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AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

T. Anfoux sells furniture, dry goods, whisky, cognac, champagne, &c., at 10 o'clock, a. m., at his auction mart, No. 17 Crossman street.

We are obliged to the polite officers of the steamer Nick Longworth, for Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis papers.

GRAND MASS CONVENTION OF THE FRIENDS OF ANDREW JOHNSON.—Next Tuesday evening, the 24th inst., it will be observed by announcement elsewhere, is designated for a mass convention of the friends of Andrew Johnson in his policy of restoration, to be held on Lafayette Square, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of ratifying delegates to the Philadelphia Convention. This is a matter which concerns every friend of constitutional Union, of law and order, of peace and tranquility in the State and in the country at large; and this concern will doubtless ensure a large meeting which will give unquestionable tokens of a unanimity and sincerity of response to the call for the Philadelphia Convention which are so highly to be desired.

EXAMINATION AND MUSICAL AND LITERARY SOIREE.—There will be a classical examination of the pupils of the St. Charles Institute, the well-known and ably conducted school for young ladies, under the direction of Madame [illegible], to take place on Tuesday next, commencing at 9 A. M., and to a musical and literary soiree, to be given by the pupils on Friday, the 27th, at 7 P. M. We acknowledge the compliment of an invitation to both occasions.

The French Basis for the Adjustment of the Germanic Quarrel.

Having obtained the cession of Venetia with eat firing a gun, the French Emperor, from this great but cheaply purchased vantage ground, addressed himself at once to mediatorial efforts in relation to the Germanic quarrel. It may seem strange, at a first glance, that Napoleon, in presenting to the belligerents a basis of negotiation, should not have included among its items the Italian question in any of its aspects or incidents. But no doubt this ignoring of that question is perfectly consistent with the traditional policy of France in respect to Italy, not less than with Napoleon's theory of the relations of France to the present emergency; and no doubt there is a special and profound purpose at the bottom of a fact which, if it may not be called strange, may at least be pronounced remarkable.

In order to conceive this purpose, it is well to remember that the sole matter of quarrel between Italy and Austria related to Venetia; and, further, that the sole obstacle which defeated a European conference, as proposed by France to prevent the outbreak of war, was the refusal of Austria to submit the matter of quarrel to the consideration of such a conference. In now giving up Venetia after having, as the Paris *Monitcur*, in its official courtesy says, "carved the honor of her arms in Italy," Austria removes the final difficulty which she had formerly interposed to the pacificatory offices of the neutral Powers, and also destroys the only ground of controversy between herself and Italy.

It may likewise be presumed that France accepts the cession of Venetia in the capacity of trustee, as she accepted the cession of Lombardy in 1859. But meantime, the French Emperor has his reasons doubtless for treating the cession as unconditional, and for reserving to France entire liberty of action in the ultimate disposition of the trust. Hence he could not afford to introduce the new aspect of the Italian question as an element of the proposed basis of negotiations. By receiving Venetia into French keeping, he takes the place of Austria in respect to that disputed domain, and virtually proclaims that the war between Austria and Italy, as regards the substantial cause of quarrel, is at an end. Thus, if Italy insist on prosecuting the war for Venetia she must fight France, and not Austria; on the other hand, if she continue the war simply to fulfill the terms of her alliance with Prussia, the only practicable road by which she could make a formidable assault on her enemy will be closed, and the war would almost cease of necessity to be attended by actual hostilities. It is very true that the French, under the first Napoleon, found it possible to assail Austria by way of the Tyrol, but it is safe to say, questionless, that, conceding all that may be claimed for the military genius of Victor Emanuel, Marmora, Cialdini, and Garibaldi, and for the prowess of their troops, this route is yet too hard a bone for the teeth of young Italy to gnaw.

If these reflections are sound, then Austria is practically invulnerable to Italy while France holds Venetia; the Austro-Italian war is practically at an end, and the Italian question ceases to be one which France can consistently take into account in devising measures for adjusting the Germanic quarrel.

