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NEW ORLEANS:

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 21, 1870.

Amusements This Evening.

VARIETIES THEATER—"Rip Van Winkle."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Suppression of Mr. Lotta Sacredi.

ST. CHARLES THEATER—Farewell Benefit of Miss Lydia Thompson — "Aladdin, the Wonderful Scamp," and "The Little Rebel."

CRESCENT CITY MUSEUM—Nos. 40 and 42 St. Charles street, opposite St. Charles Hotel.

THE LAW OF NATIONS THE SUPREME LAW—ACTS OF STATE COURTS OF THE CONFEDERACY VALID.

International law, or the law of nations, sometimes called "public law," has always formed part of the law which every Judge, State and Federal, is bound by himself of office and by the Constitution of the United States, to administer in all cases, coming before him, where that law is applicable and where it is paramount to the local law. Certain State Judges seem to ignore the existence of this public law.

The Supreme Court of the State of Alabama, for instance, has lately decided that the courts in that State, and their officers—Judges, Clerks, Sheriffs, etc—and the proceedings of those courts and officers, while Alabama was under the *de facto* jurisdiction of the Confederate States Government, were all illegal—that the courts were not lawful courts, that their officers were "usurpers," and that none of their acts could any legal or binding consequence. It follows, if this be the law, that all marriages celebrated in Alabama, during this period, were invalid marriages, and the issue of such marriages are illegitimate. It follows, if this be the law, that all judgments, and decrees and orders of the courts there, all records certified by the Clerks of Court, all sales by the Sheriff of property under execution, and all acts of public officers were invalid, and drew after them no legal consequences. This however, is not the law, and the mere statement of a proposition so monstrous ought to be enough to stamp it with absurdity. Such a proposition could only be advanced by a knave or a fool. It has not been and cannot be sustained by reason or by authority. The Supreme Court of the United States has had occasion to consider and decide this very question in two cases which directly conflict with the opinions of the Supreme Courts of Alabama and Louisiana. We mean the cases of Texas vs. White, decided in 1868, and Thorington vs. Smith, decided in 1869. The former is reported at length in the 7th volume of Wallace's Reports, and the latter will be reported in the 8th volume—not yet in print. The press, however, have disseminated the opinion all over the country.

The question as to the lawfulness of the acts of the officers of the courts of the State of Alabama and the other States adhering to the Confederate Government, while the war lasted and while the Confederate Government ruled the country, is one belonging peculiarly to the Federal Supreme Court to decide in the last resort. It is a question of public law—of international jurisprudence, because these States were for a time, to all intents and purposes, foreign States to the Washington Government. The question is one to be determined, not by State conventions and constitutions and laws thereunder, but according to the doctrines laid down by commentators on the law of nations. The law of nations we repeat forms part of the law of Alabama and the other States. It is also part of the law of the United States and has always been so. The law of nations has always been administered by the Federal courts and until now by the State courts. Vattel, Wheaton, Grotius, Puffendorf, Bynkershoek and the rest are authorities and always have been in the courts of Europe and America. International law as expounded by them and as settled by the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States and other high courts in Europe, override all our local and municipal laws where they conflict. International law is higher indeed than the Constitution of the United States, and is the supreme law. It is a principle well established by the best commentators on International law that the nation can rightfully enforce and enforce a law conflicting with the codes of other nations and the jurisdiction of other nations over their subjects. Wildman, an English commentator on International law lays it down that no nation can rightfully compel the subject of another nation, when within the limits of the first, to disobey the laws and orders of his own Sovereign, because these are binding upon him and it would be a breach of international courtesy as well as international law to encourage or compel him to violate them. For this reason when the Queen of England declared that she was neutral in the late war between the North-ern and Southern States, and ordered her subjects everywhere to observe that neutrality and to take no part in the war on pain of being outlawed by her, it would have been a breach of international law, and a violation of comity, if either the United States or the Confederate States Government had compelled British subjects to bear arms in the war or otherwise take sides in the war. This argument was used with effect by the British Minister at Washington on behalf of the Queen's subjects who were sought to be enlisted by the United States in their army, and although in many instances it was disregarded by Confederate military officers in enforcing the conscript laws, that does not prove it was lawful for them to disregard it.

