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CITY TOPICS.

Our readers will remember that an election for representative was ordered in the Eighth Ward on last Monday, but that Baker, claiming that as there had been no appropriation made to pay the election expenses, he was not authorized to incur any charges, opened no polls, and the consequence was that there was no election. Yesterday, however, a resolution passed the House ordering Warmoth to issue his proclamation, calling upon the sheriff of Orleans to hold an election in the Eighth Ward, according to law. This may produce the election.

A proposition was yesterday introduced into the lower house to license bawdy houses, and another to license gambling institutions.

The car-owners, as well as the drivers, will probably be interested in the fact that yesterday an act was presented in the lower house making it felony, punishable with a fine of no more than \$500 and imprisonment not more than a year, for a driver, through imprudence, or negligence or want of skill to injure or maim any one, by running over with his car. The bill makes the accidental killing of any one through the carelessness of a street car driver a felony, punishable with imprisonment for not less than ten years. The act comes up to day.

The diocesan convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Louisiana will commence its annual session in St. Paul's Church, in this city, at 10 o'clock this morning. There will be full morning service, with the bishop's annual address, and the celebration of the holy communion. There will also be an evening service at 7 o'clock, and daily services at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. while the convention is in session.

Last night, at the Varieties Theater, in the midst of the railroad scene, while every one was absorbed in what was transpiring on the stage, Smorkey having just been bound down upon the track, while the whistle of the express train coming nearer and nearer showed his imminent danger, some unconstructed individual who had, it is just probable, been benumbing to a considerable extent, thrust his head in the center door, and in a stentorian voice, which resounded all through the theater, shouted, "Three cheers for Jeff Davis!" The effect was ludicrously instantaneous. The audience which, a second before, had been wrapt in attention to the play, seemed to be struck with the ridiculousness of the incident, and spite of the fact that Smorkey was so soon to be immolated, and that but a moment before tears had stood in many eyes, a laugh went around the audience, while a universal turning of heads to discover the audacious relic of the Confederacy, made the play go on for a moment or two without being seen. But then Laura, by a superhuman effort, broke down the door, snatched Smorkey from the track just in time to save him from the impending fate, and in joy over the on-armed soldier's escape the audience forgot the interruption which the performance had experienced.

Lotta left town yesterday via the Jackson Railroad. She is bound for Cincinnati. Polonius suggests that she might now be called Carlotta. Oh!

Yesterday was a sleepy day. The numerous young gentlemen who were at balls up to all hours in the morning, but who, notwithstanding their disposition, were compelled to be at the office at the usual time, passed a day uncomfortable in the extreme, many of them, we guarantee, snatching furtive naps while nodding over their books. The young ladies, of course, did not feel the disastrous effects of the Mardi Gras frolic, for they being under the control of indulgent mamma, instead of stern employers, it is fair to suppose that they enjoyed "a little more sleep and a little more slumber, and a little more folding of the hands to sleep," than usual. Quite a number of persons were not slow yesterday to declare that they were glad the carnival was over, that they had had enough of dancing and merriment, and wanted a rest. Now, right here, we declare that the able-bodied young persons, male or female, who made such assertions were unmitigated and unqualified humbugs, and only said so to get the idea of a young lady or a young man effecting the idea of doing "Why the idea is so preposterous that its assertion brings a smile to every cheek. No," notwithstanding the headaches which yesterday multiplied and the sore soles (not souls) which yesterday abounded, and the many vehement protestations to the contrary, we do not believe that there was yesterday in this great city a single young woman or young man, of a dancing age and dancably inclined, who was really and truly glad that Lent had come. If there is any, speak; for we have yet to hear of one.

"Is she a Jewess?" said Felix to his companion, as a fair creature emerged from the supper room and crested the hall. "No, a Spanish senorita," was the reply. "Ah, yes," answered Felix, "I might have known it; we've seen her eat her supper."

