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THE CRESCENT'S DISPATCHES.

FROM MONROE, LOUISIANA.

Burning of the Steamer Homeyer.

Nine Hundred Bales of Cotton Consumed

BOAT AND CARGO A TOTAL LOSS.

MONROE, LA., Jan. 13, 1868.

To E. Conery & Co., New Orleans:

Steamboat Homeyer burned yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, at Logtown Landing, with 900 bales cotton. Boat and cargo total loss. Passengers and crew all saved.

E. L. AUSTIN, Captain.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Large Meetings Regarding the Safety of Naturalized Citizens Abroad—The Radical Convention at Indianapolis—Reconstruction Legislation—The Senate not Expected to Sustain the House—The New Reconstruction Bill Nearly Certain to pass the House—General Grant Expected to Sustain General Meade—S. S. Cox Nominated to Austria—A Bill Regulating Impeachment Trials—Burlingame's Chinese Mission—Surplus Funds—The States and the General Government—Bills Introduced—Cases in the Supreme Court—An Attempt to Deprive General Hancock of His Rank—The Senate Against the Removal of Stanton.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Immense meetings were held in the North on Saturday regarding the safety of naturalized citizens abroad. The question is assuming startling importance.

The radical county convention at Indianapolis resolved to instruct delegates to the State convention to incorporate a plank for payment of bonds with legal money unless otherwise indorsed.

The excitement regarding the additional reconstruction legislation is intense.

The impression gains ground that the Senate will not sustain the House in its aggressive legislation regarding the Supreme Court.

Proceedings in the House to-day render the passage of the new reconstruction bill on Wednesday almost certain.

This evening's Express says: "We have reason to believe that General Meade has been assured that General Grant will stand by him in any action that he may find it necessary to take regarding the governor and treasurer of Georgia."

S. S. Cox has been nominated for the Austrian mission.

The judiciary committee are required to report a bill regulating impeachment trials.

Information from the president regarding Burlingame's Chinese mission was demanded.

The secretary of the treasury is asked if there are not surplus funds on hand which could be advantageously covered into the treasury.

The bill amending the Constitution so as to provide tribunals to adjudicate differences arising between the government and the States, was taken up, but the Senate went into executive session and adjourned.

House.—Under the regular Monday's call the following bills were introduced:

To establish a bureau for the relief of freedmen.

Defining the belligerent rights of the United States.

Requiring two-thirds of the Supreme Court to pronounce laws unconstitutional.

For passage of the tariff bill as soon as possible.

To construct a railroad bridge across the Ohio river at Paducah, Ky.

To fund the national debt.

Protecting American citizens abroad.

Declaring the fourteenth article adopted.

The speaker submitted a communication from the war department, asking transportation South, for certain provisions.

The rules were suspended by 116 to 44, for the introduction of the additional reconstruction bill, which was telegraphed Saturday. The bill will be debated to-morrow and Wednesday, when a vote will be taken on it; the minority are pledged to make no dilatory motion.

The rules were suspended and the bill introduced and passed, making five judges of the Supreme Court a quorum, and requiring two-thirds of the full bench to make valid any action infringing directly or indirectly on the laws of Congress; and should district court decisions affect, in any way, the constitutionality or validity of such laws, said decision shall be certified to the Supreme Court, and unless two-thirds of the full bench concur, said decision shall stand reversed—vote 116 to 39. Adjourned.

In the Supreme Court the following cases have been decided:

Clements vs. Nicholson, Moore vs. Clements, from Western Texas—decisions reversed, with directions to enter decree accordingly.

League vs. Atchison, from the Eastern district of Texas—reversed with costs.

United States vs. Sea Witch and cargo, from Louisiana—affirmed.

Senate.—A bill authorizing the sale of Harper's Ferry was introduced. Also, a bill reducing the federal army.

James Lenrick, second teller of Moses Taylor's New York City bank, is the alleged defaulter that was alluded to in the noon dispatches to-day. The bank is a strong concern, having a surplus of nearly a million of dollars. Lenrick had a furlough to visit the country, but went to Europe

After the vote on the bill to reorganize the rules of the Supreme Court in the House to-day, Garfield moved to suspend the rules that he might introduce a bill to reduce and improve the military establishment by the discharge of one major general, the one last commissioned in the grade before the first of January, 1868—Hancock. After decided intimations on the part of Brooks, Randall and others, that they would resort to filibustering to prevent the passage of the bill, Garfield withdrew his motion, giving notice that he would renew it next Monday.