The same principle ought to be applied to the laws of the Confederate States during the war, and the acts of the authorities in those States. They were binding upon the citizens of those States. Says Chief Justice Chase in delivering the opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States, to which we allude, Texas vs. White, Smith:

"To the extent of actual supremacy, however unlawfully gained, in all matters of government within its military lines, the power of the insurgent government (meaning the Confederate Government) cannot be questioned. The supremacy would not justify acts of hostility against the United States. How far it should excuse them would be left to the lawful Government upon the establishment of its authority. *But it would cover obedience to its authority, not only a necessity but a duty; without such obedience civil rule and order must disappear.*"

In the same opinion Chief Justice Chase describes what is a government *de facto*, and he included in his definition the Confederate Government. Says he:

"Brothers is another description of government, called also by publicists a government *de facto*, but which might, perhaps, be more aptly denominated a government of paramount force. Its characteristics are these:

1. That its existence is maintained by active military powers within the Territories and against the rightful authority of an established and lawful government, and

2. That, while it exists, it must necessarily be obeyed in civil matters by private citizens, who, by acts of obedience, rendered in submission to such force, do not become responsible as wrongdoers for those acts, though not warranted by the laws of the rightful government."

We have already seen that the people of the Insurgent States, under the Confederate Government, were in legal contemplation substantially in the same condition as an inhabitant of districts of a country occupied and controlled by an invading belligerent. The rules which would apply in the former case would apply in the latter, and as in the former case the people must be regarded as subjects of a foreign power, and conflicts among them be interpreted and enforced with reference to the laws imposed by the conqueror, so in the latter case the inhabitants must be regarded as under the authority of the insurgent belligerent power actually established in the government of the country, and contracts made with them must be interpreted and enforced with reference to the condition of things created by the acts of the governing power."

The same principles had been previously recognized by the Supreme Court in the case of Texas vs. White, where it was said that the State Government of Texas during the late war was an unlawful government, and in different language. The court said on that occasion:

"It is also stated that while the government of Texas was in full control of the finances and its only source was taxation, and certainly if Texas had been a sovereign State, and not one of the United States, the new government, having abolished the regular authority, and having established itself in the exercise of power, and in the enforcement of its ordinances of administration, would have been entitled, in the greatest degree of the word, to the *habit government*, and in such a case, during the period of its existence as such, would be, to the full extent, and in respect of all resources, valid. And, to this extent, while the laws of the usurped government of Texas, though unlawful and invalid, belong to the United States.

"It is not necessary to attempt any more definitions, which, within the range of such a revolution, would be treated as valid or invalid. It may be said, perhaps with sufficient accuracy, that the acts necessary to the proper conservation of peace and order, the punishment of crime, the enforcing and protecting marriages and the domestic relations, governing the course of descent, regulating the conveyance and transfer of property, real and personal, and providing remedies for injuries to person and estate, and other similar acts, which would be valid if emanating from a lawful government, must be regarded in general as valid when proceeding from an actual though unlawful government; and that acts in furtherance or support of rebellion against the United States, or intended to defeat the just rights of citizens, and other acts of like nature, must, in general, be regarded as invalid and void."

It will be seen from these quotations that the States of the South, adhering to the Confederate Government, are regarded as having been foreign territory to the United States, while the war lasted. The consequence of this is that generally speaking all acts of the State courts and of State officers, are to be regarded as having been lawfully done. It is according to the law of nations that all contracts entered into in a territory that has been conquered, should be enforced by the conquering power.

We think that when a proper case is taken up to the Supreme Court at Washington from any of those States, the doctrine laid down in Alabama and Louisiana will be made to yield to the sounder doctrine held by the Judges of the higher court.

THE BANK OF LOUISIANA SPECIE.

