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THE CRESCENT'S DISPATCHES.

FROM MOBILE.

The Winter Meeting over the Magnolia Course.

FOURTH AND LAST DAY.

[Special Dispatch to the New Orleans Crescent.]

MOBILE, Dec. 21.—This was by far the most successful day we have had.

The first race, two mile heats, was won by T. G. Moore's *Fanny Cheatham*, beating E. Warwick's *Transit* in three heats. She won the first and last heats.

Fanny was the favorite five to one. Time—3:58¼; 3:47½; 3:57½.

The second race, mile heats for beaten horses, was won by Richardson and Kilgour's *Bettie Bay*, beating *Joe Johnston* and *Faro* in two heats, distancing Faro the first heat. Time—1:49; 1:49½.

Johnston was the favorite; even against the field.

The third race, for Sherrod colts, was won by T. B. Patterson's *Wisenhunt* in two heats, beating Smith and Hill's colts. Time—1:54¼; 1:57½.

MARIUS.

[Dispatch to Associated Press.]

MOBILE, Dec. 21.—First Race—Two mile heats; purse $400. *Fannie Cheatham*, 1 1; *Transit*, 2 1 2. Time—3:58¼; 3:47¼; 3:57½.

Second race—Mile heats for beaten horses; purse $200. *Bettie Bay*, 1 1; *Joe Johnston*, 2 2; *Faro* distanced. Time—1:49; 1:49½.

Third race—For Sherrod colts; purse $200. Won by *Wisenhunt*. Time—1:54¼; 1:57½.

FROM WASHINGTON

Property to be Attached—The Georgia Case—Proceedings of Congress—Executive Nominations for Louisiana—Letter from Seward on Trade with Hayti—Supreme Court—Safety of Extradition Prisoners—Report on Revenue Frauds—The Retrenchment Committee on Perry Fuller—Mr. Creecy and the Tobacco Seizure.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The government will proceed to attach the property of Frazer, Trenholm & Co., on a judgment for half a million dollars. Proceedings will commence January 1st.

This morning's Republican says the Senate judiciary committee has decided that there is no necessity for congressional action in reference to Georgia, and will report Senator Edmund's bill back with amendments.

Senate.—Wilson introduced a bill allowing associate justices of the Supreme Court having attained the age of seventy to resign, with continuance of salary for life.

A motion to add two members to the Pacific Railroad committee, giving the South a representation, is pending, with a sharp sectional debate in progress.

House.—Without a quorum. No business. Adjourned.

The president has nominated W. O. Lofland, collector of internal revenue for the first district of Louisiana, Adolph Bouchard for the third district, and James Hart assessor for the third district.

The dispatch steamer Tallapoosa left for Aspinwall to-day.

The reconstruction committee had the Georgia and Mississippi cases up to-day, but adjourned without action till January 5.

Mr. Seward, answering a letter from New York merchants, says: "It is my duty to inform you that the United States are at peace with the republic of Hayti. The government of the United States will protect no United States citizens who attempt to trade in Haytien ports in violation of any existing blockade or any lawful decree of the government of the Haytien republic, which has been recognized by the United States. All persons trading in insurrectionary ports of Hayti will be liable to be dealt with according to the processes and principles of international law."

In the case of Gordon vs. the United States, appealed from the court of claims, that the award made by the secretary of war was null and void upon repeal of the joint resolution directing it, and that an action founded on that award must be dismissed, the action of the secretary of war in making the award was held to be ministerial and not binding on the government. The case is from Florida and involves damages on account of the war.

The court adjourns from the 24th inst. to January 4th, on which day original actions between States and actions arising under the Constitution will be called.

Senator Trumbull's bill providing for the safety of extradition prisoners is approved by Secretary Seward.

The retrenchment committee publish a report on revenue frauds. They say: "The greatest want is undoubtedly of honest officials, but no improvement can be hoped for in that direction under the present executive, a fact Congress should have realized and acted upon long ago, and then devised a system which human ingenuity and official sagacity could not easily circumvent." They say most of the distilleries are running now in fraud of the revenue.

A hospital in course of construction, attached to the Howard University, a freedmen's institution, fell to-day, hurting 15 persons, 12 of whom were colored, 5 seriously.

The Senate passed the resolution adding two Southern senators to the Pacific Railroad committee and adjourned.

