizzie Hyman, Miss Camille Murphy, Miss Willie Lake, Miss Emily Smith, Miss Louise Coste, (winning seven prizes) Miss Fassoel, Miss Lucille Voinin, and Miss Annie Gordon, who represented the "Fairy Queen." The chief honor, however, was won by the Principal, Miss M. A. Loquet, awarded her by those present by general consent. It was an interesting occasion.

AMUSEMENTS.

NATIONAL THEATRE.—L'Ouvrier aux, a vaudeville in four acts, is to be given this evening.

VARIETIES THEATRE.—The friends of Mrs. W. H. Leighton will not forget that she has a benefit this evening. The entertainment consists of "Married Life"—a comedy which has so much extravagance of humor about it that it might fitly be called a farce, and the 5th Act of Richard III, with Mr. Fiske as Richard, and Mrs. Leighton as Richmond. These distinguished performers will doubtless give an entirely new reading to many of the favorite speeches of rival Richmond, amidst the bloody horrors of Bosworth Fields. Let the connoisseurs be on hand.

THE MARBLE HEART AT THE VARIETIES.—We referred in our last issue to the creditable manner in which the beautiful play of the "Marble Heart" was presented, as a whole, on Tuesday evening. We desire to refer to it more particularly.

Mrs. Chanfrau's *Marco* was a superior piece of acting. *Marco* is not an unnatural character at all. She is marble hearted, but there are gleams of a better nature visible through her intense selfishness. It is precisely this marked conflict between what she might have been and what she is that constitutes the difficulty in character, and the success of the actress who portrays it. Mrs. Chanfrau's quarrel scene with *Rachel*, by the way, is a model of brilliant acting who might wish to learn the art of the practised coquette, whose every smile is a dagger and every word a stab. Mr. Jefferson Davenport does not, on the whole, please us so well in the part given too great a prominence to what we have already had occasion to notice as a certain style of his, namely, superior actor's more passionate results in the heart broken man, but he is in an exceptional one. He suffers like any other creature. His passion, although deep, is not violent. It seems to be torn to tatters—to very tatters. In the quarrel with *Marco*, and in the last act particularly, Mr. Davenport's high pitched voice and hysteric laughter cause really painful discords in the tones of pathos. The laughter, we will say in passing, seems a favorite with Mr. Carden, for he repeatedly put it on with decided effect. It is a lively easily remedied, and which should be avoided.

Mr. Florio's *Volpe* was the most thoroughly artistic performance of the evening. None but a good actor should touch *Volpe*—none but a natural actor can play him. The truth is, if we regard to gauge an actor's merit, we would not desire to see him by his more pretentious brethren shine, but would wish to see him also in just such characters as *Volpe*. The modesty of nature, after all, is the best of merit. If we make *Volpe* a man like another—witty, kind hearted, and faithful, he has given a more artistic rendering than if he were to *Hamlet* and *Lear* the advice to the Players. Mr. Floyd's *Volpe* may be added to his best renditions.

Of the minor characters, Miss Lena Prentice and Mrs. Nelson were both acceptable in their respective parts of *Marco* and *Mad. Duchatel*. Miss Prentice's grief in the last scene was well conceived and executed. Mr. Fiske was in the *Louis de Chabrac Marquez*, in spite of his mustachios. Mr. Fiske is, in fact, a trifle too heavy for the *Butterfly*.

We did not see the *Prologue*, which has always been a favorite with us, and we are, therefore, unable to speak of the acting in it. We had a chance, however, of seeing the stationary, at the close of the drama, and the beautiful of the groupe are, certainly, entitled to a special mention, for the graceful ease of their *poses*.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—The admirers of Lotta need no reminder that she has her benefit this evening, and that she will appear in the special character of the "*Female Detective*" and five others. This marvel of cuteness is sure of filling the "St. Charles." In whatever character she appears—whether she makes one laugh in the extravagances of the *Marchioness* and the *Governess Wife*, or, by her pathos, she grows mistress over her tender picture of *Little Nell*, she attracts large audiences, and keeps them stirred to the highest pitch of interest. If there be such a being as a perfect actor, as an entirely *original* actress, then, the sparkling little woman, playing now a night as the "St. Charles"—assuredly is a type thereof. Her success is peculiarities, nay, her very extravagances—are hers, and hers alone, and this in fact is the secret of one half of her success.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The great feature of Thursday evening, was the appearance of Miss Eva Brent. Much interest has been felt in the announcement of Miss Brent's engagement as the "Queen of Academy," and the applause with which her beautiful selections of last evening were received, was at once, an expression of pleasure and tribute to the fair songstress herself. We shall have more to say of this gifted artist, but we confine ourself at present, to stating that her success last evening fully demonstrated the gratification the lovers of ballad-music have in store for them.

Besides the new star, there is the usual variety of Ethiopian, Terpsichorean, eccentric and acrobatic performances. In the last, by the way, the Misco Brothers leave nothing to be desired. Their exercises are such as need considerable nerve, even in those who do no more than look at them. Trapeze exercises have always had many admirers among our playgoers. We would seriously advise all of the class to visit the "Academy." The Miscos may possibly give them new ideas of what wonders nerve, muscle and activity combined, can effect.

