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NEW ORLEANS:
SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 16, 1871.

Amusements This Evening.

OPERA HOUSE.—"The Dumb Girl of Portici."
ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Last night of Miss Cavender. "Minnie's Luck," and "Naid the Good for Nothing."
ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—"Mary Stuart." Monday—Lydia Thompson Troupe.

THE DEBT IN LOUISIANA IN 1865.

A correspondent of the Springfield Mass., *Republican*, writing from New Orleans, says among other things that the public debt of the State of Louisiana in 1865 was only five millions of dollars and that, under Radical rule, it has in five years been increased to forty millions. Whereupon the New Orleans *Republican* being the well-paid official journal of the Radicals, hired to tell the truth for the party whenever it is tradncerd, pronounces the statement of the correspondent aforesaid to be "a yarn," "a story," unworthy of belief and asserts that the debt of Louisiana in 1865 was sixteen millions of dollars, and that the Radicals have since increased it only some nine or ten millions of dollars by endorsing bonds for great railroad enterprizes. It recommends the correspondent of the Springfield paper to go to the official records where he will obtain correct information. For the benefit of all parties we have availed ourselves of this suggestion and made examination of those records and now give book and page as authority for the statement of the correspondent aforesaid which was substantially correct.

In the report of the Auditor of the State addressed to the Legislature in January, 1868, contained in a book entitled.

"Documents of the Legislature" 1868, page 31, we find the following report:

STATEMENT E.

Showing the public debt of the State of Louisiana on the 31st day of December, 1865:

Liabilities for property banks	$5,306,533 33
" for Municipality No. 2.....	198,340 00
Am't. due on bonds for Clinton and Port Hudson R. R...	9,000 00
" due La. State Bank.....	50,000 00
Debts proper in trust funds.....	1,665,608 81
" " in bonds maturing between the years 1867 and 1901.....	4,081,000 00
	$11,192,377 14

Now by deducting from the foregoing total of $11,192,377 14 the sum of $5,306,533 33, being the liabilities for the property banks, which no one believes the State will ever be called on to pay, the banks being sound and abundantly able to respond, we find remaining the sum of $5,783,947 81 as the actual debt of the State on the 1st day of January, 1866.

We should like the New Orleans *Republican* to furnish authority for its statement that the debt amounted to sixteen millions of dollars in 1865.

THE LATE CONFISCATION DECISIONS.

The opinions of the Supreme Court of the United States in the cases of Millaru's Executors vs. The U. S., and Tyler vs. Defreen, have not yet come to hand. The former case was one of personal property, (Railroad stock) found in Michigan, while the latter was one involving title to real estate, in this District of Columbia both be it observed, being within the lines of the United States. It is stated that these decisions settle the question of the validity of the sales of confiscated property in all the cases now pending. It may be so but it is possible the court may make a distinction between property confiscated in the Northern States, and property confiscated in the Southern States. As to the latter, the law of nations recognizes the right of a belligerent power to confiscate the property found in its territory, belonging to the enemy. But the law of nations does not tolerate the confiscation of enemies' property found on the territory of that enemy, by *judicial proceedings* carried on in that territory pending the war. Courts of law have no jurisdiction over enemies, because they cannot cite them to appear pending hostilities. The Supreme Court of the United States has so decided, and according to its doctrine, the King of Prussia had just as much right under the principles of international law to establish courts in France and vest them with jurisdiction over the people of France, as the United States had to establish courts in the Southern States, pending the civil war, *with jurisdiction over citizens within the lines of the Confederate States.*

The Supreme Court has already decided that the war was a public war and the parties to it must be treated according to the principles of international law. It so decided in the Alexander-soldeo case, when it rejected Mrs. Alexander's claim on the ground that she was, although undoubtedly a true adherent of the Union, a resident of the Confederate States. *Resident*, the court said, settled her legal status. The same doctrine has been held in numerous cases decided since 1865.

The capture of enemies' property on enemies' territory is a belligerent right, and it may be appropriated without any ceremony. Citation of the owner is not required. But confiscation by judicial proceedings, by virtue of a special law made by one of the belligerents during the war, where citation of the owner (who is within the enemy's lines) is necessary to give validity to the decree, is quite another thing.

That question we take it, has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court. We think there is a clear distinction between the legal condition of property situated in the Northern States and owned by citizens of the Southern States, and that of property situated in the Southern States. The Government of the United States cannot escape from the dilemma. The Supreme Court must either say that property which was confiscated pending the war, by its courts in the Southern States, was confiscated without any law other than that of the military conqueror, or they must say that it was illegally done. They cannot blow hot and cold. It was either a rebellion or a public war. Rebels must be lawfully tried. Enemies need not be tried at all.

