...DAY MORNING, DECEMBER 17, 1835.

...who receive the ... irregularly or late in the morning will please ... at the office—as the ... should regularly serve each subscriber before 9 o'clock every morning within the incorporated limits.

...We received the ... and one western mails ...day, we are ... addition of any political intelligence likely ... our citizens. The speculations in French ... wines seem to have originated chiefly ... of a very bad vintage season in France.

...we 'continue in the spirit of the times' as indicated in our exchanges ... we are very little apprehensive of a collision with France. The French government and nation will be apology, but a mere explanation—which can be given not to them, but ostensibly to the president in his message to congress; in very properly alluding to and explaining the terms of his previous annual message, to even by formal resolution of both houses of congress. This was alone asked; that ... received. Most likely ere will the fever of agitation have passed in climacteric.

The rest for the Carrollton and Bayou Sara railroad ... both surveyed, ... not yet located. The intermediate spaces in direct and ... public lands—the distance ... about 90 miles from New Orleans by the river, ... Bayou Sara, while by the ... the distance is 120. ... the present charter of the Carrollton company is ... restrictive and powerless in its provisions. ... effective. measures can be resolved on, it will be ... necessary that the legislature should interpose in two particulars. First, the company have the power of appropriating the lands ... which the ... from ... and some of our planters are so ignorantly obstinate as to resolve on refusing any route thro their lands; undeservedly, one ... the capital stock of the company being allotted for branch ... proposals to be received for banking operations and the contemplation of the road—therefore it will be indispensable to ask for an augmentation of capital. At present this ... is two millions; but four may be found necessary for the wants of the company and the convenience of the public. Shall not the charter be so ... and usefully amended?

We have received the copy of a letter from Mr William H Wharton to Dr Anson, president of the convention of Texas, ... the latter gentleman from San Felipe on ... to the editor of the Texas Republican, ... at Brazoria—of which Mr Wharton declines being a commissioner to the United States. He thinks the consultation had no authority to appoint commissioners; that it should have made a declaration of ... independence, but in favor of the federal constitution; that the consultation could not legislate for ... the representatives of the people of ... as many districts had not sent delegates; that a confederation such as had been ... would be ... to ... rather than benefit the cause; that ... it would combine both the federal and ... parties in the Mexican states against Texas; while ... could not afford sufficient basis for a loan from the United States.

He therefore suggests that ... convention of all the people should be held on the ... of January, to declare absolute independence ... necessary, or sell the country to the United States, if desirable; and in short to adopt such measure as maybe deemed proper by the representatives of all the people of Texas—while meantime the provisional government should exercise its functions in protecting the integrity of the commonwealth, by marshalling and supporting an army and attending chiefly to the defence of the country.

He adds that intercepted letters from Santa Anna and others to Cos, speak of a reinforcement of from 5 to 10,000 men being sent against Texas—and that the Texian army are greatly in want of provisions, an ammunition.

Dr Barton's lectures on ... and ... in general, will be delivered ... at 10 a.m.

Miss Russell's Rosina in the Barber of Seville, was much better last evening than in her debut. She gave 'An old man would be wooing,' accompanied by herself on the piano, in a very good style; and was deservedly encored.

We were very much pleased with Thorne as Figaro, Reynoldson as Bartolo, with Hodges and Williamson. We hope they will soon give us The Boarding School and Don Giovanni.

Although we had almost resolved not to criticise minutely or frequently our ... the present season, on account of the very ungracious reception of the impartial remarks which we published last season, and the spirit of opposition that now prevails between the old and new theatres above Canal street; yet as we find, and are pleased to find, that many of our citizens have become much more interested in dramatic exhibitions during the present than any previous season, our resolution may be less determined.

Of one thing our readers may be fully assured that our remarks shall be without fear or favor: we have no prejudice against any; and no bias for any. Should we therefore be obliged to institute a comparison at any time between the performers and performances at both theatres, it is to be trusted that they will be treated with candor, as being made in the same spirit. Those who do not agree with us have as much right to their opinions as we have to ours; but as we shall not attribute unworthy motives to any, we hope that at least the same gentlemanly forbearance will be extended to ourselves.

We are greatly pleased with the determination of Mr Caldwell to improve the utilities and ornaments of his theatre; and that he has in this desire thrown down the partitions between the ... The ... is considerably improved; ... probably the advantages also of hearing and ... He will shortly have stoves erected in his theatre, and thus remove a greatest notion of ... the effects of colds and catarrhs. But he ... improved the entrance to his theatre—the pavement ... the vestibule, and also ... the first landing. We would also suggest the propriety of ... having his ... little ... for we may believe ... some kind of ... certain influence in the popular mode of arranging ... but ... be fairly understood. He has a few good performers; but they seem useless to him. ... has surpassed but once, Barton seldom, ... and ... Dunlap unfrequently; yet such noodles as ... Hackett, Williams, Benedict, etc are thrust forward on every occasion; and although ... judgment is without in selecting the plays, there is very little in casting them. Look at the cast of 'As you like it' on Saturday; and our meaning must be comprehended.

Mr Caldwell is aware of our impartiality and bonâ fide determination: therefore would we also suggest that he should ... the ordinances of the corporation, as a worthy ... and deserving citizen—as regards the time elapsing between the acts and plays; and we would also suggest that he should never keep his audience later than 11 p m—for now they are often detained past midnight. We would also ... that public opinion is against any instrumental performer exhibiting himself on the stage; and that though the performances of Norton on the ..., Cioffi on the ..., Kendall on the clarionet or Downes on the ..., may be excellent, and please once in order to give the public a correct impression of their professional attainments—yet a repetition of ... would offend. Their place is in the orchestra, ... *ne sutor ultra crepidam.*

Another suggestion might be made and followed with advantage—that is that no play should be introduced which depends wholly on any performer for ... there is none in the company that can adequately sustain the whole business of a drama; 2d, this favoritism begets jealousy in the corps; and 3d, a play so depending fatigues an audience.

We conclude ... pleased with the attendance of ladies at Caldwell's establishment; and especially trust that it shall be continued: for he preserves discipline and decorum in his theatre—altho we were mistaken in anticipating that ladies of a certain class would not be permitted to display themselves and their ...

Caldwell is ... careful of selecting good plays than Carroll—altho his stock company generally speaking is ... inferior. Caldwell makes the most of some miserable performers; Russell keeps his best performers in the shade, and tantalizes the public with dramas as old as Methuselah—and merely fitted for children who ... Jack the Giant-killer—Nor does he ... hesitate to ... himself of his orchestra, which is really respectable. He gives no overtures, and seems without even a director of his music. Not so at the other theatre, where overtures as preludes and ... qualify the audience; altho unfortunately the music during ... was permitted to annoy the public with a Jim Crow medley.

Russell must ... himself in the spirit of ... the audience, if he would successfully contend. The public have no gratitude—each and all will go where they can be best accommodated and best entertained; and should they find that the ... at Caldwell's theatre, they will and must prefer it. The St Charles theatre will therefore be the major, his the minor: we speak publicly and ... but honestly and fairly.

Hereafter we shall from time to time minutely criticise the performances, rather in an humble desire of leading our readers to form a judgment of their own,—

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