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SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 1871.

Amusements This Evening.

OPERA HOUSE—"L'Etoile du Nord"
ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Chas. Wyndham's Talented Comedy Company.

The New Motive Power for Street Cars.

A further test was made yesterday of Dr. Lamm's method of propelling street railway cars by ammoniacal gas. The Doctor made three trips between the Clay Statue and the Car station on Canal street, (if, indeed, it can be called taking its turn with the other cars drawn by mules. He was perfectly satisfied with the operation of his machine, the successful working of which may now be considered as having been fully demonstrated. The cost of this motive power, he tells us, does not exceed one barrel of coal per day—say fifty cents—while a car drawn by mules costs five dollars per day. A city contemporary, on the occasion of a trial trip made last Wednesday, describing the apparatus employed by Dr. Lamm, says:

"The ammonia apparatus takes up surprisingly little room, occupying not half of the platform ordinarily in front of the city car. To the uninformed observer, this apparatus is little if any different from the apparatus of any ordinary steam engine. It is, however, essentially different, inasmuch as no fire whatever is required in working it, and consequently there is no smoke, and we may add, no offensive odor. The ammonia with which it is charged, is prepared at the car station house, and it is calculated that at the end of each trip the container in each car will be properly charged, and this operation will take up about as much time as it takes to change a mule."

The speed attained was slightly faster than that of a mule car, but it was evident that the engineer did not put on the full force he had at command, and it was equally evident that he could as well have propelled half a dozen cars as he did one. Another recommendation is the ease and promptness with which he stopped the car and started it again, even when on a curve. As to the cheapness of the new motive power, the same journal says:

"To take the city railroad, which runs from the Clay Statue to the cemeteries, for example, we are informed that to run a car during the prescribed hours, per day, requires the services of six mules at a cost of $30 each, making an original cost of $180 for motive power for each car. The gentlemen connected with the ammonia car enterprise claim that an engine to do all the work of these six mules can be constructed for $600, making a saving in the original cost of $600. The feed of the six mules now necessary for every car requires from fifty to one hundred cents each or two dollars and ten cents per day. The cost of charging the ammonia engine per day will be about eighteen, making a saving of one dollar and ninety-two cents per day for each car."

☞ The Charter Oak Wood Co. has made another great reduction in the price of wood. Bring the exact measure of your stove.

Mound City Mutual Life Insurance Company.

It gives us pleasure to indorse the commendatory notice in the *Times* of the 4th instant of the election of our esteemed townsman E. H. Hatch, as President of the Louisiana Branch of the Mound City Mutual Life Insurance Co., of St. Louis, Mo.

The public and business relations which Col. E. H. Hatch has so long and honorably sustained in this community, his general and extensive acquaintance in this and adjacent States, and his acknowledged administrative ability, systematic habits and experience peculiarly qualify him for a trust of such diversified duties.

This staunch and useful company has met with extraordinary favor under its late administration, and in announcing this change, it is indeed a source of gratification to be able to predict for its future, under the auspices of this accession, a career well worthy of the beneficent purposes for which it was designed.

With Mr. Hatch at the helm, supported by that indefatigable agent, General B. B. Simmes, through whose unwearied service this company has attained its present enviable position, the hearts of many a widow and orphan, will in the future, as they have in the past, gladden and thrill with gratitude at the receipt of the Mound City Life Insurance Company.

☞ Notice to Mobile Shippers.—On and after this date Mr. Charles Morgan will assume the risk of insurance on all merchandise shipped by his steamers, to and from Mobile, free of charge. C. A. Whitney & Co., agents.

☞ The Charter Oak Wood Co.—Call at No. 25 Exchange Alley, and see the great reductions in the prices of our wood.

☞ Gen. R. E. Lee, writing under date of January 19, 1867, says: "The simple, yet effective and the superiority of the work have had in operating it, makes the Wheeler & Wilcox & Gibbs sewing machine a great favorite in my family. For sale by T. S. Hedrick, 118 and 120 Canal street, New Orleans.

