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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1, 1868.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—The spectacular drama "The Black Orok."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The spectacular drama "A Tale of Enchantment."

NEW OPERA HOUSE.—French Opera and Comedy—"Les Folies Dramatiques."

VARIETIES THEATRE.—Engagement of Edwin Booth—"Richard III."

JOHN ROBINSON'S CIRCUS.—At Tivoli Circus—Performances at 1 and 7 1/2 o'clock.

CRESCENT CITY MUSEUM.—Nos. 40 and 42 St. Charles street.—Wonderful living and natural curiosities, etc.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.—THE CRESCENT THIS MORNING.

As it has done on many other anniversaries of the day, greets its readers and friends with a "Happy New Year." If some of them are not as happy as we wish them to be, and as we think they ought to be, the wish on our part is none the less sincere and heartfelt.

In accordance with custom, and to enable the employes of the Crescent to enjoy the social pleasures of New Year's Day, no evening paper will be issued from this office to-day, and no morning paper on Thursday.

STRAWBERRIES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.—We received last evening a box of large and deliciously flavored strawberries, which were presented to us by Mr. F. M. Wiggins, of Pontchartrain, on the Jackson Railroad.

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The Board of Aldermen of New York, have passed a resolution requiring all liquor dealers to take out a license, paying therefor \$100, without regard to the excise commissions (Albany created) who had already obligated them to take licenses out, under their authority, at the rate of \$200 each.

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DEPRECIATION OF LANDED PROPERTY IN THE SOUTH.

Among the many facts surrounding the advent of the year just opening, which are on their face unqualifiedly unpropitious is the universal and tremendous depreciation of real estate in the agricultural districts of the South.

A sale has taken place at this city seat that so well marks the extreme depreciation in the money market that I send you the particulars. Col. Quarterman, of this county, deceased, and his executor, Judge Peatter, was compelled to close the estate. The property was advertised as was required by law, and on last court day it was sold.

A handsome residence at Walthourville, with ten acres attached, out-houses and all necessary appendages of a first-class planter's residence, was sold for sixty dollars. The purchaser was the agent of the freedman's bureau.

It is a plantation, four hundred and fifty acres of prime land, brought one hundred and fifty dollars; sold to a Mr. Fraser, sixty acres of another land, near Walthourville, brought three dollars; purchaser, Mr. W. D. Bacon. These were all bona fide sales.

It is hardly to be doubted that, were the best landed estates in Louisiana put up at auction without reserve to-morrow, their sale would exhibit prices on a scale of depreciation corresponding with the prices mentioned in the above letter.

And yet here in the South millions of acres of it, highly improved, and productive beyond example, are not only lying idle, but vainly inviting purchasers at prices which, by a strange concurrence of circumstances, are so low as to be utterly insignificant when compared with their intrinsic and normal value.

It would almost seem as though they were surrounded with the circle of some sinister enchantment, paralyzing the timid who approached it, and striking dead the bolder who attempted to cross it.

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ARRIVAL OF HON. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The steamship Cuba, which has been expected for two or three days, arrived last evening at 7 o'clock, from Baltimore via Havana, bringing among her passengers ex-President Davis and Mrs. Davis, who are on their way to the home of Mr. Davis's brother in Mississippi.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and the lateness of the hour at which the steamer arrived, there were many of his friends who went to greet him, and to welcome him once more to a city which he visits now for the first time for many years, and where he has friends as true, as devoted, and as warm-hearted as any man ever had anywhere.

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Prayer was offered by Mr. Josiah Fluke. Resolutions by Harper, of St. Charles, striking out the word "parish" wherever it occurs in the Constitution, and inserting the word "county," and by Burrill (colored), of St. John the Baptist, providing for a proper observance of the Sabbath, were read and laid over.

The tenth article of the majority report of the committee on draft of the Constitution was then taken up as the order of the day. It reads as follows: "No law shall be passed regulating labor, and fixing the price thereof."

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To all Interested

CAUSE OF LIBERAL CHRISTIANITY.

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JOHN M. GOULD,

J. Q. A. FELLOWS,

New Orleans, December 13, 1867.

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BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER,

98 CANAL STREET.

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Second Grand Fair.

HALF FARE TO NEW ORLEANS.

The Railroad Companies, Steamship and Steamboat Lines, named below, have granted the following privileges to persons visiting or bringing on Stock or Articles for Exhibition at the SECOND GRAND STATE FAIR, to be held in New Orleans, commencing January 7, 1868:

New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad

Have granted free transportation returning to persons visiting our Fair; also, to all stock and articles exhibited on the grounds, upon Secretary's certificate.

New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad.

Same, commencing one day before the Fair, during and one day after the Fair.

Mississippi Central Railroad.

Same as Jackson Railroad.

Mobile and Tennessee Railroad.

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Nashville and Decatur Railroad.

Return free from Fair, on Secretary's certificate.

Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

Granting half fares to persons visiting Fair, but not on stock or articles for exhibition.

Virginia and Tennessee Railroad.

Persons visiting the Fair with articles for exhibition to return free, but stock and articles for exhibition to be charged full rates.

Memphis and Charleston Railroad.

Parties holding certificate of Secretary to pass free, provided they have paid one way on the road.

Morgan Line U. S. Mail Steamers.

Granting exhibitors free transportation for themselves, stock and articles, returning, upon Secretary's certificate.

Atlantic and Mississippi Steamship Company

Granting persons visiting the Fair to return free, and free transportation for all stock and articles, upon Secretary's certificate.

THOS. G. RHETT,