We were quite amazed when we commented on this subject that four millions of dollars in coin belonging to different Banks in this city, had been taken into the Confederate Mint. That was not what the Treasurer said. It said that Mr. R. H. Davis had had charge of four millions for the Bank of Louisiana, and it was only the erroneousness of that statement we undertook to correct. The discovery as to the use to which part of the coin was put by the Confederate authorities which we mentioned in our last issue as having been made by Mr. R. M. Davis, we have since learned were made by others and not by him. Should we learn any other facts from authentic sources, concerning the particular purposes for which this money was used by the Confederate Government officers or others we shall publish them. We repeat that the President of the Confederate States, his Cabinet officers and the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers of the Confederate States, owe it to themselves as well as to the bill-holders of the New Orleans banks to whom these four millions in coin belonged, to explain to the public where and to what objects the money was applied. Let us have a full statement. Some person must know about those four millions of coin.

Reorganization of the Courts in Orleans Parish.

A bill is now before the Legislature which provides for the reorganization of the courts in this parish.

The object of the bill, we are informed, for we have not seen it, is to divest the Judges of the First and Sixth District Courts of the jurisdiction they now exercise and to vest it in two other courts—the Third and the Eighth, the latter being a new court. The First District Court, now presided over by Judge Abell, it is proposed, shall be invested with general civil jurisdiction, instead of the exclusive criminal jurisdiction it now exercises. The Eighth District Court will be the Criminal Court. The Sixth District Court, which is now a court of general civil jurisdiction, will become the appellate tribunal for cases decided in the courts of Justices of the Peace. The Third District Court is to take the place of the Sixth.

Besides these changes another has been proposed with a view to prevent the courts from coming in conflict with each other, as they now do, by issuing contradictory orders and assuming a jurisdiction in matters which already pend before one of the courts.

When we have read the bill, we may allude to it again.

Home Mutual Insurance Company.

We publish in our advertising columns today the annual statement of the business of this company for the year ending December 31, 1869:

The receipts for the year are stated to be.....$232,631 21
Losses in same time.....148,857 40

Profit.....$133,773 81

The company's assets amount to $1,084,714 24

The Board of Trustees, it is announced have resolved to pay six per cent interest on all outstanding certificates of profits, and thirty per cent. of the scrip issue of the year 1868; to the legal holders of same on and after 15th February next; and further that a scrip dividend of fifty per cent be declared on the net earned participating premiums for the year ending December 31, 1869, for which certificates will be delivered on and after 15th March next.

This is certainly a gratifying exhibit of the company's condition, and speaks well for the skill and prudence of the company's officers.

We have received from Messrs. W. Richardson & Co., proprietors of the Galveston *News*, a copy of their almanac for the year 1870. We return them our thanks therefor. Like former issues we find in it a mass of information touching the climate, soil, and productions of Texas, invaluable to those who desire to become acquainted with that State and its advantages.

CITY LICENCES.—The City Treasurer notifies the public, in another column, that only nine days remain in which licenses can be paid without the 10 per cent penalty.

We acknowledge receipt of a polite invitation forwarded to us by the President of St. Mary's Collegiate College, to attend a literary and dramatic entertainment to take place at the College Hall, on Tuesday, 25th inst., at 3½ o'clock P. M.

The Situation in Georgia.

The following letter from Judge Lisbon Stephens, an eminent citizen of Georgia, touching the political situation in Georgia, probably expresses the views of a large portion of the white people of that State and of the South. We publish it because it emits the latitude of Louisiana as well as that of Georgia:

SPARTA, January 2, 1870.

Dunlap Scott, Esq., Rome, Ga.:

My Dear Sir—Your very courteous and interesting letter of the 20th December was received day before yesterday. Yesterday was so busy a day that I had no time to write even a line; and to-day I have had no time.

While I have very strong convictions as to the course which our people ought to pursue, I have not the least expectation of seeing my views adopted and an effort to carry them out would probably only produce additional mischief by divided counsels and inflicting action among the people of the State. Our true policy point is unanswerable, that in importance to the happiness and respectability of the right which will strike and last by means of the slow, deliberate, patient, persistent and undaunted struggle during all time in the power of the white men of the State. And I am sure they will not only *can*, but will *surely* succeed in the end. Their only necessary forbearance without the reasons which support them.