To-day, of course, the little ones are, to have their annual matinee, which will be all the more enjoyable as they have before them the delicious prospect of a lengthened holiday. Their friend, Manager Bidwell, is not going to forget them, as they will know as well as we do, when they see the great burlesque on *Robinson Crusoe*—which is going to be brought out during Christmas week. It will be something the like of which they have never seen, and can never hope to see, outside of the "Academy"—we can tell them that.

THE CRESCENT CITY MUSEUM, opposite the St Charles Hotel, is decidedly a capital place to visit, for all those who are in search of amusement and instruction. A whole morning can be devoted to the best of living and inanimate curiosities, and not prove sufficient for even a running examination. Visit the Fat Woman, the Skeleton Man, the wild animals, the fresh water tribe, the gorgeous fishes, etc., etc., and decide for yourselves.

LARGE PRICES.—The Shreveport *Southwestern*, of the 19th, has the following:

The Marshall plantation, situated in Bosier parish, about two miles above this place, sold at auction last week for $100,000 in gold. This tract contains some $4000 acres, nearly all of which is under cultivation. It was purchased by Lt. Governor Wells, about 2500 acres and the other 1700 acres. The showing once by they man, a good planter, the Dixon plantation, situated in the parish, about twenty miles above this city, containing 628 acres, was sold on the 4th at $90 per acre in currency. From the above sales it would look as though some people had not lost all confidence in the future.

JUAREZ AND ORTEGA.—A dispatch from New Orleans states that Gen. Sherman and Minister Campbell, instead of proceeding from Brazos Overland to the seat of the Juarez Government, have arrived at New Orleans in the Benjamin Franklin. At the same time comes a report from Washington that our Government had recently (middle) made a demonstration in favor of Juarez, and shows an intention to fix it the claims of Ortega. If there were any truth in this Washington rumor, it might furnish a clue to the return of Gen. Sherman to New Orleans, but Mexican affairs are complicated in Washington no less than on the Rio Grande and we therefore prefer not to draw any hasty inferences. The *Picayune* of yesterday morning contains a telegram signed by Marshal Bazaine and Castelnau. They continue to know little about the movements of Maximilian on the one side and Gen. Sherman on the other, but as regards their own division urge that there should be no delay in the arrival of transports, as the evacuation must be completed in March.—*N. Y. Tribune*, 14th.

MRS. MARY E. BRYAN.—This favorite writer is, from days, connected with the editorial department of the Mississippi Times. Our Sister of Peace will be published several articles from the pen of the lady, and hold our arrangements be complete for transmitting to her of our sheet, one or more copies will be reserved for her.—*Vicksburg Times*.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

Washington, Dec. 21.—During the month ending the 15th inst., 1665 land patents were issued from the Commissioner's office. During the month of November, 24,764 acres were disposed of.

Major Ben Perley Poore has issued an admirably compiled Congressional directory.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Whisky Delegation are referred back to Collector Smith, of Baltimore, who is authorized to use his discretion in the release of the seized Whisky.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Senate Finance Committee was in session to-day, and engaged on the tariff question. The Committee will hold daily sessions during the recess. It consists of Messrs. Fessenden, Sherman, Morgan, Williams, Cotelle, Van Winkle and Guthrie.

Mr. Guthrie is still absent on account of serious indisposition.

Speaker Colfax has gone northward on a lecturing tour.

The municipal election in Georgetown occurring in the fourth Monday in February, is beginning to attract attention. Alfred Lee, colored, is already in the field, among his white constituents are Henry Addison, the present incumbent, Judge Dunlop, formerly Judge of this district, James Goddard and Wm. King.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Southern Senators now here express great indignation at the memorial of the Southern loyalists, published this morning, and before leaving will reply to its allegations.

The President gave audience yesterday to Senator Roberts, of Texas, on the subject of a proposed treaty with the Camanche Indians. Senator Roberts represented that during the war the frontier was well protected by Texas. All the residents of the frontier being exempt from military duty, many resorted there to escape service. Since the parties have returned home the frontier has been left unprotected and has been the scenes of daily outrages by wild Camanches. With a view of arresting these outrages, the President has referred the matter to the Indian Bureau, requesting prompt action. The Governor of Texas is requested to be made a party to this treaty to impress the Camanches with the fact that Texas is a part of the Union which they seem not to realize.