The retrenchment committee discussing Mr. Johnson, says:

"The character of Mr. Johnson's appointments from then till now are illustrated in the case of Perry Fuller, who, after being rejected by the Senate almost unanimously as commissioner of internal revenue, and although rich from government and Indian contracts, desired the office of collector of customes in New Orleans, where the legitimate fees would not exceed $3600 per annum, yet New Orleans reeks with fraud even worse than New York."

This evening's Express says: "A report has been sent from this city to certain journals that C. E. Creecy, Esq., the newly appointed supervisor for Louisiana, is not entitled to half the proceeds of the tobacco recently seized at his instance at New Orleans on account of frauds on the revenue, because of Mr. Creecy's position as internal revenue supervisor."

There is no truth in the report. The commissioner has made no such decision, the effect of which would be to induce supervisors to consult the interests of the tobacco and whisky rings rather than the interests of the government. Mr. Creecy's reward for the New Orleans seizures will, it is expected, amount to $36,000.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Three Men Drowned.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 21.—The steamer Lucille, from Baltimore for Wilmington, ran down the schooner Champion, with oysters, drowning two men. The mate of the steamer James Lee, who went on board the schooner, was drowned.

FROM TALLAHASSEE.

The State Officials' Imbroglio.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 21.—Telegraphic information has been received here to-day that Judge Miller, of the United States Supreme Court, on the plea of the respondent Gleason, has signed the citation, which was refused signature here, in the case lately closed in the State Supreme Court by judgment of ouster against Lieut. Gov. Gleason, inquiring as to his title to office under the State Constitution.

The United States District Court is in session at Jacksonville, Fla., and it is reported here that efforts will be made to indict Gov. Reed before a jury for some failure or excess of duty while agent of the postoffice department previous to his election as governor. Also, to indict Senator Osborne for some misdealing while register in bankruptcy, previous to his election as senator.

FROM THE PASSES.

SOUTHWEST PASS, Dec. 21—Noon.—Barometer 30:40. Wind northeast and fresh. Arrived: Steamship United States, Morton, New York, to Wood, Low & Ludwigsen. Sailed: Ship St. James, bark Adelaide Norris and schooner Angelina.

SOUTHWEST PASS, Dec. 21—6 P. M.—Barometer 30:30. Wind north-northeast and light. Arrived: Steamships Bienville, Baker, New York, to Harris & Bidwell; Cortes, Nelson, New York, to A. Moulton; bark Joshua Loring, Loring, 18 days from New York, general cargo to G. A. Fosdick. Sailed: Steamship Rapidan.

PASS-A-L'OUTRE, Dec. 21.—Wind east-northeast and light. Sailed: Steamship Lavaca. Arrived: Spanish bark Antoinetta, Sala, to Puig Bros., and bark Florence Peters.

FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

LISBON, Dec. 21.—Rio Janeiro advices, to 6th inst., say no fighting has occurred since last report. Rear Admiral Davis and McMahon had gone to Asuncion.

FROM EUROPE.

The London Times on the President's Message—English Parliamentary Matters—The Eastern Question.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Johnson's full message has arrived. The Times refers to the president's stubbornness, denounces his repudiation, and approves of the Senate and House's disposition of the document.

Gladstone, Bright and Lowe have been re-elected to Parliament. Gladstone announced himself not wholly in favor of the ballot, but if free voting was impossible without such safeguard he was for the ballot. Bright also spoke before re-election, saying he declined the secretaryship for India on account of the severe labor of that position, and also because the popular views on the Indian policy were not sufficiently far advanced. He argued that the recent elections furnish fresh evidence in favor of the ballot, denounced the profligacy of the Tory party, and promised on the part of the cabinet economical administration of the government.

It is generally believed that the French ministerial changes are due to the influence of the anti-clerical free press.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sunday, Dec. 20.—The Porte approves of Hobart Pasha's conduct at Syra.

The ambassadors of Western powers decline to exercise protection of the affairs of Greek residents after their expulsion from Turkish dominion.

RIVER NEWS.

VICKSBURG, Dec. 21.—Passed up yesterday: Armadillo at 5 and Sam Merwin, with barges, at 6 P. M. Down: Leni Leoti at noon yesterday; Peoria City at 1 P. M.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 21.—Weather clear and cool. River swelling with 6 feet water in the canal.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Five feet of water in the channel to Cairo.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—The Twichell jury is completed.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21.—Rev. Wm. O'Reilly, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Newport, and vicar general of the Hartford diocese, died suddenly yesterday.