We find this reference to the decision in Tyler's case, in the New York *Times* reports of Supreme Court decisions:

No. 38. Tyler *vs.* Defree.—Error to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.—The Court, in this case, reaffirmed the decision under the Confiscation act of 1862, recently made, holding the actions constitutional, that the sales of property were regularly promulgated, and that there was no defects in the proceedings in the case had under it. Mr. Justice Bell in concur, in opinion. Justice Grier announced in the opinion. Justice Field and Chase dissented. The opinion of the Court was delivered by Mr. Justice Miller.

CHARTER OAK WOOD COMPANY.—Our readers on the lower side of Canal street must bear in mind that the above important company have opened, for their special accommodation, an office at No. 26 Exchange Alley, where they are ready at all times to receive and execute, at the lowest market price, orders for dry wood of all kinds, coal, coal oil, kindling, &c. Be sure and call at their office; and measure is guaranteed, in all cases, by the agent, C. M. Dunn. We invite attention to his card in another column.

The [illegible] holders of tickets No. 203, [illegible] in the sixth [illegible] lots [illegible] the benefit of the [illegible] phan's Asylum, Sixth District, are requested to call at the office of the church, [illegible] for their prizes.

[illegible] Gen. R. E. L[illegible] of January 13, 1866, [illegible] chandise and the [illegible] have been [illegible] cox & Gibbs manufactured [illegible] favorite in my family. [illegible] S. Hedrick, 118 and 120 Camp street, New Orleans.

The New Orleans Bee.

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STERNS FERTILIZERS.

The following certificates to the efficacy of the Raw-bone super-phosphate of Messrs. Stern Brothers, coms, as will be seen, from some of the largest and most successful sugar planters in Plaquemines parish. These are but a few of the numerous testimonies to the value of their fertilizers received by the Messrs. Stern. They come from all parts of the Mississippi valley. The reputation of the Raw-bone super-phosphate may be regarded as well established:

Raw Bone Super-Phosphate Certificates.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 31, 1871.

Messrs. Louis Stern & Brost

Gents—I applied forty tons of your Raw Bone Super-Phosphate to my ratoons, and hereby state to you that the effect upon the growth of my cane was very satisfactory. Respectfully,

M. J. B. WILKINSON.

BELLE CHASSE PLANTATION,
Parish Plaquemines, March 16th, 1871.

Messrs. Louis Stern & Bros.:

Gentlemen—Having given your Phosphate a thorough trial, I feel confident of its great value to the sugar planter. As a renovator of worn out lands I do not know its superior. The 43 tons I bought from you last season gave such favorable results that I expect to order a much larger amount this season. Yours, etc.,

E. STACKHOUSE.

MAGNOLIA PLANTATION.
Plaquemines Parish, La., Jan. 13, 1871.

Messrs. Louis Stern & Bros.:

Gents—The twenty tons Raw Bone Super-Phosphate purchased of you, I applied to about 130 arpents of two year old ratoons, using about 300 pounds to the arpent—occasionally smittling entirely a few rows in each set of cane. The increased growth and vigor of the cane was very soon observable, which continued throughout the season. And I have no hesitation in pronouncing it a most valuable agent in the cultivation of sugar cane, and of great benefit to the crop. I would like to have about twenty tons of the Super-Phosphate and five tons of fine ground Bone the coming season, which you can send me any time during the next month.

Very respectfully yours, etc.,

E. J. WRENCK.

WOODLAND PLANTATION.
Parish of Plaquemines, Oct. 9, 1869.

Messrs. Louis Stern & Bros., N. O.:

Dear Sirs—I have used your pulverised bone to quite an extent this season on my plant cane, and am satisfied it has been very beneficial, and in my opinion preferable to the Guano which we have used also this season. Respectfully,

J. FENNYTH.

Manager on Mr. Bradish Johnson's Woodland Plantation.

AMELIA PLANTATION,
Assumption Parish, La., March 8, 1871.

Messrs. Louis Stern & Bros., New Orleans:

Gents—Yours of the 1st inst. is at hand, and in reply, I will state that the 15 tons Phosphate to sent by you have been received.

I have applied six tons of it to thirty-two acres of plant cane, sowing it in the drill before planting. The one I bought from you last year was applied to five acres of cane, putting it on each side of the row; during the month of April the effect in the [illegible] was immediately perceived, and it kept ahead of the other until grinding. Not having been able to grind them separately, I cannot ascertain, but I judge the yield to be fifty per cent. better than the other, on the same land.