My fundamental idea is that it is folly and self destruction to take any action in obedience to dictation from the enemy, or for which resistance, for that would be equally foolish and destructive, but what I deplore and deprecate in any action of ours is the confidence or dictation. Our enemies dare not accomplish their infamous purposes by their own action alone. Some co-operation on the part of the intelligent of the State has been their necessity from the begining. It is still their necessity. Our self-respect is that this necessity has been realized by them, and not by us. Their whole legislation betrays their unmistakable appreciation of it. They have not dared, and will not dare, to mark a Constitution for our government for us directly—by their own sole action. They have directed, and will direct, all their action to the end of compelling us to act for ourselves in their way. The results are claimed by them as our work, and would not be tolerated by the country—by the mass of the Northern people—on any other basis. They could not maintain making and breaking State Governments, raised on solely by a combination of negroes, scalawags and carpet baggers, while the intelligence, and virtue of the people stood by passively looking aloof and hating on the amusement result to touch her taste nor, hardly not, the manhood being. This position, if taken with unanimity and firmness, and dignity on our part, and supported by the moral sentiment and elasticities like expression of the conservative intellect and the conservative liberty *through us as the there point of commencement*, would do more than anything else to make a revelation of the true situation to the people of the North. To suppose that they could demand it already, and are actuated by a mere spirit of vexation and malice, is simply to make an egregious mistake. If they knew the truth, it would alarm them and excite their concern not as much to do justice to us as to themselves. They do not see it. The position on our part, maintained as I have indicated, would give us an immense moral power, and would bring over the heads of reluctance and re-sentiment. We ought to never forget that *moral* honor in all that is really but to us now. But we should also remember, that in his end it is the greatest of all powers in the government of mankind. Men are governed at last by *ideas*—not always right ideas by any means—but always by ideas of some kind. Our present point is unanswerable, right in importance to the happiness and respectability of the right which will strike and last by means of the slow, deliberate, patient, persistent and undaunted struggle during all time in the power of the white men of the State. And I am sure they will not only *can*, but will *surely* succeed in the end. Their only necessary forbearance without the reasons which support them.

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[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

Congressional Proceedings.

Virginia's Fate Still Unknown.

A Vote Promised for To-day.

Grand Preparations for Celebrating Her Admission.

The Mississippi Legislature.

Election of a Colored Man to the United States Senate.

FROM EUROPE.

Address of Cardinal Antonelli.

Rasputi Not Dead.

Gen. Prim Accused of Conspiring With Queen Isabella.

Seward Serenaded at Havana.

FROM MEXICO.

Miscellaneous Intelligence.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Thursday, January 20, 1870.

SENATE.—Lieut. Gov. Dunn called the Senate to order at 12 M.

A quorum present.

ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS NOTICE.

By Mr. Jonks—To provide for the protection of the town of Bayou Sara, and appropriating the sum of ten thousand dollars therefor. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Levees.

By Mr. Packard—Relative to appraisers. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Day—To pay George Jackson as State House keeper. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably on the bill to lay out and construct a road from the Mississippi river to the Brashear City settlement in the parish of St. James.

Mr. Leathersmith moved for a suspension of the rules to take up the bill. Rules suspended and the bill passed.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Whitney—Authorizing the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the books, accounts, etc., of the Louisiana Lottery Company.

Mr. O Hara moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely.

Mr. Souter seconded the motion.

Mr. Todd amended by moving that action on the Joint Resolution be deferred until to-morrow. Adopted.

By Mr. Wiltgenstein—Relative to a State Seminary and authorizing the Committee on Public Buildings to examine the State Seminary, parish of St. James, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the building would be a suitable building therefor.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The "Election Bill" offered by Mr. Campbell came up as the order of the day.

Senators Brashear and Dupuis spoke eloquently and at some length against the passage of the bill and exposed the features which were most objectionable in it.

Pending consideration the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Carr in the chair. Seventy members present.

Mr. Hall, of Orleans, introduced a resolution providing for the publication of the journal in the *Carrollton Standard* newspaper. Laid over under the rules.

Mr. Kent, of St. Helena, introduced a resolution requiring members of the House to stand up while the Chaplain is praying. Laid over.