TORONTO, C. W., Dec. 21.—The queen's bench refused a new trial to Whalen.

MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 21—Noon—Consols 92¼. Bonds 74. Sugar firmer, but not higher.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21—Noon.—Cotton firm; sales estimated at 12,000 bales. Wheat firm. Corn 38s. 9d.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21—Afternoon—Cotton firm. Pork quiet. Tallow 48s. 3d.

LONDON, Dec. 21—Afternoon—Bonds 73¾.

HAVRE, Dec. 21—Cotton firmer, both afloat and on the spot. On the spot 154 bales; afloat, 1,22½.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Evening.—Consols 92½. Bonds 74½. Tallow heavy and weak, 48s. 3d.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21—Evening.—Cotton quiet, steady and unchanged.

HAVANA, Saturday, Dec. 19.—Lard advancing; tierces 18½@18¾; tins 19½@20. Flour flat. Butter active at 30@40. Bacon firmer 17½@18. Wax heavy; yellow 8@8½; white 9½@10. Potatoes $5 00@5 25. Hams in demand at 16@18. Freights quiet. Sugars nominal. Clayed molasses active at 4½@5 reals. Exchange on London 18@18½ premium; on Paris 3@4 premium. Federal currency, long, 19½@20½; short 18½@19½ discount. Gold, long, 6@7 premium; short, 8½@9.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—5-20's of 1862 110¼, of 1864 106¼, of 1865 107¼, do. new 110, of 1867 110¼, of 1868 110¼, 10-40's 105¼.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton opened firm, but closed dull, and a shade lower. Sales 1500 bales; middling uplands 25½@25¾c. Flour—State and Western superfine $6@6 20; Southern dull and drooping; common to fair extra $7@7 30. Wheat and corn dull and declining. New white Southern corn $1. Oats heavy and lower. Pork fairly active and firmer; new $27@27 75. Lard quiet and heavy; kettle 17½@17¾. Whisky quiet and unchanged. Groceries active and steady. Naval stores firm; turpentine 45½@46; rosin $2 35@2 37½. Freights firmer; cotton, by steam, ⅛@½; corn 8d.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—Evening.—Tennessees, new, 69. Virginias, new, 57. Money active and stringent. Call loans 7 ⅌ cent. currency to 7 in gold. Gold closed at 135¼. Sterling 109½@110¼. Stocks excited and strong. Sub treasury balance $90,310,000.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 21.—Tobacco sales 32 hogsheads; lugs to medium leaf $4@10 75. Hogs $9 50@9 75 gross. Mess Pork $28. Cotton 22½c. Bulk shoulders 11½c., clear rib sides 15c., clear sides 15½c. Lard 18c. Superfine flour $5 50@6. Wheat $1 80@$1 90. Oats 57@58c. Corn 60@63c. Rye $1 40. Whisky nominal.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—Flour and wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn 70@75c. Rye $1 38. Oats 63@64c. Cotton firm, middlings 23½@24c. Whisky $1. Pork $28. Bulk shoulders 11c.; sides 13½@14½c. Lard 17½@18c. Bacon shoulders 13c.; sides 16½@17½c. Butter 36@40c. Cheese 17½@19c. Apples $5@6.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Superfine flour $5 25@6 35. Wheat $1 50@2. Corn 63@64c. Oats 54@58c. Whisky 95@95½c. Pork held at $28. Bulk shoulders 10½c., sides 15½c. Bacon shoulders 12½c., clear sides 17½@17½c.; hams 17@17½c. Lard 17½c.

MOBILE, Dec. 21.—Cotton closed quiet but firm; middlings 23½c. Sales 3800 bales, including 1000 bales sold after market on Saturday. Receipts 2548 bales. Exports 1566 bales.

SOUTHERN PATENTS.—Col. Rufus R. Rhodes, solicitor of patents, No. 23 Commercial Place, officially reports to the CRESCENT the following complete list of patents granted Southern inventors for the week ending December 8, 1868:

District of Columbia—J. M. D. France, Washington, paper file; Alex. Adamson, Washington, shoulder brace.

Maryland—Jno. and G. D. Friese, Baltimore, conductor's punch.