I will be in the city in a few days and will explain this matter more fully.

Yours, truly,

F. X. DUGAS.

For terms and circulars call at the office of LOUIS STERN & BROS.,
16 Chartres street, New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON RAILROAD.—*A Useful Improvement.*—We take the following from yesterday's *Picayune*:

About 1 o'clock yesterday we were for a short time the guests of Col. H. S. McCoun and Mr. R. Pritchard, President and Vice President of the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad, on the occasion of a trial trip of the aforementioned dummy. This is an engine of peculiar construction, having the outward appearance of a passenger coach; the machinery is placed beneath the floor of the car, and is of great strength and power, being of a capacity sufficient for a train of eighty cars. It moves with less noise than a horse car, and, anthracite coal being used, is entirely without smoke, while the escape of steam is hardly noticeable. Colonel McCoun has got this "dummy" out from the North at a much greater expense than a locomotive would have cost, for the express purpose of drawing the trains of the road across the city without presenting the objections to the locomotive supposed by the residents along the projected route. In addition to the merits mentioned is that of the ability to move as slowly as may be necessary, and stop at short notice.

As far as we may judge, we cannot see any proper objection to the regular passage of this handsome, noiseless, and certainly highly necessary engine with its trains through the city at any and all hours.

Mr. A. Visard, of No. 99 Magazine street, announces through our columns to-day, that he has constantly on hand Thomaston and Western lime, Louisville and Rosendale cement, fire-bricks, fire-tiles and slate, plaster and hair, soda-ash, and caustic soda. See advertisement.

WARNING AGAINST COUNTERFEIT NOTES. There are parties in the Northern States who make a practice of sending letters to parties in the Southern States, offering to furnish them with packages of counterfeit notes per express, payment for same to be made on delivery. To put a stop, if possible, to this nefarious business, the Southern Express Company has issued a notice to its patrons, in which they are warned against these Northern counterfeiters and their circulars.

Trumbull.

[From the St. Louis Republican.]

Washington telegrams state "that some surprise is felt among Senators because Trumbull has decided to sustain the Ku-klux measure." We do not know why those who have known this distinguished gentleman any considerable length of time, or paid any attention to his political course during the last fifteen years, should feel the slightest surprise at the announcement of his intention to support this infamous bill. A man of undoubted brains and of progressive and private character, the question whether there is a single Senator, living or dead, who has really done instrumental is initiating more injury to the liberties of this country and law than Lyman Trumbull. This does not proceed from a bad heart or from errors in judgment; his heart, though naturally cold, intensely sanctimonious and eminently selfish, is not particularly wicked, and the judgment, though generally warped to suit the necessities of the case, is, in and of itself, as clear as sunlight. Other men may be defeated by honesty or conscience—Trumbull has neither impulses nor passions; other men may be ignorant of the meaning and tendency of an act—Trumbull is never ignorant of what he is doing, nor of the end to which his deeds tend; other men are frequently led astray by their friends—Trumbull never; other men may be careless or reckless—Trumbull is never careless or reckless, but always careful, deliberate and systematic. He is a time server by instinct, and a tyrannical one by practice. He was never known to take a bold and steady stand, on any important question, against the drift of what he thought was the prevailing popular sentiment. He has rarely or never sided with the minority in the Senate on any point which was made a party issue; he has rarely or never thrown the weight of his influence and his vote in favor of a cause which he knew to be right, but knew also to be weak; he sits on the fence until the battle is about decided, and then quietly slips over and joins the victors. As Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, he might have done much to check the infringements of the Federal power upon the Constitution; but whenever upon that committee, a timely hand and a sharp dagger to stab the Constitution in its vitals, Trumbull was always found willing to do the bloody work. We do not now remember a single instrument which had for its object the lessening of the authority of the Supreme Court, or the increasing of the power and centralization of the national government, which Trumbull has not indorsed. And he will continue to do these things until the tide turns in the opposite direction, when he will be found as defender of the Constitution and the people's rights as brave as Trumbull is now the reverse. Trumbull is the embodiment of selfishness, and throughout the country, the opposition to him, already strong, will be increased by the chances of his being re-elected by Congress. Democrats will of course vote in favor of it, as will Republicans who have followed the wishes of their constituents, and have opposed the Ku-klux bill; and with Trumbull will be found the signs of independence and the Ku-klux bill, and with Trumbull will be found the signs of independence and the Ku-klux bill, and with Trumbull will be found the signs of independence and the Ku-klux bill,