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FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3, 1868.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

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

VARIETIES THEATRE.—Edwin Booth as "Macbeth."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The Varieties Comedians.

MASONIC HALL.—Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert.

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

CRESCENT CITY THEATRE.—Nos. 49 and 42 St. Charles street—Wonderful living and natural curiosities, etc.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR.—The official order appointing the Hon. Joshua Baker governor, in place of Governor Flanders resigned, will be found in another column.

TO-DAY'S RACES.—The races over the Metairie Course to-day consist of a single dash of two miles for a purse of \$300, and of mile heats for a purse of similar value.

"Le Salut" is the name of a new paper published in this city at 85 Baronne street, devoted to the interests of spiritualism.

The "Mechanics' Press and Working People's Advocate" is the name of a new weekly paper, which is proposed to be started by Mr. J. B. Menry, at No. 19 Commercial Place.

We publish to-day on this page a significant article from the New York Herald on the present condition of the country both at the North and at the South.

The account which we publish to-day of the celebrations by various social fraternities and organizations in Mobile on New Year's eve will suggest, we think, a very general wish on the part of all our people that our own time-honored institution, the Mystick Krewe, will turn out, as of yore, on Mardi Gras.

RECORD.—We had the pleasure of a visit, yesterday, from Signor De Vivo, agent for the great Italian tragedienne, this gentleman informs us that Madame Ristori has deferred her visit to Havana until the middle of February, and to this city until the beginning of March.

A dispatch of yesterday from Mobile says that Judge Bustedie's recovery is now considered certain. Although this directly contradicts the tenor of a dispatch of the 1st from Washington, it is probably correct.

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CHARITY WANTED.

In this morning's CRESCENT will be found a notice from the State tax collector of the Second District, calling on the tax payers of that district to come forward, without delay, and pay the amount due by them, respectively, under the recent ordinance of the reconstructing convention. It will be seen that the amount assessed in the Second District is, say \$40,000. The amount apportioned to the First District is, we are informed, about \$80,000, and we suppose that the sum imposed on the whole city will reach \$150,000. The services of the reconstructing convention are, no doubt, very valuable to the party which expects to make use of it for the purpose of consummating its charming programme of negro supremacy, and of maintaining possession of the government, in spite of the wishes of the majority of the people; and, in this view of the case, it would be eminently appropriate for that party to pay the expenses of those members who dedicate themselves to its service. We have seen a good deal in the Northern papers about Southern relief meetings and Southern relief associations, but we have yet to see that the ostentatious benevolence of these organizations has yet effected any appreciable melioration of the condition of any portion of the population of these States. Indeed, the relief which we most need is precisely that which we are least likely to get from any such source—relief from the pernicious and destructive intermeddling of a faction which, to subvert its ambitious purposes, is quite willing to turn society upside down in communities which are, unhappily, subjected to their domination, whilst they are themselves sheltered against the disastrous consequences of these social upheavals. The shocking results of radical policy are too wide spread to be cured by contributions from relief societies, even if the Southern people were willing to become pensioners on the charity of those who have received them.

To feed the idle blacks of the South, who are now on the verge of starvation, would require more than all that could be raised by ten thousand times as many relief associations as have already been organized at the North, even were there any design to do more than divert attention from the real cause of all the existing trouble and suffering. But there is something that those people can do; and something which they are bound to do by every consideration of justice and good faith. They have brought a portion of the indigent population of the South together at the various State capitals for certain purposes, entirely hostile to the interests and prosperity of those States, but strictly subservient to the supposed political interests of the dominant party. These persons, especially those of them who are acting the part of good and faithful servants to the radicals, and who are zealously engaged in doing all that they can to make matters worse here, in order that radicalism may be strengthened and perpetuated—these people now find themselves in a very necessitous condition. They are in arrears for board and lodging, and if they have any washerwomen, those laborious creatures have, doubtless, closed accounts on them. Nobody will lend them any money; perhaps because in this part of the world, nobody has any money to lend. A chronic impotency will probably prevent the tax-payers from exhibiting a very cheerful alacrity in complying with the requisition for "one mill per cent.," whatever that may mean, on their real and movable property, even if they felt disposed to pay for having their institutions overturned, their governments displaced and their political rights annulled. In fact to get \$150,000 in greenbacks, from the tax-paying population of New Orleans, would be a far more difficult task than to extract genuine blood from an imaginary turnip. Now here is a real case for the exercise of benevolence and charity, and those philanthropic virtues of which the party of "moral ideas" is presumed to possess an unlimited stock. The radical reconstructing conventioners have done their work, or, at least, they are trying to do it. They are surely entitled to their pay. The "truly loil" ought to be saved from mendicancy, and imminent ejection from their boarding-houses; from the severe frosts of unpaid landladies; and the daily duns of clamorous washerwomen. It was an ingenious idea to make the Southern white people pay the bill—which seems to be pretty much all for which they are considered qualified; but, in the absence of the means, they are unable to avail themselves of this valuable privilege. It, therefore, devolves on the "loyal masses" to see that their "truly loil" agents do not suffer for the necessities of life, else the whole reconstruction scheme may ignobly collapse under the stern pressure of unpaid bills.

