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Announcements This Evening.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Engagement of Miss Fanny B. Price—Bouccicault's drama of "Louis XI."
VARIETIES THEATRE.—"La Traviata," grand opera.
ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Fox's Pantomime Company.
CHRISTY'S CITY MUSEUM.—Nos. 6 and 8 St. Charles street, opposite St. Charles Hotel.

The Press Convention.

Our readers are probably aware that a convention of the conductors and members of the Conservative press of Louisiana will assemble in session for several days in this city. One object of those who called this convention is sufficiently explained in the circular, signed and forwarded to the country press by the conductors of the leading journals of New Orleans. The wording of this circular was as follows:

PROPOSITION.

First—That a convention of the conductors of the Conservative newspapers of the State, for the purpose of conferring together upon the subject of matters of public interest, political, financial and industrial, which now agitate the people, as well as to consult together upon the policy proper to be adopted by the Conservative press in the next political campaign, so that uniform and well understood action may be had.

The call was generally approved by the anti-Radical or Conservative press of the State, and when the convention was called to order on Monday last the representatives of twenty of the leading journals of the city and country recorded their names. This convention has now adjourned until the 2d day of April next, after an interchange of opinions and the adoption of a political policy to be pursued by the press in the coming campaign in Louisiana in November next. We forbear any further comments upon the convention or its proceedings until we shall have received the official report of the secretary, and request our readers to reserve their opinions upon the action of the body until its conclusions and recommendations shall have been published by authority of the officers of the convention.

Action of the German Turners.

We publish below a copy of the resolutions adopted by the New Orleans Turner Association, at a meeting held on Wednesday evening last, expressive of their indignation at the attempt of several of their members to inaugurate the social equality of negroes with white men.

The Turner Association have not refused us to publish their resolutions on this subject, but to manifest our approbation of their action we do so of our own accord, remarking that we are most happy to record the great majority of the German population of New Orleans as joining in the contest now going on in this country between the Radical carpet-bagger and the honest white people of the South.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Resolutions adopted unanimously at an extra meeting of the New Orleans Turner Society, held Wednesday evening, March 1, 1870:

Whereas, several of the members of the Lee Association, temporarily and upon their own responsibility, took it upon themselves, at the occasion of the last ball given by them, at their Hall, on Saturday, the 26th, 1870, to bring into the building and introduce into the ball room Lieut. Oscar A. Dunn; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the conduct of said individuals in so doing be considered a crime against this association, a gross violation of society and the respect due to every member of the association, and our assembled guests and friends, and a malicious and unprovoked act of a few, who, for personal and selfish purposes, sought to force upon our association the stamp and character of approbation of recognizing and supporting the so-called doctrine of social equality of the races, which, collectively and individually, is publicly rejected and repudiated as a doctrine leading to social disorder, disorganization and ruin.

Be it further resolved, That besides the public insult and disgrace, those members have committed a crime against their own association, because they, by furtherance of their own personal ends and interests, by their aforesaid conduct, sought to check its prosperity, and imperil its very existence, bring discord, dissension and feud into the midst of its members, and injure the good name, esteem and support which it had obtained in the hands of the people of New Orleans by avenues of laborious and noble endeavors and benevolent undertakings.

The following resolution was then offered:

Resolved, That all those members who took part in the introduction of said Oscar A. Dunn, as well as all those who justify and support said action, be forever expelled from the Turner Association of New Orleans.

Which it was resolved, That, Whereas said motion could not be summarily disposed of, and the Turner Association, being an incorporated and chartered institution, having many obligations to fulfill and answer, public act, in a matter involving some of its members of their rights and interests in the corporate body, according to its laws and constitution, therefore be it

Resolved, That this motion be referred to the Board of Officers, to proceed according to said laws and constitution.

Further Resolved, That, for the time being, passes be withheld until after said ball and that the resolutions be published in the *German Gazette*, the New Orleans *Times*, the *Picayune* and *Commercial Bulletin*.

CHAS. F. HECK, President.
E. B. JACOBY, Secretary.

SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE SOCIETY.—We have been favored with a copy of the fifteenth annual report of the Southwestern Bible Society, with an appendix containing the Treasurer's account, charter and by-laws, list of patrons, life members and members, officers and directors, anniversary records, auxiliary societies and price list. The report contains quite an amount of statistical and other information. We append a list of officers for 1870:

President, Joseph A. Mayhew, Esq.; Vice President, W. Mercer, M. D.; Recording Secretary, Rev. Thomas Sloo, Esq.; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Edward Newman, Esq.; Treasurer, Rev. Thomas Sloo, Esq.; Managers—Rev. Wm. Nevin, Rev. Wm. Hull, W. J. Sharkey, Miss. Rev. Dudley Fenner, M. D., Rev. Charles Wilson, Esq., Miss. Rev. Charles E. Smart, Rev. A. G. Payne, Lt.-Col. Geo. W. Lay, Rev. John S. Walton, Esq., Lt.-Col. Peter Crawford, Esq.