The Senate to-day, after an executive session of five hours, passed the resolution reported from the committee on military affairs, declaring the reasons of the president for removing Stanton from the war department insufficient, and that they do not therefore concur in the act of suspension. The vote on the passage of the resolution was, yeas 35, nays 6. The Senate then ordered a certified copy of the resolution to be sent to the president, Grant and Stanton.

Thomas [illegible] to-morrow, to reduce the number of major generals to four, and of brigadier generals to nine; the object of which is to legislate out of commission Major Gen. Hancock and Brig. Gen. Rousseau.

FROM JACKSON.

The Reconstruction Convention.

JACKSON, Jan. 13.—A resolution was adopted to appoint a committee of three to inquire into the validity of the charter of the Jackson Gas Light Company, with power to send for persons and papers.

A resolution was offered by a colored member, but not finally acted upon, for the appointment of a committee of seven to inquire into the charges preferred against a portion of the people of this State, as promulgated in the recent proclamation by B. G. Humphreys, provisional governor of Mississippi.

The president having announced the receipt of 150 copies of the Alabama Constitution from the executive committee of the National Union Republican party, Mr. Cunningham moved a vote of thanks. Mr. Watson objected; hoped the convention would confine itself to the special duties for which it had assembled. Did not understand why so many thanks were necessary in that or any other direction.

On motion of Mr. Fields, the resolution was amended, returning thanks to the committee for what they had already done and for what it intended doing in future, and so amended was adopted.

The following was made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock: That a committee of five be appointed by the chair, whose duty it shall be to ascertain whether any member of this convention has in any way identified himself against the reconstruction acts of Congress, and had declared the assemblage of the convention unconstitutional, and who does not regard the ordinances or acts of this convention as valid; and to report the same as soon as possible.

The majority report of the committee on compensation recommended twenty dollars per day for the president, ten for each member; reporter, fifteen; secretary, fifteen; each assistant, ten; sergeant-at arms, ten; mileage each way, twenty cents.

Mr. Field moved to recommit, with instructions to bring in a report reducing the fees enumerated at least sixty per cent.

Mr. Compton submitted as a minority report, preamble and resolutions, declaring the convention unconstitutionally convened, not competent to make amendments to the Constitution of Mississippi; therefore the officers and members were not entitled to compensation for any services they may propose to render in such capacity to the people of Mississippi or the people of the United States, and concluding: Be it further

Resolved. That this assembly do now adjourn *sine die.* There was much discussion, but action was finally postponed on both reports.

Clarke offered a resolution, which was adopted, providing that no motion to adjourn *sine die* should be entertained unless five days' previous notice be given. Thereupon Townsend gave notice that he would, on Saturday, the 18th instant, make a motion that the convention so adjourn.

Adjourned.

FROM RICHMOND.

Arrival and Reception of Butler—The Reconstruction Convention.

RICHMOND, Jan. 13.—General Butler arrived here to-day. A large concourse of blacks met him at the depot. A procession composed of deputations from colored societies, and a large number of prominent Republicans in coaches escorted him to the hotel. He speaks to-night.

In the reconstruction convention a resolution was introduced to appoint a committee to inquire into the propriety of releasing Virginia from her debt incurred prior to and during the war, was laid over.

The amendment embodying recognition of the Deity in the bill of rights was adopted.

An article declaring that Virginia shall ever remain one of the United States, and a substitute to the effect that the government of the United States can only be dissolved by the consent of the majority or armed revolution. Both offered by Republicans. They were discussed until the committee rose.

A resolution declaring secession null, and the citizens of the Southern States still citizens of the United States was ordered to be printed. Adjourned.

FROM ATLANTA.

Order from Gen. Meade—State Officers Removed.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 13.—The following was issued this morning: Headquarters, Third Military District, Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 13, 1868.—General Orders No. 8—First. Charles J. Jenkins, provisional governor and John Jones provisional treasurer of the State of Georgia, having declined to respect the instructions of, and failed to co-operate with the major general commanding the third military district, are hereby removed from office.

Second—By virtue of the authority granted by the supplementary reconstruction act of Congress, passed July 19, 1867, the following named officers are detailed for duty in the District of Georgia: Brevet Brig. Gen. Thos. H. Ruger, colonel 33d infantry, to be governor of the State of Georgia. Brevet Captain Chas. D. Rockwell, ordnance corps U. S. army, to be treasurer of the State of Georgia.