It is Prussia instead of Austria which now hasproposes a difficulty to the successful mediation of France and other Powers. The cup of Prussian ambition is not quite full. She consents to the dissolution of the old Germanic Confederation; as she was the first to declare it dissolved when she withdrew from the Federal Diet. But she now virtually demands to absorb the elements of the old Confederation—exclusive of Austria alone—by constituting a new one of which she shall be the military and naval protector and diplomatic representative, besides incorporating with her proper domain the Elbe Duchies and part of the territory of which she had military occupation. The Prussian idea of the new Confederation has something in harmony with the sentiment of unity and nationality which has a deep hold on the popular German mind. But the effect of this harmony may be considerably weakened by the imperial supremacy which Prussia seeks to hold in relation to the new Confederation. As to what may result from the French basis, in its original form, or as it may be modified by the demand of Prussia or by other cause, it would be useless now to speculate.

APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. FRANCIS ARTIETA has been appointed Police Juror for the 32nd Ward of the Parish of St. Bernard to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. F. H. Knapp.

The Republican Caucus and the Louisiana Convention of '64.

The obligation of secrecy having been removed, the following appears among the proceedings of the second Republican caucus at Washington:

Mr. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, said he thought it very desirable that Congress should continue in session for other reasons than those which had been suggested. He would mention one. A distinguished gentleman from the South was in town, from whom he had learned that the Louisiana Convention would meet on the 30th for the revision of the State Constitution, and that amendments would be adopted disfranchising the rebel and enfranchising the loyal inhabitants without distinction of color. If Congress should be in session when this Constitution should be adopted, it would, in accordance with the precedent established in the Rhode Island case, accept it, and thus give it validity as the Constitution of the State.

In the Rhode Island case the Supreme Court decided that it was for Congress to decide which was the Constitutional of any State in which doubts existed. If Congress should not be in session, a long time must elapse before action could be taken; the new government of the State might fail to get a foot-hold, and the country would experience a very serious calamity.

Mr. Ashley, of Ohio, asked whether the gentleman supposed a new Constitution could be adopted for Louisiana without being submitted to the people of the State.

Mr. Boutwell replied that he did not know how that might be. It might, perhaps, be submitted to the loyal people of the State.

Mr. Ashley said that he was for the Convention to act and the people to vote; would take us over to October at least.

National Union Executive Committee at Washington.

The following gentlemen compose the National Union Executive Committee, whose rooms are at the Union National Club, No. 490 Twelfth street, between E and F streets:

Delegates to the Philadelphia Convention are giving in the city are requested to call at the rooms of the club and register their names:

HON. A. W. RANDALL, Chairman.
HON. O. H. BROWNING,
HON. MONTGOMERY BLAIR,
C. WENDELL, Esq.,
CHAS. KNAP, Esq.,
A. R. FRENT, Esq.,
SAMUEL FOWLER, Esq.,
HON. CHARLES MASON,
Corresponding Secretary.
JOHN F. COYLE,
Recording Secretary.

EMIGRATION FROM EUROPE.—The officials having charge of the emigrants at Liverpool report that emigration has greatly fallen off. This is owing partly to the German war, which greatly interferes with emigration from the states engaged in it, and partly to the fact that in Great Britain and Ireland the emigrants are staying in those countries to assist in gathering the harvests.

A QUICK PASSAGE.—The steamer City of Paris, Captain Kennedy, has made a quick passage across the Atlantic. She left New York on June 23d, at noon, and arrived at Queenstown at half past five on the morning of July 2d, thus crossing the ocean in the short time of eight days, twelve hours and thirty minutes actual time. This, it is said, is the quickest passage ever made between New York and Queenstown.

RADICAL CONDITIONS OF RE-ADMISSION.