Virginia—G. Graetz, Alexandria, match for lighting cigars and for other purposes; C. R. M. Pohle, Richmond, envelope.

West Virginia—Jas. Musgrove, New Cumberland, seed planter; Warren Morehead, Parkersburg, extension ladder.

North Carolina—W. B. Farrar, Greensborough, shutter and blind fastener.

Georgia—G. W. Cooper, Ogeechee, plow share.

Alabama—C. M. Reid, Greensborough, lubricator for journals.

Tennessee—C. McInturff, Greenville, car coupling.

Missouri—Hugh Reid, St. Louis, steam engine valve gear; Andrew Schmitt, California, salve for burns and scalds; Warren Wright, St. Louis, hominy and smut mill; P. G. Biggs, H. A. Butler and H. Granger, Macon, combined band cutter and feeder for thrashing machines; Arnold Davidsohn, St. Louis, railroad car heater; H. O. Hughes, Judson, bee hive; J. E. Sutphen, Louisiana, horse rake; G. E. Boisellier, St. Louis, compression cock; A. J. Elder, Kansas City, safety bridge for railroad cars.

RESCUE OF SHREVEPORT MURDERERS.—The following is the copy of a telegram received by Governor Warmoth:

"SHREVEPORT, Dec. 19, 1868.

"To His Excellency Gov. Warmoth:

"William Pittman and Heully, under sentence of imprisonment for life, pronounced this morning, for murder of Bob Watson, a colored man, were rescued from the custody of the sheriff on their way to the jail after sentence. The excitement here about it is intense. The police jury offer one thousand dollars reward. Will the State offer five thousand dollars, or how much?

"JOHN J. HORN, Sheriff Caddo Parish."

Governor Warmoth telegraphed to the sheriff of Caddo this morning, authorizing him to offer one thousand dollars reward in behalf of the State for the arrest and conviction of the offenders.—[Republican, 21.

Local Intelligence.

THE FIREMEN'S CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION OF JEFFERSON give their ball Saturday evening, January 2d, at Odd Fellows' Hall. At the head of one column of managers appears the name of Gen. G. T. Beauregard, another column is led by Gen. Lovell H. Rousseau, while Mr. I. N. Marks brings up the third. With such an array success is positively certain.

On the committee of arrangements (skirmish line?) are Messrs. Mayer, Phillips, Weiss, Freidle, Friend, O'Brien and Michel. When this affair comes off, dull care and the army of blue devils will be whipped clean off the field. A special correspondent will be despatched on the scene of action and a full account will be given to the anxious public.

OSYKA TRIBE No. 1, I. O. R. M., give a grand regular and fancy dress ball at Masonic Hall next Saturday night, the proceeds of the entertainment to go to their fund for widows and orphans. To the sachems and warriors of Osyka Tribe are extended the hearty good wishes of the CRESCENT.

THE METROPOLITAN POLICE AGAIN.—Two or three nights ago, as a gentleman was walking home from a visit—a gentleman who is perfectly sober and quiet in his habits and demeanor, and who also was one of the bravest colonels in the army of Virginia—he was stopped at the corner of St. Peter and Rampart streets by a man in the garb of a policeman. It was about half-past 8 or 9 o'clock. The policeman, or the man in the garb of a policeman, put a polite question to the gentleman. The gentleman made a polite answer, but immediately felt the policeman's (or the man in the garb of a policeman) hand in his pocket, sounding its depths. The colonel's first impulse was to draw back and strike the pickpocket. Quick as he was, however, the other was quicker. The colonel received a staggering blow on the side of his head, which stunned him for a moment. When he looked up, the policeman, or the individual in policeman's uniform, was running away as fast as his legs could carry him. The runaway had made a grab at the colonel's watch-guard, but the watch kept in its fob and the chain gave way. That scoundrel had better keep out of the colonel's way. If ever they meet, it will be hard tussle for him.

HE HAS THE BULL BY THE HORNS.—It is rumored about the French market that a Gascon butcher won the great prize of $200,000 in gold in the Havana lottery, at the last drawing. Also, that the lucky man, who already had an independence in life estimated at $40,000, had sold a quarter of his ticket to one of his workmen. The most absurd kind of rumors have spread all over the purlieus of the market with regard to the manner in which the butcher received the news of his good fortune. Some say he gave away his meat to every person that passed with a market basket. Others say he treated every one of his fellow butchers; others, again, that he acted like a crazy man. If the prize was his, there is no wonder at any story that might be told of his antics. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars in gold has turned the honesty of many a senator in Congress, and may be excusable for turning the head of a good hearted and liberal Gascon butcher.