Washington, Dec. 21.—In Maryland, at the instance of the mother, a negro child was bound out and subsequently taken by the father and brought before Judge Bond, of Baltimore, who annulled the indenture. The father was subsequently indicted and held to bail for enticing the apprentice from his home. The officers of the Bureau in Maryland advise in the case, stating that there are many similar cases pending in the State. The reply of the Chief of the Bureau has not transpired.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Gov. Letcher, of Virginia is here. He has had a conference with the President and the Attorney General in relation to Dr. Watson's case, now pending in Richmond before a military commission, for the killing of a negro in Rockbridge county. He had been discharged by the examining court, a writ of *habeas corpus* had been issued by Judge Meredith and had been resisted by Gen. Schofield. Watson's demand for release under the decision of the Supreme Court in the Indiana conspiracy case, was rejected as inapplicable. These circumstances were submitted to the Attorney General, who expressed the opinion that Watson's demand case falls within the Indiana decision. The President promised to lay the facts before the Cabinet to-day, and give Gov. Letcher an early decision. During the adjournment of the commission Dr. Watson is on parole.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Attorney General of Virginia has filed a petition in the Supreme Court praying that Jefferson and Berkley counties be declared a part of and under the jurisdiction of Virginia. The bill is made returnable on February 20th.

Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 19.—Gen. H. Clay Davis, of Rio Grande City, accidentally shot himself on the 8th instant, on a hunting expedition a few miles from Rancho Davis, in company with several army officers. They were moving over a rough road, and the ambulance struck a stump and turned over. In the fall the General's gun discharged itself, the contents lodging in his hips and abdomen. He lived but a few hours after.

A movement on foot to present Gen. Sedgewick with a testimonial for his interference on the other side of the river was dropped at his own request.

Cortina, with five hundred men, and Canales with about three hundred, left Matamoras the morning of the 15th, for Monterey with the view of taking part in the campaign in the interior.

Escobedo and staff left on the 17th suddenly. It was supposed Minister Campbell was in profit of the General's escort to Monterey, to meet Juarez. The Minister and Mr. Plum, the Secretary of Legation, were still here on the 17th. In the evening it was rumored Escobedo had received intelligence that Cortina and Canales had pronounced on the road against Juarez Government and in favor of Ortega.

Yesterday a courier brought the intelligence that Cortina on Monday attacked Escobedo, fifty miles from Matamoras, and captured himself and staff.

Sweetsburg, Dec. 21.—Thomas Madden has been convicted and sentenced to suffer death on the 15th of February.

The Jury have Smith's case under consideration.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 21.—The schooner Mary Bertrand, McGaffey, went ashore below Bagdad in the recent gale on her return trip from Tampico. She had $20,000 in specie, the proceeds of the sale of a cargo of arms. The money was seized by the authorities as contraband. The duties have been paid and the specie has been forwarded to Matamoras and deposited in the hands of a responsible party for legal decision.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 21.—The scamps of Ortega are still at Brownsville, but have created much excitement, and would complicate affairs on the frontier.

Captain Sloan, Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau at Millican, officially reports the murder of Captain Rickard, late of the 12th Cavalry, by a partner in planting, and calls urgently for re-ops and protection.

General Griffin is still in command of the sub-district of the Rio Grande, at Brownsville.

Galveston, Dec. 21.—The Gunboat Winooski, from New York, on the 17th, off the Black Bird off Brazos on the 20th. It is reported Marshal Bazaine had sent for Juarez to confer with him.

Galveston, Dec. 21.—Capt. Craig, U. S. A., and Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, imprisoned at Sequin on a civil process, has been released by force, after three days imprisonment, by a detachment of forty-four men of the Fourth Regular Cavalry, commanded by Capt. Hunt, marching from San Antonio. Craig is now discharging his duties guarded by Lieut. Sutherland and sixteen men of the Seventeenth Regulars.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 21.—Hon. Lewis D. Campbell, U. S. Minister to Mexico, arrived here to-day on the steamer Black Bird direct from Matamoras, and sailed immediately on the steamer Mississippi, for New Orleans, to confer with Generals Sherman and Sheridan and the authorities at Washington. He reports Mexican affairs on the border in a very unsettled condition.

New York, Dec. 21.—Night.—Gold 133⅝. U. S. 5-20's 106⅝; Sevens, 105.

The cotton market closed dull with sales of 1500 bales at 34½ to 35c. Flour declining 10c. Wheat 1 to 2c lower. Corn closed better. Pork firm; sales 5,000 bbls at $26 25 to $20 75. Beef heavy. Lard lower; sales 1600 bbls at 11¼ to 12¼c. Spirits of Turpentine 74 to 76c. Rosin $4 25 to $10. Rice—sales 130 tierces Carolinas at 8 to 8½c. Molasses quiet; sales 230 bbls Orleans new at 80 to 85c.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21.—Lewis and Augustus Williams, the negroes convicted in October for highway robbery, were executed to-day.

New York, Dec. 21.—Money has increased in demand, and, in consequence of the decline in Gold, has risen to six or seven per cent. The stringency it is said, cannot last. Gold closed at 133⅝. Large and short interest, and cash gold sold as low as 133 in the day, was worth one-eighth premium. Exchange is dull and lower; prime 60 days sterling 108½ to 109; sight 109½ to 109¾. Government securities are heavy, compared with Monday; 6's of '81 111 to 111¼; do of '62, 106½ to 106¾; do of '64, 105¾ to 105⅞; do of '65, 105¾ to 105⅞; 10-40's, 99¾ to 100.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Chamber of Commerce yesterday considered the memorial to Congress laid over from the last stated meeting, the points of which have been heretofore laid before the readers of the Bee. The President stated the views