We may see in the recent action of the House of Representatives in relation to Tennessee, and in the disposition made by the same body of the Reconstruction bill, what is the real nature of the basis on which the Radical majority in Congress is willing to restore the excluded States to their "proper practical relations to the Union." The pretense on which the funambulistic Congressman, Mr. Raymond, and his journalistic shadow, the New York *Times*, commended the Reconstruction Committee's amendment to Southern acceptance, that its ratification would be recognized as a condition precedent entitling the ratifying States to the admission of qualified representatives, is not only not maintained by the vote on the joint resolution for restoring Tennessee, but is conclusively refuted by the large majority given, immediately after the passage of that resolution, for tabling the bill originally reported along with the amendment, as a supplement thereto, designed to complete what was called the Congressional reconstruction plan. This bill had reference to the amendment, the ratification of which it made a pivot on which should turn the whole question of practical restoration. It laid down, in other words, as conditions of readmission that the eleven excluded States should assent to the principle of civil equality irrespective of color, the same principle declared in the Civil Rights' bill; that they should agree to extend the right of suffrage to the negro population or to submit to a proportionate loss in representation if they should decline to make this extension of the right; that they should endorse the disqualification for office of all citizens who, after having as State or Federal officers sworn to support the Constitution of the United States, participated in the Confederate rebellion; that they should pronounce for the perpetual repudiation of all debts contracted in the interest of the Confederacy and of all claims for slave property destroyed in the late war, and against the repudiation of the national debt incurred in suppressing the rebellion; and, finally, they were to conform their institutions and laws to the latter and the spirit of the provisions of the amendment as above indicated.

If the bill had been passed the other day in immediate connection with the passage of the joint resolution for the admission of Tennessee, we might have inferred that the latter action was taken because of the ratification of the amendment by the Tennessee legislature. For a stronger reason we might have so inferred if both Houses had adopted the joint resolution previously to this ratification of the amendment. But, instead of the bill having been thus previously passed, or passed on the same day with the joint resolution, we see that, in immediate connection with the passage of this resolution by a large majority of the House, a large majority of that body also gives a vote which virtually kills and buries the bill.

We are compelled, therefore, to conclude that the ratification of the amendment and practical conformity thereto, are not regarded by the House as constituting a complete condition precedent to re-admission. We must, further, conclude that it is the disposition and design of the Radical majority in that body to exact other conditions before Congressional consent will be given to the restoration of any of the excluded States. We may have some idea of what these additional conditions are by glancing at the course of affairs in Tennessee. The present government of that State was constituted under bayonet persuasion, and the most high-handed and violent intolerance and proscription, by perhaps one-eighth of the loyal voting population.

As to the Legislature, it is notoriously bogus, and its few conservative members would be glad to see it abdicate its pretensions as a legislative assembly, and they remain in it only to act as a check upon the reckless men who compose its majority. These conservatives believed themselves justified in breaking up a quorum of the House in order to prevent the ratification of the amendment, whereupon Gov. Brownlow invoked the aid of the United States military, which was declined by direction of Gen Grant, to capture the absentees and hold them in their seats at the point of the bayonet. It would seem that, at last despairing of a quorum, Gov. Brownlow and his Legislative faction determined to give the amendment the forms of a ratification without a quorum. It is only said, that the Radical Congressmen, who passed upon the amendment without a quorum of a full and Constitutional Congress, should sympathize with Legislative factionists in Tennessee who ratify it in the same unscrupulous spirit. They see in the act at least one guarantee of Radical co-operation with their schemes in that State, and other guarantees are not wanting. They see in the present Constitution of Tennessee the disfranchisement of all whose political antecedents afforded presumptive evidence of their opposition to Radicalism in State or national affairs, and this disfranchised class constitutes the great body of the population of the State.

But they do not see in the same Constitution a partical of negro suffrage, and we may hence infer that they are ready to let that go when they can obtain sufficient assurances without it of sympathy and co-operation. The Radical members of one of the Houses of Congress believe they have such assurances in Tennessee, and it is not improbable that the other House, the Senate, will evince the same belief by concurring in the joint resolution passed by the former for the admission of the State. Should Louisiana aspire to come into a similar cordial and confidential relation to Congress, the example of Tennessee does not leave the means of attaining that object doubtful. Seven eighths of the present voting population disfranchised; a Legislature representing Congress, not the people of the State; a Governor like Brownlow, a scandal to politics, a shame to the country—these, with the addition of appropriate embellishments, would soon do the business.