ONE HUNDRED DEATHS were reported last week, the number being a decrease of seven from that reported for the week previous, of these 9 died of consumption, 2 in childbed, 7 still-born, 3 tris. nascentium, 5 premature birth, 4 old age, and the rest from various diseases, 30 were under 1 year of age, 16 between 1 and 15; 15 between 15 and 30; 25 between the ages of 30 and 60; 11 between the ages of 60 and 100; 100 years and upward, 1; unknown, 1. Of the total 63 were natives of the United States; 8 of Ireland; 6 of Germany; 3 of France; 2 of England; 1 of Italy, 1 of Canada, 1 of Africa, 1 of Prussia, 2 of Spain and 12 whose nativity was not stated. There were 52 males, 45 females and 3 with sex not stated. Whites, 60; blacks, 24; mulattoes, 5, and 11 not stated.

SUIT FOR SALARY.—In the Fifth District Court, Judge Leaumont, William W. Handlin, of this city, yesterday filed a petition averring that on the 3d day of November, 1863, he was appointed judge of the State court, known under the style of the First District Court of New Orleans, by commission from George F. Shepley, then governor of Louisiana, to hold and exercise said office under the Constitution and laws then in force; that he performed the duties of said office faithfully during the whole business season; that he could not be displaced without cause, to be determined by impeachment or some other form of trial; that M. Hahn, claiming to be governor of Louisiana, on the 13th of July, 1864, published a pretended order, purporting to remove relator from office without notice or form of trial, setting forth that relator had rendered judgment recognizing the existence of slavery in the parish of Orleans, without giving the reason for said judgment; that no salary had been paid to relator from the said 13th day of July to the 14th day of July, 1868, when Chas. E. Emmerson was elected and commissioned under the Constitution of 1868 as judge of said court, comprising a period of four years, at the rate of $5000 per annum.

After other allegations the relator prays for a writ of mandamus to compel G. M. Wickliffe, present State auditor, to audit, adjust and allow relator's claim (warrant for $20,000, drawn by relator himself) and to draw his warrant in relator's favor for said $20,000.

Judge Leaumont, yesterday, refused to grant a rehearing to the metropolitans vs. the city of New Orleans, in the case lately decided by him.

WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN that a call to the rectorship of Trinity Church in this city has been accepted by the Rev. J. N. Galleher, assistant rector of Christ Church, Louisville, Ky. Mr. Galleher preached in Trinity on Sunday morning, but will not formally enter upon his duties as rector until some time during the month of January.

A LITTLE INCIDENT occurred a few days ago at the Second District Station. While the morning roll of the day police was being called, a colored individual, who assumes to be a corporal on the force, entered the station yard and presumed to give some order. Whereupon his authority was questioned. "Don't you know that I am your superior officer?" said he haughtily to the men. "The devil you are," answered a big, stout son of the Emerald Isle, and landed his closed hand squarely on the unfortunate corporal's nasal organ, laying him flat upon the flags; a general *go* was made for the dumbfounded citizen of African descent, who was however rescued by some generous individual and allowed to go in peace—otherwise he might have gone to pieces.

THE ORLEANS LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY—*The Fifth Anniversary.*—We are glad to be able to say that the audience which collected last evening to listen to the exercises on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Orleans Literary and Debating Society was both a large and an appreciative one. Eagle Hall was nearly filled with people who, it was evident, were capable of enjoying the literary feast set before them. The society consists of about twenty young men, who are awake to their own true interests, and who are determined that the faculties with which God has endowed them shall not lie idle and unprofitable both to the world and their possessors. Formed in 1863, when the music of the minnie ball filled the air, and all things surrounding were seen through an atmosphere of blood and thick gloom, when the thoughts of men were absorbed with other things than the delights of literature and the sweets of science, it seemed to gather strength from the adverse circumstances of its birth, and has since then, through the years of war, of prosperity, of financial distress, of political misery, which have succeeded each other, held its own manfully, fighting against all discouragements, overcoming opposition, until now it bids fair to become a permanent institution in our midst. We trust it will and wish it success in the good though arduous work it has mapped out for itself.