Third—The above named officers will proceed without delay to Milledgeville, Ga., and enter upon the discharge of the duties devolving upon them, subject to instructions from these headquarters.

By order of Major General Meade:

R. C. DRUM, A. A. G.

At 10:30 A. M. this order was read to the convention, amid applause at section first.

FROM EUROPE.

Condition of Affairs in Paraguay—Recall of a Russian Minister—The Policy of the Sultan.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Accounts by the Rio Janeiro mail show that the condition and prospects of the Paraguayans are favorable. Lopez commands at Humaita, and is enthusiastically supported, all classes of the population working energetically to supply him with men and provisions. When the steamer sailed the allies were pushing men to the front.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Baron DeBudleug, Russian minister to France, has been recalled, to fill an important home position.

QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 13.—The steamer Chicago, from New York, is ashore near this place.

VIENNA, Jan. 13.—Dispatches from the South indicate a more liberal policy on the part of the sultan. A decree has been issued suspending tithes for two years, and granting equal rights in Candia.

FROM SOUTHWEST PASS.

SOUTHWEST PASS, Jan. 13—1 P. M.—U. S. revenue cutter Wilderness passed up at 6:30 this A. M. A towboat with a ship and bark passed up at 10 A. M. United States survey schooner Varina and a three-masted schooner sailed up at 11:30.

Sailed—Ship Herald. Wind east; blowing strong. Barometer 30:50.

Arrived yesterday, bark Jas. E. Ward, Lauderkin, in ballast, and French bark Severe.

Sailed yesterday, steamship Cromwell.

SOUTHWEST PASS, Jan. 13.—Southwest Pass, 6 P. M.—Barometer 30.40, wind east, strong. The ship Mongola, Melcher master, returned in distress with loss of spars and sails. Arrived American brig Monieta, Lifair master, with cargo of wines to Blanchin & Girand; brig Music, Klein, master, with cargo of coffee to J. L. Phipps & Co. No departures.

RIVER NEWS.

VICKSBURG, Jan. 13.—Passed up last night: Kilgour at 7 o'clock. Passed down: Ezra Porter at 2 A. M., Virginia at 1 P. M.

River rising.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 13.—Governor Hays was inaugurated this afternoon.

BUFFALO, Jan. 15.—The unrecognized bodies of the victims of the late railroad disaster at Angola, seventeen in all, were buried at Forrest Town Cemetery, this morning, in separate graves. A large lot was purchased by the Buffalo and Erie Railroad for this purpose, and they intend to erect a monument upon it.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The Tribune's Atlanta special says that Meade has removed the governor and treasurer of Georgia, and appointed Col. Thos. H. Ruger, of 33d infantry, governor, and treasurer.

The dispatch adds that it is reported that the president has directed Meade to suspend his order removing Jenkins.

VICKSBURG, Jan. 13.—The steamer Homeyer was burned at Foulk's landing, on Ouachita river, 20 miles below Monroe, on Sunday, at 9 o'clock A. M. The boat and cargo of 900 bales of cotton are a total loss.

The boat was crowded with passengers, all of whom, with the crew, were saved. She took fire from a coal oil lamp in the engine room, while lying at the landing.

HAVANA, Jan. 13.—Lersundi is taking energetic steps to suppress assaults on persons and property. Sickness among the negroes is diminishing.

The Custom House officials refuse time notes, unless guaranteed.

Exchange on Paris 1 per cent. discount. Currency in New York improving.

MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 13—Noon.—Consols, 92¾. Bonds, 71¾.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 13.—Bonds, 71¾.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 13—Noon.—Cotton active and buoyant; advanced 1-16d. Sales 20,000 bales. Middling uplands 7¼@7⅜d.; middling Orleans 7½d. Other markets unchanged.

LONDON, Jan. 13—Evening.—Consols 92⅞; bonds 71⅞@71¾.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 13—Evening.—Cotton firm; sales 18,000 bales; uplands 7⅜d., Orleans 7¾d. Common Wilmington rosin advanced to 6s. 3d.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Flour 5@10c. lower. Wheat drooping. Corn heavy.

Pork quiet; old $21 12½. Lard quiet. Cotton firmer; middling uplands 16¾c. Freights firm. Gold 139¼. Bonds—old 109; new 105¼.