[From the New York World, 17th.]

Effect of the Heat in New York—Over Eight Hundred Deaths in the City Last Week—Increase of Three Hundred and Thirty-four Over the Previous Week.

Although, owing to the strenuous exertions of our quarantine authorities, we have so far passed through the greater part of the summer season without having been visited by cholera, at least in an epidemic form, death has made great inroads in the densely-populated portions of the city during the past week. In a communication to the Board of Health, at one of its meetings a few weeks ago, Registrar Harris called the attention of the Board to the fact that diarrhœal diseases in the filthy parts of the city were increasing with the hot weather, and that to anticipate future danger certain plans which he proposed should be carried out by the Commission. One of these plans was a "house to house visitation," by which, in those districts most wanting in healthful sanitary regulations, every case of incipient diarrhœa might be interpled to in time not only to prevent a severe state of the disease, but [illegible] head off the cholera by crushing out [illegible] as well known causes. The [illegible] of the Board, with the greatest [illegible] who at the end of that time [illegible] that time the deaths from the [illegible] tion would have robbed of [illegible] have been steadily on the increase.

For the week ending July 9, there were 493 deaths in the city, over one hundred and twelve of which were cases of diarrhœa and bowel complaints, and for the week ending Saturday last, july 14, the total mortality reached the high and unusual figure of 827, being and increase of 334 deaths over that of the previous week. The increased was caused, indirectly, by the terrible heat of the past few days, and directly by cholera infantum, acute diarrhœa and bowel complaints, of which there were 269. The following table will show the chief causes of the increase in the mortality for the past week:

Sunstroke	32	Marasmus	18
Effects of heat	11	Hydrocephalus	22
Congestion of brain	22	Debility	20
Convulsions	62	Diarrhœal diseases	269

The children, principally those under five years of age, have formed the greater portion of the host of the family of the city when it is remembered that on Sunday only seventy-seven permits were issued and one hundred and forty-five yesterday, whereas, in ordinary times, fifty is the daily average.

Notes on the World's Fair.

The Exhibition building on the Champ de Mars is on the point of becoming a "great fact," and its gigantic proportions are now visible from most of the streets and public places of the French capital. The rapid growth of the Palace of Peace, thus energetically proceed with in spite of war's alarms, is something wonderful; but, then, all the contractors had long since combined their labors in such a manner that nothing should clash when the serious work began. The columns of the principal nave are now being placed in position as they arrive. Each of these colossus weighs twelve tons, and is brought to the ground on a wagon drawn by from ten to fifteen horses. By means of a simple but mechanical contrivance, these immense pillars are conducted to and fixed in their standing ground with surprising facility.

The excavation of the Trocadero, in which the Imperial family displayed particular interest, will be completely terminated by the 15th of August, the anniversary of the [illegible] year. On that day the Place du Roi de Rome will be inaugurated, and the new space thrown open will then afford accommodation for at least three hundred thousand of the spectators. The ceremony of opening the grand display of fireworks let off from the banks of the Seine on that popular occasion.

One of the French journals has announced that the peculiar construction of the Exhibition building will admit (after the close of the World's Fair) of its being converted into an immense circus, like the Coliseum at Rome. We are not disposed to give that slightest credence to the probable realization of this project, as it has been understood from the outset that the building will be demolished immediately after the fulfillment of its original purpose.

Colonel Norton, the energetic American Commissioner to the Exposition Universelle, has just opened an elegant suite of rooms for the accommodation of his fellow-countrymen, in the rue Auber, where every facility will be afforded for the comfort of Americans during their stay in Paris.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

DAILY TEMPERATURE REPORT.—The indications of the mercury in the thermometer, yesterday, were as follows:

At 6 o'clock, A. M.		Fahrenheit,	81 deg.
12	" M.	"	90 "
3	" P. M.	"	92 "
6	" M.	"	89 "

THE CHIEF OF POLICE.—The differences between the Mayor and Chief of Police Adams having been reconciled, the latter is again relieved from suspension, and has entered upon the duties of his office.

