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COVINGTON, LA.:

Saturday, November 30, 1878.

Capt. Eads is in New Orleans.

Prosperous barbers get fat on shavings.

The Afghan war seems to be all one sided. Sort of Ameer sham, as it were.

The South Carolina Legislature met in regular session on the 26th inst.

"Equality means," says a certain writer, "a desire to be equal to your superiors, and superior to your equals."

Santa Claus will be along in a few weeks. He has seen a good many winters, but his stock-in' trade never becomes exhausted.

The refugees who came to Covington this summer "for their health," have nearly all fled back to the city.

According to a salesman who has had considerable experience in one of the largest New York houses, the average woman wears a five-and-a-half shoe.

The Committee of Reception of the Convention for the Promotion of American Commerce will meet in New Orleans on Tuesday, the 3d of December.

Judge Whitaker, in his charge to the Grand Jury in New Orleans, last Tuesday, instructed them to investigate the matter of the frauds alleged to have been committed in the parish of Orleans at the recent election.

Philadelphia is making an effort to secure the largest share of the foreign fruit trade, which has heretofore been enjoyed by New York. The fruit dealers of the former city have manifested energy and determination in this matter, and have recently made arrangements to cope with New York, by which a line of steamers are to leave the Mediterranean every [illegible] days, loaded with choice fruits, and return with cargoes of grain.

Col. Claiborne, of Point Coupee, made fifty thousand pounds of sugar from thirty acres of cane.

The body of the wife of Rene Macready, Esq., of Morgan City, was taken to New Orleans last week for interment.

HYMENIAL GRATULATIONS.

DEDICATED TO HARDY H. SMITH AND BRIDE.

BY LEWIS R. FEATHERSTUN.

Life with you now is shining weather;
Your beaming hearts pulsate together.
No sombre clouds above you floating,
Nor ugly phanton checks your doting.
No scathing glance—the scion of sorrow—
Nor galling words—the blossoms of horror.

At break of day, with cloudless heaven,
The fancy claims a shining leaven;
But clouds remote, by tempests driven,
Alas! anon, our hopes have riven.
Thus wedding days—those sweet libations—
Are often gates to stern rixations.
The lovely bride may prove a vixen,
To anger you, despite your fixin';
The manly groom may prove a devil—
Turn from his wife to hellish revel;
Despise her love, her sacred plightings,
And fume her with infernal blightings.

But this is Hymen's *blasted* vision;
For *you* we hold adverse decision.
No vixen growl, nor hellish laving,
Shall effervesce in your behaving.

Now, guard yourselves against forgetting
The ghastly forms for aye besetting.
Our life's a course of undulation
And universal relegation.
No easy berths upon this ocean—
Each son of man must bear his portion;
Nor fairy heights are we ascending,
While others to the oars are bending.

Wrestle and pray for God's encomium;
Despise the praise of pandemonium;
Send from your fuse a bright reflection,
And win a blissful resurrection.

Poisoned Sugar.

In the New Orleans *Democrat* of the 28th inst., is a very able and interesting article on the subject of adulterated sugar. It seems that the investigation set afoot by the Committee of Ways and Means at the last session of Congress, has led to a disclosure of an almost universal system of fraud in the adulteration of sugar, which for pure and unmitigated wickedness, has scarcely a parallel in any of the sensational crimes of the day. Samples from the different refineries in New York have been analyzed, and in every instance they have been found to contain more or less glucose and other adulterations, all of them of a poisonous nature. The New York *Tribune* publishes a table of forty-five analyses of samples from different refineries, some of which show as much as 6 per cent. of water and 15 per cent. of impurities. These impurities consist in the main of glucose, a substance made from starch, and even from rags, and muriate of tin, or tin dissolved in muriatic acid. The glucose is used to give it body and weight, and the tin poison to improve the color. Syrups are also adulterated with these and other substances even more hurtful to the health. One specimen showed a precipitate that contained muriate of tin and copper. Another sample of sugar-house syrup, from one of the largest refineries, showed 70 per cent. of glucose, and but 30 per cent. of sugar syrup. Still another sample had been treated with sulphuretted hydrogen gas, and contained a sediment composed of copper and acids. Glucose is carried to New York by the car load. It costs less than two cents a pound, and is used in adulterating a number of articles, such as sugar, syrups, honey, candy, preserved fruits and confections. It is said to be most harmful to the stomach, while the copper, tin and acids used with it are deadly poisons.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Domestic.

Thomas A. Doyle was elected Mayor of Providence, Rhode Island, for the thirteenth time.