Reported defalcation of $400,000 in a Wall street bank.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Gold closed at 140⅞.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Cotton ¼@⅛c. better, closing quiet; uplands 16¾@17c. Flour—State $8 60@$10 90, Southern $10@$15. Wheat dull. Corn firm; mixed Western $1 33, white Southern $1 30@$1 31. Oats 1c. higher. Pork and Lard unchanged. Groceries dull. Turpentine 33@34c. Rosin $2 90@$7. Freights firm; cotton by sail 1 7-16, by steam ½@¾.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Money—more active demand, but the market closed easy at 5@6 for call loans. Exchange weak—9⅜@9½. Gold active and excited, moving up to 141, but closed at 140¼. Stocks active and strong, with an upward tendency.

Sub-treasury business to-day—Receipts $3,500,000; payments $2,500,000; balance $98,590,000.

Governments closed strong; five-twenties of 1862, with coupons, 109¼; of '64, 107¼; of '65, 108; of '67, 105¾; ten-forties, 102¾; seven-thirties, 105¾; Tennessee sixes, 62; new, 61; Missouri sixes, 99¾.

SAVANNAH, Jan 13.—Cotton firm; sales 2500 bales; prices advanced ¼c.; middlings 15¾c.; receipts 2350 bales.

AUGUSTA, Jan. 13.—Cotton market very active; advanced ½c.; sales 1175 bales; receipts 320 bales; middlings 14¾@15c.

MOBILE, Jan. 13.—Cotton—sales 3700 bales; middlings 15@15¼c.; receipts 4443 bales.

Theatrical.

THE OPERA.—To eulogize "The Huguenots," which, in our opinion, is the masterpiece of the great composer, Meyerbeer, and if we did not fear to shock the susceptibilities of the *dilettanti*, we would dare to say more is superfluous. This great production, founded upon an historical theme—the massacre of St. Bartholomew—remarkable for its great combinations of melody and harmony, will be sung at the Opera House this evening, with a powerful cast. M'lles Lambelé and Fauschetti and Mme. Prévost Seguin will appear as *Valentine, The Page*, and the *Queen Marguerite;* Mr. Picot as *Raoul*, Van Huffien as *Marcel*, Lechevalier as *de Nevers*, and Dupin as *de St. Bris.* The other characters by the company. The opera will be produced in the usual imposing style of the Opera House, and all who may desire to witness this extraordinary performance, if they take our advice, had better apply early for seats.

VARIETIES.—The house was crowded last evening; every chair and camp stool in the building was occupied, and there were as many there to greet Jefferson as there had been to welcome Booth on the first night of his engagement. "Rip Van Winkle" was the performance, and Mr. Jefferson, as he came upon the stage in the first act, returning from an unsuccessful hunt among the Kaatskills, with his dog Schneider, his torn leathern coat swinging about his heels, and his trusty rifle on his shoulder, was cordially received by his audience. It was difficult to imagine that a year had elapsed since he last appeared on that stage. It seemed as if it were only yesterday that we had seen him there in the same character of the honest, weak, yielding *Rip Van Winkle.* He looks exactly the same as he did before, and acts the part as much better, if better be possible, as a year's additional practice can make him. The audience evinced unmistakable appreciation and enthusiasm throughout the performance. The piece is to be repeated this evening.

ST. CHARLES.—Mr. Forrest opened his engagement of ten nights last evening, appearing as *Richelieu.* He was admirably supported by Barton Hill as *De Mauprat*, and Miss Lillie, a young actress of Mr. Forrest's own training, as *Julie de Mortemer.* The theater was well filled, there being very few seats unoccupied, and all, we learn, having been disposed of. The support rendered by the company was, as a general thing, very inferior to what a fastidious critic would demand. Mr. Stevens, however, as *Louis the XIII*, and Hyams as *De Beringhen*, appeared to give very general satisfaction. Mr. Forrest will appear this evening as *Virginius.*

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The variety performances, including Ethiopian delineations by Rymar, Bloodgood, Delahauty and Hengler, dancing by M'lles Kate Wood and Leah, songs by Alf. Stewart, and wonderful and daring feats by the Miaco brothers, make up an entertainment nightly such as any one will be certain to enjoy. The stage is under the management of Dolly Davenport, (not dead yet,) and it is to his experience and care that are due the regularity and system with which the performances invariably pass off. We learn that amusing and sensational novelties are in preparation, and shortly to be produced; one, in particular, which will fill the Academy and set its occupants roaring from the pit to the troisième.

