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NEW ORLEANS:
SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 20, 1869.

THIRD GRAND STATE FAIR.

We have received from the Directors of the Mechanics' and Agricultural Fair Association, of this city, a pamphlet containing the schedule of premiums, names of committees, rules and regulations, and other information concerning the third grand State Fair, which is to take place on the 6th of April, and continue for eight days. The list of premiums has been greatly enlarged and $5000 have been set apart for objects of special interest not provided for in the published list. The pamphlet also contains an address to the agriculturists, manufacturers, artisans, mechanics and stock raisers in the United States, setting forth the advantages which may be derived by them by an exhibition of their various productions at this grand fair.

We learn from this address that "the Board of Directors are energetically at work preparing to make it superior, in every point of view, to the two preceding fairs. The premium list will be found as comprehensive and liberal in its character, as that of any similar institution in the land. It embraces agriculture, commerce, mechanics, stock, agricultural implements, and all other branches of human genius and industry. The grounds of the association are admirably adapted for the purposes designed. They are beautifully situated, easy of access from all parts of the city, by the railroads now running in every direction. The buildings at the Fair Grounds are substantial and commodious and were specially designed with a view to a proper display of the wares and manufactures exhibited in them.

The directors confidently appeal to the manufacturer, inventor, stock raiser, and agriculturist, in every section of the land, to come to our city in April next. Bring with you, say they, everything that will contribute to develop and give renewed impetus to the objects the directors have in view. You will be welcomed among as both as exhibitors and visitors. Every facility, kindness and courtesy will be extended to you by all classes of the community.

We cordially approve of the enterprise of the Directors, and endorse their hearty invitation to strangers from all parts of the country. The importance of such exhibitions cannot be overestimated.

Railroads and steamboats will, it is understood, bring to this city and carry back, all exhibitors and their wares at half rates of fare.

THE HOME MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement, elsewhere in this issue, of the Home Mutual Insurance Company, whose office is at 78 Camp street, corner of Natchez.

This company, it is unnecessary to say to our commercial readers, is one of the most solid and one of the best managed institutions in this city. It is now in its seventeenth year, having had a most successful history. Its assets, which are well and safely invested, amount to eleven hundred and forty-three thousand dollars, ($1,143,000) Alfred Moulton, Esq., and W. M. Perkins, Esq., are the President and Vice President, both merchants of high standing in this community, enjoying the full confidence of the public. Mr. A. W. Hunter is the competent Secretary of the company. The Trustees are likewise favorably known to men of business.

COAL.—W. G. Coyle & Co. have on hand Pittsburg, English Cannel and Anthracite Coal of the best quality, which they offer for sale at the lowest market rates, deliverable to all parts of the city. See their advertisement elsewhere.

We observe the arrival in our city of Mr. Coyle, one of the proprietors of that sterling journal, the *National Intelligencer*, of Washington City. We hope he may find his visit profitable and agreeable every way.

FOURTH DISTRICT COURT—JUDGE THEARD.—In the case of DeForest against the Bank of America. Judge Theard pronounced yesterday for plaintiff, who had been refused by the Bank, payment of a certain sum of money deposited by him, on the ground that it had been drawn out by means of forged cheques written by a person in plaintiff's employ, and on the ground that he had delayed too long a time to notify the Bank after discovery of the forgery. This defense was held to be untenable.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—The Grand Duchesse De Gerolstein" will be performed tonight, when Miss Amelie Bourreau will personate the *Grand Duchesse*, Mr. Chamonin that of *Gen. Boum*, Mr. Nardin *le Fric*, Mr. A. Julien as *Prince Paul*, Miss Chauveau as *Wanda*, Mr. Gilbert as *Baron Puck*, and Mr. Debois as *Grog*.

On Sunday night will be performed the opera of the "Child of the Regiment," by Donizetti, and "Orphée aux Enfers," by Offenbach.

On Monday, Mozart's opera of "Don Juan," for the benefit of that superior artist Mr. Perrot.

PROGRESS.—Columbus sailed to the American coast in a four hundred ton ship, and first landed upon the Island of St. Domingo. Last week a vessel from St. Domingo unloaded in New York over four hundred tons of St. Croix RUM for P H Drake & Co., of that city. This is but a few weeks' supply of this article, which those gentlemen use in the manufacture of the celebrated PLANTATION BITTERS. We are informed by an exchange that Messrs. Drake & Co. have not advertised a dollar for a year, but that the sales of this article continue at the former enormous figure. In 1861, the receipts of the PLANTATION BITTERS were equal to those of the New York and New Haven Railroad.

MAGNOLIA WATER—Superior to the best imported German Cologne, and, sold at half the price.

Forfeiture of Auctioneers to the Legislature.

The following petition has been presented to the Legislature. It recites in very clear and forcible terms the inequality and injustice of the tax to which they are subjected by the State, on sales of property made by them—a tax from which brokers and agents of real estate are exempt.

We commend it to the attention of the members of the Legislature.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana:

The petition of the undersigned, auctioneers, engaged in the sales of real estate and personal property, and doing business in and within the parish of Orleans, respectfully represents that their business is most seriously affected by the taxation imposed upon them on behalf of and for the benefit of the State. Brokers, as they now stands, and at present enforced, they are required to pay a tax of one-half of one per cent estimated upon the gross proceeds of sales effected by them, whether on private terms or by public auction; that the imposition of this tax upon their business operates grievously against their interest, and is a most odious and unjust discrimination between them as merchants and other classes, such as brokers and real estate agents, actually and actively engaged in the sale of real estate and personal effects; that while the undersigned, as auctioneers, are required to pay, and do pay higher licenses to the State, general government and to the city, and are subjected to heavier energies, such as rents, the employment and pay of clerks, than brokers and real estate agents, they are besides burthened with a tax from which the broker and agent is exempt.

Your petitioners further represent, that this charge is actually, and in fact, a tax upon the property sold, and that the effect is to divert sales, which otherwise they would make, to brokers and agents who pay no rents, employ no clerks, and who can, in consequence of being exempt from taxation by the State, afford to charge a less commission than the undersigned, your petitioners.

And your petitioners further represent that, although the property which they offer for sale, and do sell, by public auction, have been subject to a tax for the benefit of the State, parish and city, yet, every time it is sold by public auction, it is subject to a new and further tax of one-half of one per centum, and frequently happens that the same piece or parcel of property (real, bar city or country property) is sold over several times during one year, and subject each and every time it is sold to the tax of one-half of one per cent.

Now, your petitioners, confident that your honorable bodies will at once perceive the inequality of the burdens complained of, and the unjust discrimination thereby established between Auctioneers and other classes engaged in sales of similar property, respectfully petition that they may be relieved from the payment of the said tax of one-half of one per cent., and pray for the repeal of any and all laws by which the same has been imposed.

(Signed) E. M. Montgomery & Bro., J. B. Walton & Delonde, Eastman & Ambeager, C. E. Fortier, Henry Sander, S. Gelpcke, E. Gallerani, E. Mandier, P. Aucoin, Florida J. Sauvé, D. E. Murphy, Hollgett & Bonsoll, G. DeForest.

MARINE NEWS.

The Marine News will be found on our inside page.

The following is the list of passengers to arrive per steamship Genessee City, Capt. Holmes, from Minatitlan:

Rudolph Meyer, Mr. Hall, Sandy, Mr. J. F. Jackson, Mrs. Adolph Meyer, Mr. Thompson, Mr. A. Gallegos, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Hall, Mr. Gallegos, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Hall, Mr. Gallegos, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Hall, Mr