Mapleson, manager of the Italian opera troupe, in New York, was arrested for employing girls under age in the ballet.

At Scranton, Pa., 75,000 tons of coal were sold at auction, the prices ranging thirty to forty-five cents per ton less than last month.

A Credit Mobilier case is being reargued in Washington, entitled the United States vs. Union Pacific Railroad Company, Credit Mobilier, and others.

The Atlantic and Great Western Railway Company will not restore the rates east from St. Louis until all tickets of other lines furnished "scalpers" are withdrawn.

There appears to be no truth in the rumor that the Central and Union Pacific Railway Companies have consolidated, under the presidency of Sidney Dillon.

The Grand Jury of the United States District Court, in Chicago, indicted the architects and contractors of the new Custom House, for alleged conspiracy to defraud the Government out of $850,000 in the matter of material and work done. A Washington dispatch says the Treasury officials were surprised by this investigation, as the amount paid the contractors is only $490,000. The Grand Jury were evidently outrageously imposed upon, or the Treasury officials are mistaken.

Foreign.

It is rumored in Vienna that Count Andrassy is going to resign.

A ferry-boat collided with a ship on the Mersey. Six lives lost.

Dynamite was found on the rails just previous to King Humbert's entry into Rome.

Moncassi, who attempted to assassinate the King of Spain, pleads insanity. He has been sentenced to death.

In Spain, Castellar made a speech denouncing the press bill, as calculated to interfere with the freedom of the press.

The Czar of Russia has reprimanded Prince Dondenkoff Kersalloff for his non-observance of the Berlin treaty.

The British forces have been victorious in Afghanistan, meeting with no serious opposition up to the present time.

The English Liberals held a meeting in London and drew up a statement declaring that Cranbrook's dispatch charging Gladstone's government with the responsibility of the Afghan war, is "inaccurate and incomplete."

The steamship Pomerania was run into by the ship Moll Tilian, in the English Channel, on the 25th inst., during a dense fog. The Pomerania went down fifteen minutes after the collision. Many lives were lost, including the captain of the vessel, who worked heroically to save the lives of the passengers, and when last seen he was standing on the bridge of the boat, giving orders in a calm, determined voice.

RANDOM READINGS.

A strict line of conduct—A telegraph wire.

Why is Gibralter one of the most wonderful places in the world? Because its always on the rock, but never moves.

A little boy came to his mother recently and said: "Mamma, I should think if I was made of dust I should get muddy inside when I drink."

A woman who was told that some tables in the Russian department of the Philadelphia Exposition were made of malachite, exclaimed, "My goodness, I thought Malachite was one of the prophets!"

A Western paper, in an obituary notice of a subscriber's son, says: "He was an uncommon smart boy. Had a little too much curiosity, perhaps, or he wouldn't have peered so fatally into the muzzle of his father's shot-gun."

It was in one of London's transpontine theatres that the ever-famous dramatic criticism was delivered by a sweep in the gallery: "Ve don't expex grammar, and ve don't expex hucting, but yer might jine yer flats!"

Deacon Spilkin's old ram attacked his venerable owner one bright day, butted him to grass, and then frisked away over the meadow, whereupon the deacon arose, brushed his home-spun suit and muttered: "I never did like mutton with capers!"

Brown confides a secret to his friend Jones, who hastens to repeat it. Meeting him the next day, Brown says to him, pointedly, "What would you think of the man who divulged a secret entrusted to him?" "Think? Why, I should think he had only imitated the other man," replied Jones.

A pedagogue told one of his scholars, a son of the Emerald Isle, to spell "hostility." "H-o-r-s-e, horse," commenced Pat. Not "horse-tility," said the teacher, but "hos-tility." "Sure," replied Pat, "an' didn't ye tell me the other day not to say hoss? Och, its one thing wid ye one day and another the nixt."

A gentleman in Normandy sent his son to Paris to study law, and gave him a letter of introduction to an old friend, a theatrical manager. The manager replied promptly: "My dear friend, I hasten to reply to yours introducing your son. I have done what lay in my power for his good—refused him admission behind the scenes at my theatre."

A wager was made by two corn dealers—one of them a close-set little man, and the other a tall, huge one, a great boaster of his strength—by which the little one undertook to carry two sacks of wheat a considerable distance, both sacks to contain four bushels—sixty pounds weight. The little man accordingly procured one sack, and put four bushels of wheat into it, and then drawing the other sack over it, contended that both sacks contained four bushels, which he carried with ease. The stakeholder decided that both sacks did contain the quantity agreed on, and the money was handed over.