ROBINSON'S COMBINATION.—This extensive establishment after a protracted and successful stay, folded its tents yesterday, like the Arabs, and silently stole away to Carrollton, where its exhibitions will be renewed. We commend it to our neighbors of Jefferson, as a sightly show, if not one of the best that has ever passed through this section. They will find that Manager W. H. Hough, and Treasurer G. N. Robinson, are genial, whole-souled men, just such as are capable of making an institution of the kind popular. If the circus ever comes this way again, it will appear incomplete if they are not with it.

LADIES CONCERT.—On Thursday evening there is to be given at the National Theater, under the direction of M'lle O. Romey, a musical entertainment for the benefit of the asylum recently established by Father Turgis for the widows and orphans of Southern soldiers. Appealing as this object does directly to the hearts of so many in the community, it certainly ought to receive the attention which it deserves. Tickets for the entertainment may be purchased at any of the music stores.

CRESCENT CITY MUSEUM.—The numerous visitors entering this favorite place of amusement on St. Charles street, are a sufficient indication to strangers of its whereabouts. There are some very rare curiosities offered for the inspection of guests, and none come away dissatisfied. The museum is always open from 9 A. M. until midnight.

THE GREAT DRY GOODS EMPORIUM.—Messrs. Wallace & Co., wholesale dealers and importers of dry goods, have just moved into their large and beautifully arranged store, corner of Magazine and Common streets. Having their stock now ready for examination, they respectfully invite the inspection of the trade, feeling confident that from their select and splendid assortment of goods they will be able to please the most fastidious, both as to quality and price. Messrs. Wallace & Co. conduct their business upon a bold and liberal principle, and having curtailed their expenses in rent alone to the amount of several thousand dollars, are thereby enabled to give their customers the benefit of it in the price of their purchases. Parties visiting the city with a view to purchasing may rest assured that this stock of dry goods and notions is one of the most complete in the South, and the inducements offered by Messrs. Wallace & Co. are of such a character as will invite their custom.

A RICHMOND HORSE GONE TO NEW ORLEANS.—The celebrated trotting mare "Bettie Ward" left this city yesterday morning for New Orleans, but will stop at Columbia and Mobile, where she has [illegible] to New Orleans horses. She is a thorough-bred Kossuth mare, and was raised in this city, and is now owned by Mr. Dan Ward. In all her engagements she is to trot to a sulky weighing sixty pounds, which was built for General Butler—a horse—not the other beast.—[Richmond Enquirer and Examiner.

Mr. George A. Pike has been chosen W. M. of St. James's Lodge, at Baton Rouge.

THE ALLEGED FIRING ON AMERICAN VESSELS BY RUSSIAN MEN-OF-WAR.—The president sent a message to the House on the 8th, in answer to a resolution censuring the alleged interference by a Russian man-of-war with vessels of the United States in Ohkotsk sea. The Russian having warned out of the bay near Sharter Island certain American whaleships which were found there, one of which not replying with sufficient promptness was fired at with solid shot, whereupon she took her departure. These facts were communicated to the State department by Mr. Chase, vice-consul agent in Amoor country. Mr. Hicks, of Massachusetts, also communicated to Mr. Seward, from Capt. Thomas, master of the ship Europa, that that and other vessels while cruising for whales, had been disturbed by a Russian vessel, and invoking the protection of the government. Mr. Seward, on the 23d of December, addressed a letter to Mr. Stoeckl, asking whether the latter had received any information on the subject. Mr. Stoeckl replied, on the 28th of December, that he had reason to believe that the incident in question was the result of exaggeration, and he would address his government without delay on the subject, in order to ascertain the facts.

BANK OF NEW ORLEANS.—In another column will be found a list of directors for the Bank of New Orleans, which comprises some of the best merchants and business men of the city.

"There are indications that Great Britain will "come down" as suddenly in the affair of the rights of naturalized American citizens, of British birth, as we did in the case of Mason and Slidell. Every nation, like every dog, has its day.

[Louisville Journal.

Local Intelligence.

REPORTORIAL BREVITIES.—The managers of the Opera House propose to give a series of five society balls. The subscription price to be fifteen dollars for the series. A good idea, which cannot fail to be remunerative.

The house of Capt. Scott, corner of Pleasant street, and the house of Mrs. Boynes, corner of St. Andrew and Constance streets, were both entered by burglars Sunday night. Several articles were stolen from both places.

We can state, upon the most reliable authority, that many, many of the residents of this city have never seen the Mississippi river or a steamboat.