The exercises last evening commenced with a declamation by Mr. T. W. Dyer. The piece selected was the address of Spartacus to the Gladiators at Capua. Of it we have nothing to say, as it is too well known to need criticism. The delivery was quite creditable to the declaimer, though there were a few points where improvement was possible. Then came the annual address by Mr. C. H. Parker, president. This was an able effort. Choosing as his subject "The General Character of American Literature and Science," Mr. Parker delivered us that theme a really masterly address. With becoming modesty he stated in the beginning that his remarks would be merely general; but they formed an elaborate essay. His deduction, after comparing American literature with foreign, was that one is lacking in originality, wanting in merit, but that it seems as if our literature are determined to make up in quantity what they lack in quality. In the close of his address he made a statement that is so true that it deserves to be published at every street corner and at every guardhouse in Louisiana, that men may know their shortcomings and try to make them up. "[illegible] of the State needs regeneration and enlargement than her material resources." At the termination of Mr. Parker's address, which was warmly applauded, Mr. Wharton read an essay on "Children." This was a beautiful production, and displayed considerable thought gracefully draped. Mr. W. Walker then took the stand, and delivered an oration on "The Mind and its Capacities." There was a good deal of close thinking in this effort, and considerable imaginative power, but it seemed to us to somewhat lack connection throughout. His thoughts were like a string of pearls from which one or two were missing. The symmetry of the production as a whole, as of the necklace, was thus marred, but the beauty of the individual ideas, as of the detached pearls, remained. Mr. A. J. Tardy, Jr., then read an original poem on "Love," which was followed by a critique on Poe's "Annabel Lee," by G. W. Cable. This gentleman displayed in his article a keen appreciation of the beauties and the blemishes of the author whom he criticised, and in the luxuriance of his own language, and the graceful clothing of his own ideas, he proved himself well fitted to deal with the works of a man, who in his exquisite word painting and his masterly use of the language seeming to make each syllable glow with a new expression, stands alone in American literature. This critique closed the exercises, when, well pleased, the audience dispersed.

As a whole the productions were excellent. We were agreeably disappointed in listening to them, for, to tell the truth, we had not expected to find talent of so high an order and so well cultivated. The entertainment was one that could have been enjoyed by men accustomed to literary pursuits. It was no combination of the efforts of raw clerks and law students, such as is the common idea of the exercises of literary societies, but a series of essays and addresses by young men whose natural talents have been well cultivated.

If what we heard and saw last night be a fair specimen of the usual weekly meetings—and we have no reason to think that it was not—these meetings will be extremely interesting and very improving. They take place on Friday evenings at 7 o'clock, in the basement of the Felicity street Presbyterian Church. A visit to one of them would not prove unentertaining and barren of utility to any one who cares at all for literature.

Let us hope that such institutions as the Orleans Literary and Debating Society will multiply amongst us. They are a good thing, of which we cannot have too much.

THE SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE SOCIETY.—The nineteenth anniversary of this great institution was celebrated most appropriately on Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian Church. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. W. Harmon, M. D., and Rev. B. M. Palmer, the latter of extraordinary power and eloquence. The following, which we clip from an evening contemporary, is an abstract of the annual report, which was read by Rev. J. E. C. Doremus, D. D., general agent of the society:

During the year two vice presidents have died—Hon. William B. Lewis and William Silliman, Esq., both of Louisiana.

New auxiliaries organized, 31; whole number, 48, and five branches.

Receipts, $5500, viz: from sales, contributions, rents, etc.

Bibles, etc., sent from the depository, 15,000 volumes; value, $6500.

Bibles, etc., granted to the poor and to Sunday schools, 3000 volumes; value $1300.

Families visited 24,100, and all the accessible asylums, hospitals and prisons visited and supplied.

Five parishes in the State of Louisiana thoroughly supplied, eight in great part, with many villages. Number of Sunday schools supplied gratuitously, 77.

The number of agents engaged in the work are three, one general agent and two field agents; two colporteurs, eighteen in the country, fifteen of these voluntary.

Due the American Bible Society for Bibles, etc., $1800.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES of the City High Schools will be held this evening at Lyceum Hall. From the creditable display at the examinations, it may be safely augured that this entertainment will be more than usually entertaining.