The Emperor Wilhelm's big dog was so glad to see him, on his return from France, that in his too eager demonstrations he pushed his Majesty down. The Emperor failed to see the hand of Providence that slung

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Eighth District Court.—Judge Dibble has rendered the following decision, in the case of Mrs. James Wetmore vs. the Louisiana Mutual Aid Association:

The widow of the husband sues to recover $3695 on a policy of life insurance taken out by him. The deceased insured in the company under terms of its charter, and he contracted to pay $1 25 in the event of the death of any member of the association. The person in whose favor he insured was to have after his death, whilst his policy was in operation, $1 from each member of the association.

The defence is, that the policy was forfeited, the defendants alleging that there was an assessment due and payable before the death of deceased, which he failed to meet. One of the terms of the policy and charter is, that in the event of the death of any member of the association, each member shall pay $1 25 within thirty days after notification; this notification is to be given, in cases where the insured lives out of the city, by a written notice, but where insured lives in the city, it is to be by publication of the daily newspapers, in French, English and German for five days.

The issue between the plaintiff and the company is, that the thirty days from the notification begins on the day of the first day of publication, while she, (the plaintiff,) insists that it begins only after the fifth day, and such seems to be the correct construction.

The notification of five days is to be in lieu of personal notice, and is to be continued for five days together as one notification. The deceased died twenty-five hours after the expiration of the thirtieth day, and if he had caused forty-eight hours sooner he would have come within the period which the defendants claim his widow would have been entitled to recover. I think the notification began to run from the last day, inasmuch as the five days are to be considered one notification. Let there be judgment for plaintiff, as prayed for.

House Robbery.—Yesterday afternoon, between two and two o'clock, the residence of Mr. J. Rose, at the corner of Peters Avenue and Apollo streets, in the Sixth District, was entered, through one of the windows, by some person, or persons, unknown person, who succeeded in escaping with quite a quantity of valuable property, consisting of, etc., viz: a gold chain bracelet, a black jet bracelet, gold-mounted; ten gold breast pins, one pair of gold and coral earrings, a gold thimble marked "A. C. R.," a hair set of jewelry, a gold thimble marked "S. H. R.," from T. C. M., a ladies silver fruit knife marked "Sallie Ross and G. W. Garrison," a gold knife, a coral breast-pin and a pair of Derringer pistols. The family were absent from the house when the robbery was committed.

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Cutting Case.—Yesterday afternoon, at the corner of Dryades and Phillip streets, owned by Mr. Pierce and occupied by Jean Baptiste, was destroyed by fire and an adjoining cottage, owned and occupied by Mr. Schap, was partially destroyed.

The Death of River Policeman Douglas.—Some time ago the River Police boat was run down by one of two harbor tugs, the Aspinwall and the Admiral, which is reported to have been racing at the time, and a fireman, William Douglas. William Douglas, who was in the boat, was drowned. C. A. Kearney and Charles Valle, men on the tugs, were before yesterday before U. S. Commissioner Weller, on the charge of the drowning of the death of Douglas and the prosecution was dismissed.

Burglary.—Between 11 and 12 o'clock on Friday night, the room of Mr. William Stewart, on Camp street, near St. Mary street, in which he was sleeping at the time, was entered and robbed of a diamond breastpin, some other jewelry and a small amount of currency.

A Child Killed on the Claiborne Street Railroad Track.—The female child, eighteen months old, son of Mr. Manuel Silva, residing on St. Claude street, near Elysian Fields street, was run over by car No. 50, of the Canal and Claiborne streets line, between nine and ten o'clock yesterday morning, in the immediate vicinity of Mr. Silva's house, and was killed instantly. The driver of the car, Charles Dale, was arrested on the spot and is now in jail. Coroner Jackson has only been so far in the matter as to determine the cause of the child's death. The witnesses who are expected to testify in regard to the manner in which it occurred have not been examined yet, but will be to-morrow. The investigation pending we abstain from mentioning the reports current in regard to the circumstances, because they go to prejudice the case of the driver and have not yet been stated under the solemnity of an oath.

Another Child Killed on a Railroad.—Last evening, at eight about two years old, daughter of Mrs. White, who lives at the corner of Independence and Dauphine streets, was run over by car No. 106 of the City Railroad Co., and was killed. The driver, whose name is Felix Bollman, was arrested.