The temperature, yesterday, as shown by the thermometer at C. Duhamel's, corner Bienville and Chartres streets, was as follows: At 6 A. M. 48 degrees; at 12 M. 52; at 3 P. M. 55; at 6 P. M. 57.

The St. Charles Black Crook company has gone to Mobile, where the performance of the piece is to be resumed.

The convention now in session at Mechanics' Institute has called upon Gen. Hancock for a definite understanding as to his intended action in enforcing the collection of taxes to defray the expenses of that "honorable body." As yet, it is stated, no money has been received by the collectors.

The new steamer Dexter, from Louisville, is at the levee, and will be found well worth a visit.

The steam levee building machine will be at work every day this week, at the Fair Grounds, for the benefit of those persons desirous of inquiring into its merits. To-morrow it will commence digging a lake on the Grounds.

The awarding committees of classes 6, 7, A and 13, are requested to meet at the office of the superintendent of the Fair Grounds, at ten o'clock this morning.

The exhibitors at the Fair Grounds who require cotton to show the operation of the machines, complain of the very poor quality of cotton furnished for the purpose.

THE FIREMEN'S CONTEST AT THE FAIR GROUNDS.—The grand firemen's contest for the special premium, the magnificent bronze Neptune clock, offered by Mr. C. H. Zimmermann, the celebrated jeweler of Canal street, will take place to-day at the Fair Grounds. The following companies have been entered: No. 20 by M. Briedy, No. 5 by C. W. Grandjean, No. 13 by James Murray, No. 14 by Jno. Brugnions, No. 23 by Chas. P. Doer, No. 7 by F. Berger, No. 3 by Chas. Hemard, Hope Hook and Ladder No. 3, by Wm. Swan, No. 21 by Phil. Hoffman, No. 12 by J. J. Sullivan, and No. 6 by P. H. Waters. The race will be against time, each company to run one-half mile to the best advantage, with ten men, to work by suction and throw water through fifty feet of hose. The race will be of an exciting nature to outsiders as well as to the fire department, and large wagers have already been made upon the result.

THE RADICAL NOMINATING CONVENTION.—The convention of the radical party, to nominate candidates for the State offices to be filled by popular election, under the Constitution now being framed, met at nine o'clock last evening, in the hall of the House of Representatives, pursuant to adjournment, the Rev. Thomas R. Conway in the chair, and Vigera, secretary.

The convention first proceeded to the choice of a candidate for governor, and on the second ballot Mr. Warmouth was chosen, the ballots being as follows:

	First.	Second.
Warmouth	37	45
Dumas	41	43
Taliaferro	3	—
Wickliffe	5	—
Blackburn	9	—

For lieutenant governor, Mr. Dumas, the alderman (colored), was nominated on the first ballot, as follows:

Dumas	57
Newsham	15
Blackburn	9

For secretary of state, G. A. Bovee received the nomination, on the third ballot, the several votes standing thus:

	First.	Second.	Third.
Henry Boseigneur, (colored)	23	31	29
J. W. Mader	9	—	—
S. W. Lewis	9	—	—
G. A. Bovee	23	31	52
J. H. Ingraham, (colored)	15	17	—
J. W. Menefee	1	—	—
W. George	1	—	—
Milton Morris	1		
Wm. R. Crane	—	2	2

At 12 o'clock the convention adjourned, to meet again to-night to complete the nominations.

PERSONAL.—We are glad to learn that Mr. E. C. Wharton, who has been so seriously ill lately that he has not been able to attend to his duties as editor of the Fair Grounds Reporter, is improving fast.

SUICIDE.—On Saturday last, in the most inclement part of the day, a man was found lying in Jackson Square, speechless and in agony. The supposition was that he was diseased and suffering from cold and exposure. He was taken to the police station near by, and laid near the stove, but instead of getting better he became worse, and was taken with violent spasms. He was then sent to the Charity Hospital, and died on the way.

The coroner held an inquest upon the body at the hospital, and Dr. Smyth, who made the post mortem examination, believing that the symptoms of the man's sickness, as described to him, indicated that he had been poisoned, gave the stomach to Mr. Laster, the apothecary of the hospital, for analysis of its contents, and he found that death had been caused by cyanuide of potassium, and the jury of inquest returned a verdict that the poison had been administered by the man himself or by some unknown person.

Although this verdict leaves it doubtful whether the case was one of suicide or of homicide, circumstances have come to light which induce a conviction that the man destroyed himself.

