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NEW ORLEANS:

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 30, 1871.

MAYOR FLANDERS AND THE CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Flanders has good reason to felicitate himself upon the success which has so far attended his efforts to protect the people of New Orleans against the "extravagant" schemes of Gen. Warmoth's agents in the City Council, especially in defeating the plan of Surveyor Ball in the matter of the lake protection levee. With a majority of the Council disposed to obey the behests of the Governor, it must be very gratifying to the Mayor that his objections to Mr. Bell's plan have been sustained. Undoubtedly the opinions of Messrs. Pilié, D'Hémécourt and other professional men, and the earnest remonstrances of the members of the Citizens' Association lately organized, also had their effect upon the Council, but opposition on the part of individuals would probably have been in vain had not the Mayor taken the firm stand he did upon this question, and demonstrated by irresistible argument not only the inability of the city to pay for so costly a work, but the inadequacy of measured better proportioned to the present condition of the municipal finances, and equality, if not more effective in preventing an overflow of the lake. But the opposition of Administrators Remick and Cockrem to the retrenchment policy had only been for the moment overcome. They will renew that opposition on every occasion that presents itself, for the lines are now very distinctly drawn between the two wings of the Republican party, one of which is headed by the Governor and the other by the Mayor. The Citizens' Association should not therefore relax their efforts to prevent the adoption of schemes of this character, but should boldly place themselves in the path of those speculators who seek to involve the city in expenditures which she is utterly unable to make, and never cease to watch and expose the attempts upon the Treasury of Warmoth and his accomplices. The war between the Governor and Mayor may be said to have just commenced, and every device calculated to strengthen the former will be resorted to by his friends. The Water-Works scheme we believe to be one of these, and a most impudent proposition it is. Mr. Hernandez and his associates generously offer to take the Water-Works on a lease, agreeing to pay the city one hundred thousand dollars a year for the privilege, provided they are allowed to mortgage the works for two millions of dollars. Who ever heard of lessees being permitted to mortgage property not belonging to them? But the proposition is so preposterous that we need not be at much pains to expose its character. On the face of it, it is fraudulent and should be promptly rejected. These public-spirited individuals say nothing about security for the performance of their part of the contract, which seems to be all on one side. Even with ample security, no such contract should be entered into by the city. We do not wish to depend upon private persons for our supply of water, for every body knows what would be the result of such an arrangement. The public administration just now is bad enough, but that would be infinitely worse. The Water Works ran well be extended by the city authorities as to stop combination of private individuals, and we would rather trust the former than the latter.

We shall have more to say of the Water Works in a future issue.

EXTRA NIGHT TRAIN ON THE PONTCHARTRAIN RAILROAD.—The public, we have no doubt, will be gratified to learn that extra night trains have been placed upon the Pontchartrain Railroad, so that visitors to the Lake End need not leave that delightful resort till they have exhausted its enjoyments of boating, feasting, bathing and fishing. The restaurants are in full operation. The bathing season is at its height. Deschamel's Pavilion dispenses its exquisite refreshments, with music by Yaeger's famous band. Last, but not least, Mike with his sail and row boats is always on hand.

The Great South Carolina Immigration Scheme.

This monster enterprise bids fair to be one of the grandest successes of the kind.

It is rare that five hundred thousand dollars are offered under the auspices of such honorable and well known gentlemen as control the Association, and their names are alone a sufficient guaranty that the proposed drawing will be conducted with impartiality. Five dollars will purchase a ticket which may secure one of twenty four hundred cash prizes, the highest of which is an Academy of Music, worth $25,000, and the next highest is $10,000 in cash. The others range from $5,000 downwards.

ENCAMPMENT LOUISIANA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.—In another column will be found the programme of the Encampment of the Louisiana Volunteer Infantry, which is about to begin, the proceeds being for the benefit of their regimental fund. The encampment begins on Sunday next and will last three days. Foot race, base ball match, trotting and pacing races in harness, to rule, target-shooting and other amusements will come off according to advertisement in to-day's issue.

To Mr. Davis the Issue.