Mr. Harper, of St. Charles, from the Judiciary Committee, reported adversely upon the memorial of Mr. Jasper Blackburn. Report not adopted.

Mr. Garteamp, of Jefferson, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported favorably on Senate resolution providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee to see to the erection of a State House, etc.

Mr. Wilde, of Orleans, moved the indefinite postponement of the resolution.

Mr. Garteamp moved to lay the motion of Mr. Wilde on the table, which prevailed by a vote of 58 yeas to 20 nays.

The resolution was then passed.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the bill providing for the creation of parish to be named Monticello, submitted a majority and minority report.

Mr. Dawson, of Biesville, moved the adoption of the minority report, and called for the previous question, which was ordered.

The special order of the day, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on the Constitution, relative to proposing to amend the Constitution, so that the Judges shall be appointed by the Governor instead of being elected by the people.

The minority report was signed by Messrs Abbott and Prescott, and was first taken up. This report is adverse to the proposed amendment.

Mr. Noble, of Orleans, took the floor in favor of the minority report. His opposed placing such powers in the hands of the Governor. It should be retained by the people. This question was fully discussed in the Constitutional Convention, and was overwhelmingly voted down. It is dangerous to clothe a single man, the people to entrust such power into the hands of one man.

Mr. Gray, of St. James, was in favor of an appointed judiciary instead of an elective one. It is the conceded opinion of the world now that the appointed judiciary is abler and safer than the one which is elected.

Mr. Isabelle, of Orleans, favored the proposed amendment to the Constitution as he thought that a judiciary appointed was safer than an elective one.

Mr. Wren, of Bossier, moved that further consideration of the amendment be postponed until Saturday next.

Mr. Garteamp, of Jefferson, introduced a resolution paralizing Mrs. M. F. Oliver, of Cincinnati, Ohio, to lecture in the Hall of the House of Representatives the evening of the 31st inst., on the subject of Woman Suffrage, which was adopted.

Mr. Witts, of Orleans, introduced a bill to define and punish official corruption in this State, which was placed on the calendar.

The special order of the day, the veto message of the House bill incorporating the Arkansas and Red River Railroad Company, and to grant State aid to the same, was taken up, and postponed until Monday.

Mr. Carmouche, of Orleans, introduced a bill to re-enact article 2627 of the Civil Code, which was read twice and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Bolot, of Orleans, introduced a bill creating the office of Public Administrator, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Dawson introduced a bill to pay B. L. Lynch for extra services while Attorney General. Referred.

Mr. Gray, of St. James, introduced a bill to incorporate the Metropolitan Loan and Pledge Association. Referred.

Mr. Gray, of St. James, introduced a bill to raise means to pay for work done on the levees under the supervision of the Board of Public Works, and to pay indebtedness due for work heretofore done by Levee Commissioners, etc., which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Levees.

Mr. Currell, of Orleans, introduced a bill to amend and re-enact article 245 of the Code of Practice. Referred.

Mr. Gray, of St. James, introduced a bill to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay P. J. Kennedy for indebtedness due to him. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Levees.

Mr. Garteamp, of Jefferson, introduced a bill to pay, by the issuance of bonds, certain indebtedness due by the State to certain banks in the city of New Orleans. Referred.

Mr. McMillen, of Carroll, moved the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Wren, of Bossier, moved to lay Mr. McMillen's motion on the table, which was lost by a vote of 32 yeas to 42 nays. The question then recurred on the motion to indefinitely postpone, which was sustained by a vote of 41 yeas to 36 nays.

The House then adjourned until to-day at 12 o'clock M.

Income Tax.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION—A MERCHANT NOT COMPELLED TO DELIVER HIS BOOKS TO A UNITED STATES ASSESSOR.

[From the Philadelphia Post, Jan. 18.]

The case of George Doll, of the firm of George Doll & Co., importers of fancy goods, board on writs of *habeas corpus* to be discharged from arrest because of a refusal to deliver his books to the United States Assessor, was heard yesterday. Mr. Sharpless, for the defendant, made the following points, which are of interest to every merchant:

1. That the 116th section of the act of June 30, 1864, under which the income tax is levied, is unconstitutional and void, as undertaking to levy a capitation, or as will create a direct tax by the rule of uniformity, and not that of apportionment.