The Improvements at the Academy.—Under the guidance of Mr. J. Kittredge, the gentlemanly Treasurer of the Academy of Music, we dropped in, a few evenings since, to examine the nature of the repairs going on at this popular place of amusement. As Mr. Kittredge explained them to us, these repairs consist of such improvements as the experience of past seasons, and the determination of Messrs. Spalding & Bidwell to have nothing undone that can contribute to the excellence of their establishment, have led them to make.

The first improvement we noted was connected with the stage. The whole flooring has been remade, with special reference to circus purposes. Before the change it always required, we were informed, even with the great conveniences which the Academy possessed, some twenty-four hours to turn the stage into a ring. Notwithstanding the difficulties in the way, it certainly showed unusual resources (as was the case last season) to have a variety performance on the stage on Saturday night, and to inaugurate a circus troupe, with its ring, entrances for performers and horses, etc., on the following evening. This was quick work enough, but nothing as compared with the speed which is to be attained by the present improvement.

The circular portion of the stage is to be made movable, with the capacity of being lowered or raised at will by means of large screws, fastened on supporting pillars,—an ingenious pattern purchased by the Managers for this special purpose. The screws are of such strength, and the arrangements will be so complete, that it is expected that the stage can be lowered and prepared for the exercises of the ring with almost as little delay as occurs, in any well-regulated establishment, in the arrangement of an intricate piece of machinery between acts. To facilitate this, we were shown slits that have been made in the wall of the building, immediately in rear of the stage into which, when needed, the scenery can be pushed, so that there will be an unbroken [illegible] in the way of the horses or athletes. Of course, when it is proposed to return to dramatics, the stage can be raised with the same ease, and placed on a level with the edges of the flooring. The "Swiss Cottages," dun forests, Alpine villages, gorgeous parlor, and cosy chamber-walls, can then be withdrawn from their hiding-places; and "theatricals" and "minstrels" [illegible] Upham would have it—can have their day again.

Another change which struck us as being both useful and ornamental, was in the decoration of the cellar under the stage by some ten feet. This is particularly important in an establishment where so much in the marvels of the pantomime. The fact is, that in the cellar, as at the cellarage, some portions of which still retained their original depth, and which were certainly not less than ten feet, there was room to allow a man to crawl about on his hands and knees, we found it hard to imagine how Harlequin Flirtilla, Pantaloon Bob Hart, or Clown Hernandez, could manage to spring through a trap so as to spring up through the trap-doors to the delight of all lovers of the marvelous and mysterious. They do now, and we can at once explain the half-excited, half-suffocated look of these happy artists, which always puzzled us, by the way, on rising, panting and blowing to the surface. Next season, however, all this will be changed, and those who will be called upon to pass up through the "traps" will not be obliged to do so after the struggle so terrific in some respects, as that of women "sinking fast" in some London drain, with the unconscious world launching and shouting overhead.

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[From the New York Evening Post (Rep.) 19th.]

The extraordinary language used in the two curious meetings of the Republican members of Congress, on Wednesday and Saturday of last week, will fill all patriotic hearts with amazement and grief, and cause the enemies of republican liberty to rejoice. We have had, during the last six months, several lamentable and disgusting displays of intemperate language; but they have been by individuals. In the Republican caucus it seem that, with two or three honorable exceptions, members of Congress tried to outdo each other in the marvels of the cellarage, some portions of which still retained their original depth, and which were certainly not less than ten feet. With true Austrian perseverance they came on again and again. The result was terribly identical in each case. In some instances only did they succeed in crossing arms with the most valuable enemy. One Prussian regiment agreed to cease firing to give the Austrians a chance of measuring their strength cold steel. It was said of those cool and habitually taciturn regiments from the far north, who, during the last few weeks, had been a wonder and an ever recurring grievance to the loquacious Saxons, inhabiting the pleasant and fertile valleys of Silesia [illegible] Uttering savage yells, the Sclavonians rushed forward. The Germans awaited their bayonets, and in a moment, when the first shock had been encountered, cast away their muskets, drew their swords, and fought man to man in the good old fashion.

