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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29, 1861. This being the day fixed by the provisions of an act of the State Legislature of the State of Louisiana, entitled "An act providing for a State Convention," approved Dec. 12, 1850, the Convention met accordingly in the city of Baton Rouge, in the parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

Assembly and all officers who have taken the oath prescribed by said Article, he and they are hereby absolved from all obligations as aforesaid, and to support the Constitution of the United States.

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TELEGRAPHED TO THE NEW ORLEANS CRESCENT. FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE. ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP ETNA.

policy of the Government from its beginning. The President does not yet despair of the Republic. Mr. (Iverson) of Georgia, took leave of the Senate today, saying that if the Government blockaded Southern ports other nations would interfere, and if the North made a war of extermination, it would be necessary for a coalition.

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their army, corner of St. Charles and Lafayette streets. Not only the cañons and the Pelican Bay blazed beautifully from the building, but within, the gallant company and a goodly assemblage of invited guests, and a merry few generally, were in the pleasure of being present. It was a pleasure really, for we heard "O'Connell's Carols" and "Whittier's" separately respond to the congratulations of their friends, upon their safe and triumphant return from the siege of Baton Rouge, and on their escape.

The jubilation last night was scattered—not for want of public feeling, but for want of previous understanding and arrangement.

Let New Orleans again upon some certain night for a grand and general illumination; that night be fixed not so soon; let all the volunteer and home guard companies get drilled and uniformed for one grand and simultaneous turnout and parade—and then let the soldiers and the people illuminate their houses and the streets, and show forth the actual feeling of Louisiana.

At about 8 o'clock last evening, an explosion of a pipe in the home gas apparatus of the St. James Hotel, on Magazine street, and a sudden and furious burst of flame threatened the destruction of the hotel, and created, very naturally, a great panic.

Some six or seven of the gallery rooms near over the gas apparatus were burnt out; and, but for the quick action of the fire department, the beautiful new hotel might this morning be lying in ruins. It is concluded by all that the hotel had a most lucky escape from destruction.

CHARLES OF ARABY MET WITH MISADVENTURE. James Stora, a day driver, was yesterday afternoon before Recorder Blaine, in the Second District, on the charge of having perpetrated an assault and battery with intent to commit murder, yesterday between 12 and 1 o'clock, on the levee opposite the Red Store, by purposely and maliciously rolling a hoghead of sugar over a small boy, the charge being made by private watchman C. P. Raymond.

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