2. That so much of the 14th section of the same act as invests the assessor with powers to compel a citizen who has once made his return of income under oath, to produce his books and give evidence in regard to the same before the assessor, has been challenged by the officer, the provision of article fifth, amendment to the Constitution of the United States; "Nor shall any person, * * * be compelled in any criminal case to be witness against himself."

3. That the power sought to be conferred upon the assessor by the last section is really the judicial power of the United States, which, by the Constitution, can only be exercised by judges holding their offices for the term of good behavior; and not by officers who are removable at any moment, probably at the discretion of the President, certainly at that of the President and Senate.

4. That the proceedings authorized by the assessment are an infringement of the citizen's constitutional right of trial by a jury in "every criminal case. The Federal Legislature cannot create a new criminal offence unknown to the common law or our statutes at the time of the adoption of the Constitution, and which was not then punishable by "attachment or fine in a summary way," and provide for its punishment now by any other than the ordinary machinery of a trial by a jury at common law.

5. The extraordinary remedies provided by the act of Congress do not lie until the assessor has made a return which he has voted. All matters, he said, were interested in the permanency and prosperity of Cuba, and I pray God this progress may continue, and peace and harmony be restored to the Island.

Referring to Spain, he expressed the hope that the political action of the country that was the most Ancient ally of American would result in a safe, happy and speedy issue.

He wards remarks from the beginning to the end were strictly non-committal on the merits of the intervention.

Ten of the gunboats that recently arrived from New York have gone to sea. Their destination is unknown.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The new cable in the interest of the French and American Cable Company has been successfully laid between France and England.

Deputy Raspail is not dead. There is much indignation expressed at the unknown author of the hoax.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The Ministry have declared their intention of proposing that all press offences shall be tried before a jury, but as the proposition is not yet a law, Rochefort will not have the privilege of a jury.

The Radical journals charge the Government with pressing Rochefort's case for the purpose of avoiding the proposed law.

Florence, Jan. 20.—The National Parliament will be convoked on the 7th of March.

Rome, Jan. 20.—Cardinal Antonelli has issued an address to the French ecclesiastics apropos to the Pope will never abdicate or abandoning it too soon. They voted on the question of rabbination, and thereby relieved Quirinus from the embarrassment of sanctioning a Constitution and government formed by negroes, scalawags, and carpet-baggers, without any participation on the part of the intelligence and respectability of the State. But I am too close, and I do so with a feeling that I really had done just as well not to begin.

With a high appreciation of the motives which seem to have actuated you in your public course, and with good wishes for your personal welfare, and high hopes that you may realize the brilliant career which your beginning has promised to your country, I am yours very truly,

LISTON STEPHENS.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Washington, Jan. 20—Noon.—The following named Republicans voted nay on Edmonds' amendment yesterday; Terry, Fowler, Kellogg, Morton, Ross, Sherman, Trumbull and Vickers.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Internal Revenue receipts to-day $590 0000.

The gold commission to-day examined Chas. L. Osborne and Mr. Boocock in reference to the gold panic.

The Treasury books show that the receipts are light and the expenditures heavy, as compared with the last four months.

The American Colonization Society visited the President to-day, who expressed sympathy with their views and motives.

The flag ship Naposic and the steamer John Bell sailed for New York before daylight to-day. The damages to the Naposic will detain the Darien expedition a fortnight.

Gen. Thomas De Bourbon publicly denounces Gen. Prim as having conspired with Queen Isabella. His statements are not credited.

Brussels, Jan. 20.—The steamship Frankfort, from New Orleans, has arrived.

Havana, Jan. 20.—Ex-Secretary Seward was serenaded last night by a troupe. Several thousand people assembled, and were highly amused at the performance, and were sympathetic and made sleep his visit. All seemed, he said, were interested in the permanency and prosperity of Cuba, and I pray God this progress may continue, and peace and harmony be restored to the Island.

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SILVER NEWS.