THEATRICALS.

VARIETIES.—Mr. Booth's impersonation of Richard III., adjudged by many critics to be his masterpiece, was repeated last evening, Miss Meyer appearing as Julia de Mortemar. To-day the distinguished tragedian is announced for a farewell benefit, on which occasion he will play "Macbeth." To-morrow two performances, the closing ones of his engagement, are announced: "Much Ado about Nothing," and "Richard III." and "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

ST. CHARLES.—The "Black Crook" will be played to-night. Its scenery, costumes, ballets and tableaux offer to those who have not witnessed the piece most enticing attractions. If any one were to refuse him, and we had not previously been told of it.

ROBINSON'S CIRCUS.—The public has indulged our commendation of this establishment by liberally patronizing it. The three performances on New Year's Day were largely attended, and we are only sorry the tent is not twice as spacious as it is. Two performances continue to be given daily.

CRESCENT CITY THEATRE.—Is always open, from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M., and is located on St. Charles street, directly opposite the St. Charles Hotel.

The purser of the steamship Matagorda has our thanks for a copy of the Galveston News of the 1st.

A Bible class was asked to name the precious stones named in the Bible. After several scholars had given answers, one little fellow called out, "Well, Thomas, what precious stones have you found?" "Brimstone," was the reply.

A New Governor—Louisiana—Reorganization of the Flanders—Appointment of Mr. Joshua Baker.

HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT, New Orleans, La., Jan. 2, 1868.

Special Order No. 1. (Extract.)

8. His Excellency, B. F. Flanders, governor of the State of Louisiana, having resigned that office, Mr. Joshua Baker is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby.

By command of Major Gen. Hancock: GEN. L. HARTSUFF, Assistant Adjutant General, NATHANIEL BURBANK, Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

FIRST DAY OF THE METAIRIE.

Yesterday was a pleasant day for the opening of the winter meeting over the Metairie Course; but the track was much heavier, from the constant rains of Saturday, Sunday and Monday, than we had anticipated. There was an assemblage of two hundred and fifty to three hundred persons in the stand and on the grounds, and we were pleased to see ten or fifteen ladies in the portion partitioned off for the sex.

ABOUT HALF PAST 3 the third bell summoned the horses for the first race—a dash of one mile, for two year olds, purse \$250—for which two nags were entered, viz: Jess Broadbent and Ontario, an explanation. When the start was made, Ontario keeping a length and a half ahead until they entered the second quarter, when Ontario lapped her, passing her on the back stretch, and gradually increasing the gap between them, until as she swung into her home she was probably thirty yards ahead. The negro boy on Puss applied the cowhide to his mettlesome little bay filly with a zest and power which were really remarkable; but it was unavailing, as Ontario came in an easy winner, scattering the mud at a terrible rate as she flew past the winning post. Time, 2:04.

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THE PRINCIPAL INTEREST of the day seemed to center in the second race, of two-mile heats, purse \$500, for which there were four entries. Of these the favorite appeared to be the chestnut colt Chickamauga, a large, fine-looking four-year old, belonging to Col. Leonard. The other two were chestnut colts, viz: Jennie C. and chestnut colt Pointer. The first heat of this race began about half-past four. The start was fair, Chickamauga soon leading out from the press, half a length ahead of Jennie C. and the others. Around to the half mile post the horses kept well together. Chickamauga was pushing his way to the front, but the chestnut colt Jennie C. was pressing call on the bay filly, and passed her, and gave his undivided attention to the colt with a warlike name. The struggle here was very exciting, but Chickamauga, who was coming down the home stretch, which was destined to pass the string first. 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