I remember having read in German histories of the strategical art, that so long as the sword was the weapon principally used in war no Continental force could match the Prussians on the battle field. However, when the Germans quickly for themselves, stumbled upon the invention of gunpowder, other nations, more adept in handling the sword, or carrying out the manœuvres in the use of which were enabled for the first time to dispute the glory of military *prestige* with the former masters of the art. Indeed, the events of 1866 in this war [illegible] assertion much of their ancient value. In proof where the first nation have proved to their work on the battle-field while confined to close quarters, and long Sleeving leaves them indifferent, the bayonet they positively hate, having an almost double feeling that it is not a legitimate weapon of warfare, but a sort of long dagger-like affair if you give them a sword, the heavier the better, for they are in their own element, and need no instruction as to how to [illegible] with it.

To indulge their battering inclination, the Prussian soldiery formerly used to reverse their muskets, and belabor the foe with the butt end. A process far too energetic to employ with a delicate an instrument as the needle gun, which would fall to pieces on the second blow. So nothing remains but to draw the sword, and although it is said to be a little too short and a great deal too light to suit the taste of the men in point of weight, they have rejoiced to find in their reach in this civilized age, they prefer it in an emergency to Brown Bess. In the present struggle its efficiency in their hands was fully proved. After a few moments of slashing right and left, the Sclavonian bayonet yielded to the German sabre. On the evening of that day the Prussians were no further than ten miles from Josephstadt.

Benedek's Confession of Defeat—A Semi-Official View of the Situation—Count Clam-Gallar Accused of Incapacity.

[Correspondence of the London Times.]

Vienna, July 1.—Benedek announces the defeat of the left wing of his army and the *Gazette* says that the objects sought for in the war are [illegible] of subjugating a small fortress about 22 English miles south of Josephstadt.

Debeau, June 30, 8 P. M.—The repulse of the Saxon and 1st Austrian *corps d'armée* obliges me to retreat in the direction of Königratz.

At the foot of Benedek's laconic dispatch is the following semi-official article:

"From the Feldzeugmeister's communication that he, in consequence of the repulse of the Saxon's and 1st Austrian *corps d'armee*, was retreating in the direction of Königratz, we, being for the moment without any further information on the subject, must suppose that the strength of the Northern Army advanced to the northwest of Jicin (Gitschin), and there found the enemy in a strong position, from which it was unable to dislodge him. We must further conclude that the Feldzeugmeister, being unwilling of subject his army to further losses, has fallen back in the direction of Königratz, with the intention of attacking the enemy so soon as he may think fit to quit the position which he now occupies. The courage and constancy of our troops, and the well known energy of their commander, render it probable that the enemy will soon be deprived of any advantage which he may have obtained.

The inhabitants of Prague and Vienna are in great consternation, and on all sides is heard how the Emperor could allow Count Clam-Gallas to retain the command of the 1st corps d'armée, he having, during the war in Lombardy in 1866, given multifarious proofs of incapacity. You may, perhaps, recollect that a few months ago this most incapable general was [illegible] by the present Government at Washington. That so good an understanding should be strengthened and made enduring must be the earnest wish of all true friends of Austria and every Englishman who truly understands the interests of the two countries. In the destiny of America the destiny of mankind must be closely involved; and the highest interests [illegible] will be changed, and those who will be called upon to pass up through the "traps" will not be obliged to do so after the struggle so terrific in some respects, as that of women "sinking fast" in some London drain, with the unconscious world launching and shouting overhead.

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Benedek's Confession of Defeat—A Semi-Official View of the Situation—Count Clam-Gallar Accused of Incapacity.

[Correspondence of the London Times.]

Vienna, July 1.—Benedek announces the defeat of the left wing of his army and the *Gazette* says that the objects sought for in the war are [illegible] of subjugating a small fortress about 22 English miles south of Josephstadt.

Debeau, June 30, 8 P. M.—The repulse of the Saxon and 1st Austrian *corps d'armée* obliges me to retreat in the direction of Königratz.