Vicksburg, Jan. 20.—Passed down—Chas. H. Eagle at 8 A. M.; Louisville at 8 P. M. River falling rapidly. Weather clear and warm.

Memphis, Jan. 20.—Passed up—Emma Nolan, Passed down—Longworth, Commonwealth, Express, Dictator. River rising rapidly. Weather clear and pleasant.

Louisville, Jan. 20.—The river is stationary.

Cairo, Jan. 20.—Passed down—Clara, Robinson, Kimbrow and T. L. McGill. The river is falling. Not in the past 24 hours.

The steamer Lady Gay, from St. Louis, bound for New Orleans, sank near Grand Tower last night. Fifty mules were drowned. Boat probably a total loss.

FROM SOUTHWEST PASS.

Southwest Pass, Jan. 20—6 P. M.—Barometer 30.51. Weather calm. Arrived—Bark Argenta, Lindsey, master, 60 days from Marseilles, with wines, etc., to Blanchin & Girard. Ship Charlotte, Gardner, 4 days from Rotterdam, in ballast, to Seikendestadt & Co. Ship Augusta, Von Horton, master, 49 days from Rotterdam, in ballast, to Murray Lolling & Co. Sailed—Bark St. Cloud and brig Arnabel Rose.

[Previous Dispatches.]

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 19.—The schooner Addie Fuller, from Portland for Mobile, was spoken by the brig Jennie Cushman in latitude 34, longitude 68. She had lost her sails and was trying to repairing.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—Caldwell, implicated in the New York drawback frauds, and whose extradition has been ordered, has escaped.

Paris, Jan. 19.—Copies of several Belgian journals have been intercepted by the French authorities.

This measure, coming as it does after the declaration that all foreign journals were to be free from censorship, excites surprise.

Radical journals charge the Government with bad faith.

A preliminary examination of witnesses in the case of Prince Bonaparte, charged with the murder of Noir, by Pietri, has been commenced before the Police Court.

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Victoria Sovereigns			
Old		6	45
English Bank Notes			
Bank of Bank of Friends, (in Europe)		7	00
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Prussia		1	15
Bavaria		1	15
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Patriot	do.	15	50
	SILVER.		
English Silver		6	30
French do.			20
Mexican Dollars			90
Spanish do.			
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MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 20, 1870.

We noticed a fair demand for bill discounts today, but the Money market continued without any marked change. The liberal sales of cotton within the past few days have served to impart more confidence to the business community, and more cash, although, as yet, the amount of available funds has not been sufficiently increased to warrant without hesitancy any reduction in the street rates. We still quote 1 to 1¼ per cent per month for A1 notes with unquestionable collaterals, and 1½ to 1¾ for second grade; 1¾ for A1 business paper, and 2 to 2¼ for second; 2¼ for good; 10 to 11 per cent per annum for A1 mortgage paper and 12 to 15 for second grade.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Personal.—The writer is much obliged to the parties happily concerned for an invitation to be present last evening at an interesting ceremony, but mislaid in the press below, and regrets that he was prevented by other engagements from attending:

At the Residence of Charles Jaeger,
No. 50 Constance street,
Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7 o'clock P. M.
Henry Frank.....Rosa Julia Richardt.

Funeral of Alfred Hansen.—The funeral of the late Alfred Hansen, of this city, took place yesterday forenoon from the First Presbyterian Church, opposite Lafayette Square. The funeral discourse, by Rev. B. M. Palmer, Pastor of the Church, was most eloquent and impressive. There was a large attendance of the Protestant Clergy of the city, including Bishop Wilmer, besides a large delegation of members of the Bar and most of the Judges of the church.

Dr. Palmer paid a high tribute to the deceased, not only as a statesman and one of the original thirty-two founders of the church, only four of whom survive, but as a fine biblical scholar, having a profound knowledge of the Scriptures. After the services were concluded large numbers of the congregation walked up the aisles of the church to view the form of the deceased prior to the removal of the body for interment in the Washington Cemetery.

The pallbearers acting as pall-bearers were Mr. Maybin, J. T. Hardie and W. C. Black, representing the church members, and Judge