He was a German, named Kifer, about thirty years of age, a shoemaker by trade, and an excellent workman. At the time of his death he was employed as a journeyman in a shop at the corner of Moreau and Mandeville streets. Last summer his wife died of yellow fever, when she was far advanced in pregnancy, and shortly after he attempted to commit suicide. He shot himself in the mouth with a pistol, but the ball, instead of entering into the brain, passed out through the cheek, and in a few weeks he had recovered from the wound. Latterly he made marriage proposals to three or four young women, all of whom rejected his suit, and it is supposed that his failure to procure a partner, after so many trials, and, perhaps, a strong attachment to some one of the fair ones who refused his proposals, brought him to that desperate state of mind in which men resolve to "shuffle off this mortal coil."

MR. J. B. SLAWSON.—The gentleman reported as missing since Thursday last, in our Sunday's issue, is not Mr. J. B. Slawson, sr., but his nephew, who was recently superintendent of the City Railroad Company. When last seen Mr. Slawson wore a dark cassimere suit and overcoat.

The employés at the station of the Tchoupitoulas street, while dragging the well of that place in their search for Mr. Slawson, have found some the lost gentleman has been arrived at.

ROBBERY.—About a quarter to 4 o'clock A. M. yesterday, the premises No. 130, corner of Annunciation and Philip streets, were burglariously entered by some persons unknown, and robbed of two gold and one silver watches, three gold chains, one pocket-book, containing $150, a lot of valuable papers and two other pocket-books, the contents not known. The burglars were seen by the officer who pursued them, but they succeeded in effecting their escape.

FIRE.—A fire broke out yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock in a frame house occupied by Jacob Breck, at the corner of Marigny and Casacalvo streets, and completely consumed the building; the fire then extended to two other houses adjoining the first, which were also consumed. Two of the houses were owned by Mr. John Hilbruton, and were insured for $2500. The third house was owned by Mrs. Hooper, and was insured for a like amount. The house of Dr. Lyons, adjoining the burnt buildings, was damaged by fire and water to the extent of $1200. Fire supposed to be the work of an incendiary.]

CITY MORTALITY.—Dr. Geo. W. Dirmeyer, secretary of the Board of Health; makes the following report of the interments occurring in this city during the week ending at 6 o'clock Sunday morning: Total 156, of which 62 died of cholera, 1 yellow fever, 3 congestion of the brain, 11 consumption, 8 stillborn, and 66 of various ordinary diseases. 80 were males, 75 females, and 1 infant; 92 were whites, 42 blacks, 17 mulattoes and 5 not classified; 84 were natives of the United States, 35 not stated, and 37 foreigners; 30 were under 1 year, 24 between 1 and 5, 19 between 5 and 15, 8 between 15 and 25, 12 between 25 and 30, 24 between 30 and 40, 16 between 40 and 50, 17 between 50 and 60, 8 between 60 and 70, 5 between 70 and 80, and 2 whose ages were not reported.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT—*Judge Howe—Jan.* 13. James P. Bird informed against for stealing a valuable watch and chain, some jewelry and a small sum of money belonging to a lady on board the bark Sharpsburg, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to imprisonment for one month in the Parish Prison.

Anthony Dowd pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying a weapon concealed, and was sentenced to ten days imprisonment.

In the case of A. Swanton and Antonio Feitas, accused of assault and battery, *nolle prosequi* was entered.

The grand jury found a true bill against Henry Harris, a colored man, for man slaughter, charged to have been committed in killing Louis Morris, also colored, by striking him on the head with a cpstan bar, on the steamboat Calumet.

RECORDER NEVILLE'S COURT.—Edward Fontena, colored, was arrested on Sunday at the request of Mrs. Madeline Stringer, who charges him with having, on the same day, in front of Poydras Market, stolen from the hands of her daughter, aged six years, a pocketbook containing eleven dollars in paper currency, two dollars in silver and a lottery ticket of the value of twenty-five cents, the property of deponent. Upon being arraigned, the recorder fixed the case for the 28th, and required Fontena to give bonds in the sum of $500.

John O'Brien, charged with assault and battery by Mary O'Keefe, was surrendered into court by his security, and after a preliminary examination, was sent to the First District Court under bonds of $250.

Thos. Nash, colored, was sent for ten days to the Parish Prison on a charge of larceny.

H. C. Gruble, will be tried on the 28th, on a charge preferred against him by Daniel Block, No. 261 Perdido street, of forging his name on a receipt for fifteen dollars with intent to defraud deponent.