SUICIDE.—Last evening a stranger about twenty-eight years of age, and supposed to be a Mexican, came to a house on Carondelet street, between Julia and Girod streets, occupied by colored people, and sought shelter, which was given him. Shortly afterward, about half-past nine o'clock, the report of a pistol was heard, and the inmates hastening to ascertain the cause, found the unfortunate stranger lying prostrate, a shot through his head, and the brains oozing from the wound. He was not dead, and was consequently removed to the Charity Hospital, but recovery is pronounced impossible.

LAST SUNDAY, about noon, a small boy fell out of a Camp street car. Strange to say, the driver almost stopped the car for a second or two—probably more from a morbid desire to see a mangled body than humanitarian purposes. If the latter, it may well be supposed the millenium is near at hand.

INSTRUCTIONS BY TELEGRAPH were received from Washington yesterday by Collector Fuller, directing that the Peruvian transport Maranon be allowed to depart whenever ready to do so. And thus, probably, ends the vexed question.

MR. C. E. CREECY, supervisor of internal revenue, set out for Baton Rouge yesterday upon a tour of inspection of revenue matters in the second collection district. He was accompanied by Mr. Lawrence, special agent treasury department.

THE TEMPERATURE yesterday, as shown by the thermometer at C. Duhamel's, 111 Canal street, lately corner Bienville and Chartres streets, was as follows: At 6 A. M. 50 degrees; 12 M. 59; 3 P. M. 65; 6 P. M. 63.

BOARD METROPOLITAN POLICE—*Dec. 21, 1868.*—The following cases were tried and sentenced as follows, viz.:

Patrolman Jno. McGuire, No. 23. Forfeits two days' pay.

Special patrolman George McDade, forfeits two days' pay.

Patrolman F. H. Farrell, No. 46. Forfeits five days' pay.

Special patrolman J. Meckenburger. Forfeits two days' pay.

Special patrolman J. Bouvillon. Forfeits two days' pay.

Patrolman J. Wilson, No. 86. Forfeits five days' pay.

Patrolman H. Kashe, No. 41. Forfeits five days' pay.

Doorman J. Devonshire. Forfeits two days' pay.

Patrolman Jas. Connell, No. 132. Dismissed the service.

Patrolman J. R. Pons, No. 56. Dismissed the service.

Patrolman W. Carson, No. 40. Dismissed the service.

Special patrolman H. Vanhorsen. Charge dismissed.

Doorman F. A. Norager. Charge dismissed.

Patrolman A. Deslonde, No. 81. Charge dismissed.

Special patrolman G. E. Underwood. Charge dismissed and re-presented.

The following resignations were received and accepted:

Patrolmen Henry Baptiste, H. H. Willers Jos. Kline, (special) Chas. M. Kapplar, John Lane, Jules De Croy, E. L. Meade, Chas. M. Webb, detective superintendent's office.

OFFICER REINHARDT reports finding, on Camp street, in a sick and destitute condition, a white man, name unknown, whom he sent to the Charity Hospital.

ROBBERIES.—A variety of articles were stolen on Sunday night from the residence of Mr. M. H. Samuels, on Terpsichore street, between St. Charles and Prytania. The thief made his entry and exit by a rear gate opening on Melpomene street.

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As a whole the productions were excellent. We were agreeably disappointed in listening to them, for, to tell the truth, we had not expected to find talent of so high an order and so well cultivated. The entertainment was one that could have been enjoyed by men accustomed to literary pursuits. It was no combination of the efforts of raw clerks and law students, such as is the common idea of the exercises of literary societies, but a series of essays and addresses by young men whose natural talents have been well cultivated.

If what we heard and saw last night be a fair specimen of the usual weekly meetings—and we have no reason to think that it was not—these meetings will be extremely interesting and very improving. They take place on Friday evenings at 7 o'clock, in the basement of the Felicity street Presbyterian Church. A visit to one of them would not prove unentertaining and barren of utility to any one who cares at all for literature.

Let us hope that such institutions as the Orleans Literary and Debating Society will multiply amongst us. They are a good thing, of which we cannot have too much.

THE SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE SOCIETY.—The nineteenth anniversary of this great institution was celebrated most appropriately on Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian Church. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. W. Harmon, M. D., and Rev. B. M. Palmer, the latter of extraordinary power and eloquence. The following, which we clip from an evening contemporary, is an abstract of the annual report, which was read by Rev. J. E. C. Doremus, D. D., general agent of the society:

During the year two vice presidents have died—Hon. William B. Lewis and William Silliman, Esq., both of Louisiana.