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PRICE'S ALOMATIC BITTERS.—The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement in another column of Price's Aromatic Stomach Bitters. This preparation is becoming popular, and we have reason to believe it deserves all the commendation which has been bestowed upon it.

From our knowledge of the merits of these bitters, and after a test of the article, we confidently recommend the article to our readers as a pure and effective preparation.

THE RESIGNATION OF THE LEGISLATURE.—According to the Constitution of the State, the present session of the Legislature ought to close this evening, they having sat for sixty full days, and it is presumed the session will not last a longer time. It will be seen, however, by our report that even the Governor has called an extra session of ten days.

CUPS, RULES AND PISTOLS.—The attention of gentlemen of those articles is invited to the advertisement in this issue, of B. Ehrenfeld & Brothers, No. 61 Theatre street, who have a large stock on hand which they dispose of on low prices.

THE PEOPLE'S NEW DISCOVERY.—The public have discovered that there is one remedy, and only one, by which a cure can be relievered with the most perfect confidence, and that is Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer. It restores the hair to its original color, stops its falling out, and produces a fine brown and black tint, at the discretion of the user. Sold by all druggists.

MISS ROSY HOLLAND has been voted the handsomest girl in Marion, Illinois. Of what Christian name can "Rosy" be the diminutive contraction?

CONVICTION OF AUDITOR WICKLIFFE.—It will be seen by our report of the proceedings of the Senate yesterday, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, that G. M. Wickliffe was convicted of high crimes and misdemeanors in office by a unanimous vote of the Senate.

There was a rumor subsequently that he had been arrested on a criminal charge, but the rumor at the latest hour had not been verified.

The steamship Bienville, Capt. Baker, sails at 8 o'clock this morning for New York, via Havana, with a full freight and the following list of passengers:

FOR NEW YORK—E S Thayer, K C Wells, O C Mauntgton and wife, Mrs J W Dalin, Mrs A F Bamnell, M F T Wilkinson.

FOR HAVANA—Capt N Walker, Jno T Dean and son, T D Worster, H H Beach, J T Chisolmn.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Thursday, March 3, 1870.

SENATE.—The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor Dunn presiding.

After the calling of the roll, the Senate resolved itself into a Court of Impeachment for the

TRIAL OF GEO. M. WICKLIFFE.

Present—Hon. J. T. Ludeling, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, presiding, 25 Senators. The House was informed by messenger that the court was organized for the proceedings of the trial.

ARGUMENT OF HENRY GRAY, ESQ.

Mr. Gray commenced by expressing his diffidence in having to appear before a tribunal which, according to the learned Manager, was a "political court," and not governed by the known rules of law.

It was an encouraging sign of the times when the House, by overwhelming vote, to impeach a high officer. But he insisted that they shall act according to memorial usage, be governed by the rules of law and have evidence determined under the established rules of evidence. He drew the distinctions applicable to this case between the English and this country. Unlimited government was thought by our statesmen to be an evil to be guarded against and with constitutional limits. Our country is limited, but reconstruction should not be attempted by persecution, by throwing aside all constitutional guards.

The learned Managers have argued that there is no property in office. But a man has not only property in office but a right to acquire it, and to deprive him of it is a punishment. He presumed they also would submit to the question itself as presided over by the Chief Justice. There can be no hung jury here. The people have a right to the services of their officers. How is one to be deprived of office? Marie Antoinette was tried—that beautiful woman—and convicted. The theory of government is that political trials are wrong and an evil to be avoided. Political trials do not present similar features and forms as to trials of others. The powers created for the use of the State to be at the mercy of political charges!

The articles of impeachment in this case use the word crime—and this was a criminal trial. He did not expect to send his client to hell or heaven. There is no such thing in this State as a misdemeanor. Offenses are either crimes or not crimes. The time may come when the evils of persecution may burn like the apple of Sodom to ashes. It is no use to argue this case if my client is to stand here simply to endure a political indictment to be worn in the hands of a political caucus.

Mr. Gray reviewed the controversy as shown by the testimony which had arisen between the Governor and the Auditor. Why should the Governor be guilty of such breaches of conduct to office as he has shown in this controversy, and the House not manifest its indignation for months and months? The people, he took it, were the judges of the actions of their officers.

Mr. Wickliffe might have made mistakes in office, but was he to be turned out of office because he errs. What Administration to act under difficult interpretations of the law, has not erred?

As to the testimony of the witness Capt. Frances, he was sorry that any allusion had been made here to the word "carpet bagger," and it was not true that he was a carpet bagger according to his own showing he was a man may be a carpet bagger and still speak English. Respectable citizens of the parished Terrebonne had testified that they would not believe him on oath. He does not come here supported by the testimony of a single man of the community where he lives, and yet this Senate is asked to credit his testimony. We do not object to the testimony that he is a carpet bagger, but because his testimony *per se* is not entitled to credence.

Mr. Wickliffe never refused to issue warrants and had to employ clerks to cut them. Mr. Perdita, an old clerk in the office, had testified to the trouble of cutting off these warrants. It would be a different thing if Mr. Wickliffe had demanded before issuing the warrants, and then, by a refusal of