H. C. Gribble, the party above named, and Charles Suter, were arraigned on a charge of perjury and subornation of perjury, preferred against them by the said Block. The perjury is alleged to have been committed by Suter in a suit before the second justice's court.

Martha John, charged by Jessie Brown with assault and battery, being armed with a dangerous weapon, will be examined on the 28th.

Thomas Jackson and Michael Orion, charged with being suspicious characters, were required to give vouchers or go to the Workhouse for ninety days.

Frank Montgomery alias John Harrison, and C. F. Clark, both of the First U. S. Infantry, were sent to the First District Court for trial, on a charge made by special officer Bradley, of having on the 13th of December last obtained money and clothing, amounting to $247, from one E. C. Gerstenberg, by giving him a check on the assistant treasurer of the United States for a similar amount, purporting to be signed by David McClure, brevet colonel and quartermaster U. S. A. Bonds $1000 each.

RECORDER GASTINEL'S COURT.—Frank Robertson and Jas. Robertson were arrested on Sunday morning at the ball in the Orleans Ball Room, each having a pistol in his possession, on a charge of disturbing the peace and fighting. It the fight, a man known as "Texas Bill" was cut in two places, and Frank Robertson is accused of inflicting the wounds; but a certificate having been sent to the recorder from Dr. Gaudet, stating that the wounds are very slight, the prisoner was released on giving bail in the sum of $1000. The charge will be examined on Thursday. James Robertson was released upon paying twenty five dollars as a fine for carrying concealed weapons.

The case of Zenon Leveau, colored, accused of stealing a horse belonging to Jim Henry, colored, from the Story plantation, in the parish of St. Bernard, has been remitted by Recorder Letten to Recorder Gastinel, the horse having been found in the possession of the accused in the Second District.

Joseph Lafoucade, colored, residing at No. 157 Conti street, has been arrested, and is under bonds to appear to answer a charge preferred by his niece, Marie Santini, a girl about thirteen years of age, that on the morning of the 29th ult., and again on the 9th inst., he attempted to violate her person. The girl is an orphan, and was living in the family of the accused as an adopted child. Since the alleged attempts she has gone to her brother's house in the Third District to reside, and another complaint has been made against Lafoucade that he committed an assault and battery this morning on Antoine Esquiano, for no reason, only because Esquiano asked him for the girl's clothes.

Mrs. G. F. Hamilton, No. 63 Dauphin street, has had Chas. Williams, alias Chas. Woods, colored, arrested, on a charge that he stole about seventy dollars worth of plate from her house on New Year's day.

Andrew Kepper, arrested at the post office yesterday, upon an accusation of having broken open and rifled a trunk belonging to some one in the Third District, was sent before Recorder Letten, within whose jurisdiction the offence is charged to have been committed.

Funeral Obsequies of Col. I. G. Seymour.

The funeral obsequies of Col. I. G. Seymour, an old citizen of Macon, and a gallant Confederate officer, took place yesterday morning, from the passenger depot. Col. Seymour lost his life while battling for the "Lost Cause," at Mechanicsville, in 1862.

The remains, in charge of his son, Capt. Wm. J. Seymour, reached Macon on Tuesday, and were placed in the gentleman's parlor of the passenger depot. Here they remained in state, the box enclosing the casket covered with a black pall and surmounted by a uniform of the Macon Volunteers, of which the deceased was once captain.

This uniform was the property of our old and esteemed confrere of the Journal and Messenger, Mr. S. Rose, and was the identical one worn by him, on the formation of the Macon Volunteers, in 1825. It was in an excellent state of preservation, and looked as good as new. It was placed as a token of love and esteem upon the bier of his old comrade and commander.

At the appointed hour, notwithstanding the inclement weather, a large concourse of our best citizens assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory.

The large, fine wagon of the Southern Express Company was most tastefully converted into a funeral car, and covered with black, looped with white rosettes and wreathed with evergreens, presenting a most appropriate appearance. It was drawn by four of the large splendid horses of the company.

Preceded by Rev. H. K. Rees, pastor of Christ Church, Macon, the remains were taken up and deposited in the hearse, and followed by a large number of sorrowing friends and acquaintances, the cortege took up its line of march for Rose Hill Cemetery, where, after the solemn and impressive funeral services of the Episcopal Church were read by Dr. Rees, the body was deposited in the family vault, and all that was mortal of a gallant soldier of three wars—a great, true, generous-hearted gentleman—were left to await the Resurrection trump.

Col. Seymour was long a resident of