Mr. Jefferson Davis has in some late speeches declared that the acres he sold, and for this reason we are vociferously assured that we should accept everything—even heavy taxation, more tariff robberies, more bayonet pleasings, the tobacco-cursing, rag-driving Grant. The whole head of a conquered cause has stated that his having has not altogether satisfied him he was wrong, and even this account a victorious people are to forget their own interests and do nothing for their own profit, such at least is the position of the Republican leaders. The large accounts to them is not whether the whole administration of the Federal government is hopelessly corrupt and in need of a new and purifying management, but does Mr. Jefferson Davis accept the situation or does he not? The country forsooth, can stand the tariff, stand the taxes, stand the thieves, but its whole light is instantly gone out unless it knows where Mr Davis stands. Everything hinges upon that. That is the great issue. What the President of the United States has done is nothing; but what thinks the President of the Confederacy is all in all. *He* is the arbiter of the destinies of the republic. All eyes are turned upon him. He is to say, I was right, and we are to cry, Hosanna our taxes. He accepts nothing, and we are to throw thieves, tariff bayonets, rag-driving Grant and Co. to the dogs. Nor are we to show the infamous misgovernment of these United States is a liver issue than Mr. Jefferson Davis. He is *at the head*, but this is of the least moment. Mr. Davis's Andersonville, with its denial of medicines, is departed, but the spirit of Andersonville lives in that tariff which taxes the necessaries and comforts of humanity 100 per cent on its chloroform and quinine. Mr. Davis's war ship is at the bottom of the sea, but the Republican "protection" of to-day is more fatal to American shipping than one hundred Alabamas. Mr. Davis's right of secession is gone, but the cause of oppression is sounding this very hour in the free hills which flank by the statue book like so many slaves' chains.

A Confederate Capitol.—On the 29th May, 1865, near Gainesville, Virginia, James E. Brown sold eight bales of cotton to Reuben S. Stockton for 40 per pound. Confederate money. The bales were carried miles away on Mr. Brown's plantation in Marion County, and Brown's father the sale, and General Joseph E. Johnston learned that dered, and that Stockton had consented to pay. He immediately told Mr. Brown that he withdrew the contract, but dispatched a messenger to the steamer on the plantation not to be delivered. Meanwhile Mr. Stockton was ahead of the steamer, and had already taken possession. The parties subsequently removed to New York, and Brown sued Stockton for the value of the cotton. Judge Brady refused a motion to dismiss the complaint, saying that the question to be decided whether the Confederacy was a government at the time the bargain was made. If it had, and both parties understood the impression that the agreement was void.

More Population for the South.

(From the Courier, May 13, 1871.)

In our advertising columns will be found the announcement of a grand Gift enterprise, in which the amount of half a million of dollars will be distributed by the South Carolina Land and Immigration Association.

The importance of the object of the Association should recommend the enterprise to every citizen of the State, and the inducements which are offered are such as to tempt every one. The price of tickets is only five dollars, and the holder of one of them will receive the Academy of Music, one of the most valuable pieces of property in the whole Southern country. The stores in the building command high rents; the saloon and store have never and can always have a tenant. The lodging above are in constant demand, and the theatre is by far the best amusement in the South. The lucky holders of the ticket which draws that prize will secure a fortune. The second prize, though less valuable, will be enough to satisfy the most grasping. One hundred thousand dollars is as much as will be asked. A large number of other prizes are to be given, varying from $50,000, $10,000, $5000, $1000, &c., amounting to over $500 gifts.

The object of the organization is one set at the head of this enterprise is such as to satisfy every one that there can be nothing unfair in the transaction. Most gift schemes are used by irresponsible parties. The one in question, conducted under the auspices of Gen. M. C. Butler, a former Major-General of the Confederate Army, and the candidate for Lieutenant-Governor at the last election; a man whose name in South Carolina, has always been synonymous with high-tone honesty and integrity; Mr. John Caldwell, a gentleman who has the confidence of thousands of dollars in the State, and who is honored and respected by the entire community, and Gen. Gary, the honest, brave, manly and popular gentleman, who never knew fear, and whose character stands without reproach.

In addition to the high tone, character and responsibility of the Managers, other safeguards are thrown around the scheme which would recommend it to the most skeptical, as will appear by the advertisements. We feel sure that the only difficulty which will be had in a few days, will be the obtaining of tickets, as they will be eagerly sought after in every section of the country.

The Mississippi Levee System.

HAS THE BED OF THE RIVER RISEN?—LETTER FROM GENERAL HUMPHREYS.

To the Editor of the World:

SIR—In your issue of May 13, of this year, there is a letter from Mr. Albert Stein, of Mobile, Ala., the subject of which is "The false idea with regard to the Mississippi River levee system inculcated by Messrs. Humphreys and Abbot." Mr. Stein says that it is absurd to assert that the alluvial lands of the Mississippi can be rendered perpetually cultivable by the levee system proposed in that report, which, he asserts, takes no note of the general elevation of the bed of the river by the deposit of detritus, portion of the waters of the bed caused by the elongation of the river at its mouth in the Gulf, which elongation, he states, is estimated in the report alluded to at 700 feet per annum. From these two sources, he adds, the floods go on constantly increasing in height and the levees become insufficient for overflowings. Now there is not a single fact going to show that the bed of the Mississippi River has risen at all from detritus brought down by the river and the tributaries. The evidence as to what matter is conclusive that it has not risen, is not rising, and will not rise. I do not doubt that Mr. Stein will reply—The bed of the Po and the bed of the Rhine have risen from this cause; and therefore I anticipate him by stating that long series of measurements upon those rivers show conclusively that their beds have not risen for centuries, and I refer those who wish to know more of this to those pages of the report of Humphreys and Abbot, where this subject is treated. As regards elevation of the bed of the river by the prolongation of its course into the gulf, I beg to refer Mr. Stein to pages 438 and 436 of the report of Humphreys and Abbot, where it is shown that it will require an extension of the mouth of the river twenty-five miles into the gulf to raise the surface of the river one foot. As Mr. Bert Phillip and above, and that, according to the present rate of progress, five centuries will elapse before the river accomplishes that extension. Further, it is stated in that report that, from the best data to be obtained, the river extends into the gulf annually 362 feet, not 700 feet. Mr. Stein further imputes to the report in question neglect to take into consideration the effect upon the floods of excluding the overflow from the great bottom lands of the St. Francis, the Yazoo, &c. It will be found by referring to chapter IV. of the report, which discusses, in the most elaborate manner, the effect of those great swamps upon the floods of the river, and determines the change in the height of the floods that will be caused by excluding overflow from them. Has Mr. Stein examined the report previous to his criticism? Mr. Stein in conclusion proposes as necessary, for the protection of the alluvial lands from overflow the removal of the chief bends of the river, the construction of artificial levees in the bed of the river to create and to maintain uniformity in the slope and cross section, and to adjust those dimensions properly to the discharge, and to regulate the entrance of tributaries. To cut off the bends would be pernicious; to construct the other works would be enormously expensive, and most of them if constructed would be practically useless.

A. A. HUMPHREYS.

WASHINGTON, June 17.

RECOVERY OF THE LOST CABLE.—The Atlantic cable of 1865, which has been interrupted for several weeks by a break, was recovered and repaired yesterday. It will probably be put in working order at once, and we shall again have three telegraphic lines in full operation between the United States and Europe.

These lines are all under the control of one company, and the monopoly has found the high charges necessarily adopted by it while only one cable was working, exceedingly profitable to itself. But the possession of the only means of communication between the two continents is a great public trust, and must not be abused for private advantage. We confidently expect that it will be so regarded in future by its owners, and that the rates will be at once reduced to as low a point as they ever were.

The chief sufferers by the high rates which have been exacted of late have been the public at large, who rely for their information concerning Europe upon the dispatches of the daily press. The number of men who use the cable for their own business or pleasure is wholly insignificant in comparison with the readers of the published news. It is the right of these readers to be considered in this matter, and we have no doubt that the managers of the company now that they are able easily to transmit all the messages that the press is likely to offer, will recognize this fact, and show us at least as much favor to the news people for the whole public as they showed before the late interruption occurred.—*N. Y. Post*, 21st.

THE NEW ORLEANS AND MOBILE RAILROAD.—We copy the following item from New Orleans to the Mobile *Tribune*:

Traveling has many charms and some consolations—freedom from duns and debt among the latter, that I may, I think, be safely said, that the greatest of the five is the fact of doing it at somebody else's expense—the present trip possessing that quality—a young friend of ours having been "lifted" out of the necessity, pocketbound to enable the writer to bowl along on the New Orleans and Mobile Railroad through the pine barrens and experienced engineers, the best of attention from subordinates, and a fair rate of speed, are certainly qualities which should entitle it to a good share of what business is going, and apparently do, as I learn that the company are paying their way even at the present opposition prices.

French Credit.

We are now in possession of most of the data requisite for fixing the amount of indebtedness which France justly owes to owing to the events of the last nine months. M. Thiers estimates the war expenditure at two hundred millions of dollars, the deficit in the revenue, owing to the disturbance of trade and the impossibility of collection, at three hundred and twenty millions, which is added one thousand millions of dollars, raised to pay the German war indemnity, to which the very respectable addition to the public obligations of France since July, 1870, of $6,013,000,000. At the basis of 1870, the principal and [illegible] of the French national debt [illegible] hundred and [illegible] francs, which by the [illegible] of exchange [illegible] francs. [illegible] have [illegible] the [illegible] of the public [illegible] will have [illegible] amount of five thousand millions of dollars. Yet, in the face of this obligation, unfavorably, while assuming a cable telegrams announced that the loan recently placed upon the market has been received with special favor even in Berlin, and that every body is willing to [illegible] it. With such a spirit of confidence [illegible] to imagine a more striking proof or the basis which the world has in the stability of the present Republic of France than the which succeeded the fall of the Empire. The first test year was the [illegible] of bankruptcy, the second [illegible] of the bad men of both parties who wanted strife. At present such feelings were very little [illegible] the character of the contagion, the [illegible] a case where a White [illegible] school teacher named Price, [illegible] several colored Republicans, [illegible] Adam Kenwood, Deputy [illegible] who was also a Republican, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]