New auxiliaries organized, 31; whole number, 48, and five branches.

Receipts, $5500, viz: from sales, contributions, rents, etc.

Bibles, etc., sent from the depository, 15,000 volumes; value, $6500.

Bibles, etc., granted to the poor and to Sunday schools, 3000 volumes; value $1300.

Families visited 24,100, and all the accessible asylums, hospitals and prisons visited and supplied.

Five parishes in the State of Louisiana thoroughly supplied, eight in great part, with many villages. Number of Sunday schools supplied gratuitously, 77.

The number of agents engaged in the work are three, one general agent and two field agents; two colporteurs, eighteen in the country, fifteen of these voluntary.

Due the American Bible Society for Bibles, etc., $1800.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES of the City High Schools will be held this evening at Lyceum Hall. From the creditable display at the examinations, it may be safely augured that this entertainment will be more than usually entertaining.

SUICIDE.—Last evening a stranger about twenty-eight years of age, and supposed to be a Mexican, came to a house on Carondelet street, between Julia and Girod streets, occupied by colored people, and sought shelter, which was given him. Shortly afterward, about half-past nine o'clock, the report of a pistol was heard, and the inmates hastening to ascertain the cause, found the unfortunate stranger lying prostrate, a shot through his head, and the brains oozing from the wound. He was not dead, and was consequently removed to the Charity Hospital, but recovery is pronounced impossible.

LAST SUNDAY, about noon, a small boy fell out of a Camp street car. Strange to say, the driver almost stopped the car for a second or two—probably more from a morbid desire to see a mangled body than humanitarian purposes. If the latter, it may well be supposed the millenium is near at hand.

INSTRUCTIONS BY TELEGRAPH were received from Washington yesterday by Collector Fuller, directing that the Peruvian transport Maranon be allowed to depart whenever ready to do so. And thus, probably, ends the vexed question.

MR. C. E. CREECY, supervisor of internal revenue, set out for Baton Rouge yesterday upon a tour of inspection of revenue matters in the second collection district. He was accompanied by Mr. Lawrence, special agent treasury department.

THE TEMPERATURE yesterday, as shown by the thermometer at C. Duhamel's, 111 Canal street, lately corner Bienville and Chartres streets, was as follows: At 6 A. M. 50 degrees; 12 M. 59; 3 P. M. 65; 6 P. M. 63.

BOARD METROPOLITAN POLICE—*Dec. 21, 1868.*—The following cases were tried and sentenced as follows, viz.:

Patrolman Jno. McGuire, No. 23. Forfeits two days' pay.

Special patrolman George McDade, forfeits two days' pay.

Patrolman F. H. Farrell, No. 46. Forfeits five days' pay.

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Patrolman H. Kashe, No. 41. Forfeits five days' pay.

Doorman J. Devonshire. Forfeits two days' pay.

Patrolman Jas. Connell, No. 132. Dismissed the service.

Patrolman J. R. Pons, No. 56. Dismissed the service.

Patrolman W. Carson, No. 40. Dismissed the service.

Special patrolman H. Vanhorsen. Charge dismissed.

Doorman F. A. Norager. Charge dismissed.

Patrolman A. Deslonde, No. 81. Charge dismissed.

Special patrolman G. E. Underwood. Charge dismissed and re-presented.

The following resignations were received and accepted:

Patrolmen Henry Baptiste, H. H. Willers Jos. Kline, (special) Chas. M. Kapplar, John Lane, Jules De Croy, E. L. Meade, Chas. M. Webb, detective superintendent's office.

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The fact that the city is infested with thieves who nightly enter houses, committing the most daring burglaries, supping, smoking the costly cigars and drinking the choice wines of our wealthy citizens, is so well known, as well as the inefficiency of the police to suppress their evil deeds, that it is almost useless to recur to them. But our people are unaware that another class of rascals are preying upon the community, who, not possessing the courage of burglars, have recourse to intelligence and dexterity of fingers in order to make a dishonest living. We refer to the gang of pickpockets who have recently arrived in New Orleans and are reaping harvests of gold, the hard earnings of the honest people.

On Saturday a lady was robbed of her pocket book,