Miscellaneous.—A burglar who got into the premises of Mr. George Holmes, No. 536 Camp street, late on Friday night, unexpectedly encountered an inmate of the house, before he had had hands upon any plunder, and made so rapid a retreat that he could not be overtaken.

The police report a shooting affray in a gambling establishment, kept by Mr. Legett, on Dryades street, opposite Union street, late on Friday night. Nobody was hurt and no arrests were made.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Legal Tender Decisions.

Washington, May 2.—There was a large number of members of the bar present at the Supreme Court chamber to-day, including Solicitor-General Bristow and Senators Trumbull and Cole, as it was known the Court would announce many cases previous to adjourning till the 16th of October next. All the judges were on the bench, with the exception of Justice Nelson, who is absent from the city. The Chief Justice returned at about two o'clock, and none of the opinions were announced by him. At three o'clock Justice Clifford took a brief paper on the legal tender cases of Knox vs. Lee and Parker vs. Davis, as follows: "In these two cases two questions were heretofore directed to be argued, namely: First, is the act of Congress known as the legal-tender act constitutional as to contracts made before its passage? Second, is it valid as applicable to transactions made by the people? These questions have been considered by the court, and both have been decided in the affirmative. The decree of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, in the case of Parker vs. Davis, is therefore affirmed, and the judgment of the Circuit Court of the United States of the Western District of Texas is also affirmed. The Chief Justice, with Associate Justices Nelson, Clifford and Field dissent from the majority of the Court upon both propositions, holding that the act of Congress, so far as applicable to contracts made before the passage, is repugnant to the Constitution and void, and also that it is repugnant to the Constitution, and void so far as applicable to the contracts made since its passage. The opinion of the court and the reasons for the same will be read before the close of the adjourned term. In the case of Dunning vs. Sears, and the other two cases from the Supreme Court of Michigan, contracts for the delivery of a specified weight of gold coin had called they were discharged by the payment of treasury notes equivalent in market value to the value of coined money of the stipulated weight of pure gold. This court reverses that judgment, holding that it should have been entered for coined dollars and parts of dollars, in accordance with the decision in Bronson vs. Rhoades and Butler vs. Hazeltine. (7 Wall. 299 and 368.) Justice Strong delivered the opinion.

James Murray Mason.—The intelligence of the death of the Hon. James M. Mason, will be found in our telegraphic columns. Mr. Mason had reached a ripe old age, having been born in 1797. Grandson of George Mason, and fitted as well by education as by his natural parts for the labors and honors of public life he became in his early manhood one of Virginia's trusted sons. In 1837 he entered the House of Representatives at Washington, and after serving more than one term he was chosen to the United States Senate, remaining a member of that body for fourteen years. Upon the adoption in 1861 by Virginia of the Secession Ordinance he resigned his seat and was soon afterwards sent to Europe as Commissioner. Since the war he had lived in retirement, but was ever as earnest and wise observer of public affairs. Mr. Mason, while showing little belligerency, exhibited through his whole life those solid qualities of dignity, prudence and wisdom which earned for him a place among the foremost and most respected of the statesmen of America.—*Petersburg Index.*

French Emigration.—The New York *Commercial* speaks of the movement to encourage French emigration to this country, and evidently looks on it with great favor, the writer saying that, as skilled workmen, they will materially increase the prosperity of the country, and will, in addition, make good law-abiding citizens:

Wherever on this continent the French acquired a foothold, they now retain an interest in it, and thus they show a tenacity and vitality equal to that of any other class of people. The people are all there and they can do what they will of work. France is filled with a population of hardy, industrious, economical laborers. Its people have also shown a remarkable degree of ingenuity and engineering and architectural enterprises. The encouragement of emigration in such a people is a thing calculating worthy of the best efforts of organizations, private or State, now preparing for new comers to the United States.

Professor Hieshle (Greek Professor at Marburg), recently summed up Huxley, Tyndall, Herbert Spencer, Comte and their school in the following words: "Let us throw overboard all philosophers and turn to the pursuit of natural science."

BY TELEGAPH.

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