At the foot of Benedek's laconic dispatch is the following semi-official article:

"From the Feldzeugmeister's communication that he, in consequence of the repulse of the Saxon's and 1st Austrian *corps d'armee*, was retreating in the direction of Königratz, we, being for the moment without any further information on the subject, must suppose that the strength of the Northern Army advanced to the northwest of Jicin (Gitschin), and there found the enemy in a strong position, from which it was unable to dislodge him. We must further conclude that the Feldzeugmeister, being unwilling of subject his army to further losses, has fallen back in the direction of Königratz, with the intention of attacking the enemy so soon as he may think fit to quit the position which he now occupies. The courage and constancy of our troops, and the well known energy of their commander, render it probable that the enemy will soon be deprived of any advantage which he may have obtained.

The inhabitants of Prague and Vienna are in great consternation, and on all sides is heard how the Emperor could allow Count Clam-Gallas to retain the command of the 1st corps d'armée, he having, during the war in Lombardy in 1866, given multifarious proofs of incapacity. You may, perhaps, recollect that a few months ago this most incapable general was [illegible] by the present Government at Washington. That so good an understanding should be strengthened and made enduring must be the earnest wish of all true friends of Austria and every Englishman who truly understands the interests of the two countries. In the destiny of America the destiny of mankind must be closely involved; and the highest interests [illegible] will be changed, and those who will be called upon to pass up through the "traps" will not be obliged to do so after the struggle so terrific in some respects, as that of women "sinking fast" in some London drain, with the unconscious world launching and shouting overhead.

We have not space to particularize all the improvements pointed out to us by Mr. K. When we mention, however, that, in addition to those we have already noted, a brick arching is to be made, where the circular gas-lights are placed, to support and strengthen the stage appliances—that the dressing-rooms devoted to the Orchestra is to be reduced in its [illegible], and deepened so as to bring the musicians in a closer circle, and so accommodate their instrumentation—that the scenery is to be painted, and new scenery to be made—and that measures are to be taken to increase largely the number of ventilators on the floor of the parquette, through which the fresh air, secured in the [illegible] house, is made to pass, thus more than doubling the comfort of the whole audience. We think that we have said enough to show that the patrons of the "Academy" will have cause to congratulate themselves on the improvements now going on under Mr. Kittredge's supervision. We are informed that these repairs cost some seven or eight thousand dollars.

Bright, therefore, as a new pin—with every comfort and convenience on both sides of the curtain—and with a force, both numerically and in their respective lines, as their predecessors, there is every reason to anticipate that the "Heading Season" of 1866-'67, will be a brilliant and successful one.

Witness.—Charles Conklin was arrested yesterday at the instance of Assistant Recorder Cunningham, as a witness in the matter of the shooting of Anderson, last week, on Canal street. The Recorder refused to release him on bail.

Found Sick.—Officer Bayley reports taking to the Charity Hospital on Saturday night, a man named P. A. Mulleus, found at the corner of St. Joseph and Magazine streets, in a sick and destitute condition.

Refusing to Charge.—Charles Barker was arrested yesterday for calling officer Hawkins to arrest a party on Dryades street and "refusing to make a charge." Time was when he might have been court-martialed for such conduct. He will have to answer in Court, at all events, before Recorder Conrad.

Horse Stealing.—Jean Thies, surrendered himself yesterday, bearing that a warrant had been issued, from a Justice's Court, in Plaquemines for his arrest on the above charge.

Arrested.—Capt. George Heaton was arrested yesterday, by order of Assistant Recorder Cunningham, and required to be held subject to the order of the Recorder, who, however, shortly after released him on bail. There is no charge against the Captain on the books. So we have no information as to the cause of his arrest.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

CHOLERA INCREASING IN NEW YORK.

CHOLERA RAGING IN PRUSSIA.

Seward-Republicans to Send Delegates from New York to the Philadelphia Convention.

SOUTH AMERICAN ADVICES.

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MARINE AND RIVER NEWS.

Washington, July 22.—The State Department has been advised that the following Fenian prisoners have been released from the Irish prisons on condition of returning forthwith to the United States: Daniel J