CARONDEL CANAL AND NAVIGATION COMPANY. As will be seen upon reference to a notice published in another column, the board of directors of this company, on the 8th instant, declared a dividend of three dollars per share, payable on and after next Monday, the 15th instant, at their office No. 16 Carondelet street. As this is the first dividend declared by the company for over thirty years, we congratulate the board of directors upon the fact, especially as it is doubtless the result of the policy adopted by them in leasing the canal and the wisdom of their general management of its affairs. The board had no easy undertaking when they went into office three years ago. They found that the war had almost ruined the country upon which their canal was dependant for revenue; that their works had been destroyed by the military authorities, while the stockholders were unwilling or unable to advance the necessary means to repair damages so as to enable them to enter into competition for trade. By an enlightened foresight, they have done what then appeared impossible, and in face of the most determined opposition, have triumphed in a manner which no board ever did before them—in this generation, at least. It is true, that they have been singularly fortunate in obtaining for a lessee, so able and efficient a gentleman as Mr. Louis Gagnon. Uniting the learning of an engineer with a thorough experience in the history and business of the company, he has shown himself to be in every way prompt in fulfilling the obligations he assumed to wards the company, and confidently predict that the old misfortunes of the institution will be forgotten amid the successes of the future.

FIRE.—A fire at Valparaiso, Chili, December 31st, occasioned a great loss of property, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars. A number of persons perished in the flames. The dry goods and grocery store of M. B. Morand, at Caldesburg, Iowa, lost \$15,000. The Robinsons, located at Watertown, Wisconsin, lost \$45,000, insured for \$50,000. The Hiawatha House, W. McMullin, owner, at McKeesport, near Pittsburgh, lost \$25,000.

DEAR BEN.—I had a talk with this distinguished Solon yesterday, and heard his breathings of despair over the wearying, thankless cares of official life. Benjamin says that if any man, after experiencing the troubles and tribulations of a seat in Congress, still wished to hold that seat, he ought to have his seat of honor assailed by all the shoe-leather of his constituents. The Hon. Benjamin further informed me that if he had another cigar he would offer it to me.—[Washington correspondence Cincinnati Commercial.]

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the visit by presenting the official certificates of domestic wines, made by himself from Pouline and Catawba grapes, grown in his vineyard at the above mentioned place. The several bottles were tested with general approval. They are of the vintage of '88, and only want age to make them fully the equal of the best German wines which come to our market. Mr. Schardt is very decidedly of the opinion that Louisiana can produce better wines than Germany, and that the native product contains from two to four per cent more alcohol than that of Germany. He regards Louisiana wine a year old equal to the German article three years old. He has a vineyard of five acres, from which he made a thousand gallons last year. In nine years he has invested \$10,000 in gold in this vineyard. A correspondent describing the opening of Booth's theater, writes: "Every prominent lawyer, and of course every known journalist, was conspicuous. Ladies, despite the muddled streets and the torrents of rain, were scarcely in the minority. Their blonde tresses—pardon this application of the pronoun possessive—created a sea of white and pink opera cloaks. The members of Sorosis, more soberly attired than their juniors, were at hand. Roby-checked misses, with an incipient passion for the young tragedian—Mr. Booth must have received this day, and consigned to the waste-basket, unopened, fifty women's letters—dotted the parquet. There were noticeable a score of actresses, sans occupation, but not sans admirers and bouquets. As the evening advanced, other lights of the stage appeared among the audience. At 11 o'clock the representation was by no means terminated, and players from neighboring houses hurried in and clustered about the points of vantage. The latest arrival was that of Irma Marie, a small brunette with wandering eyes, who, having sung in 'La Parichotte' at the Grand Opera House, had retained her court-dress and her borrowed locks, and thrown a long cloak over all to mingle unobserved in the crowd."

A Ball at the Tuilleries. (Translated for the Cincinnati Commercial from the Paris.) On the 4th of January the first ball of the season took place at the Tuilleries. It was such as it usually is, a brilliant confusion of satin and lace dresses, flowers and diamonds, uniforms of all countries, and all sorts of embroidered dresses. At 10 o'clock the Salle des Marechaux presented the aspect of a basket of flowers thickly studded with precious stones. This parallel is the more appropriate as some of the guests were very delicately crushed by their jewelry. When the rose adorned itself, it contented itself with a few drops; that is all it needs. The waist appeared in a toilet of straw colored gauze, checked by very delicate lace, and above the dress, on the lower part of the dress was to be seen a garland of large and variegated pansies. A veil of straw colored gauze covered the dress. A large panier, a la camargo, of straw colored silk, draped on the back part of the skirt. A garland of pansies cascading at the left shoulder, and very dense at the outset, passed across the forehead and terminated by very delicate lace, at the right shoulder. A round wreath of pansies, in the center of which was to be seen a large golden pansy, opening like a star over the forehead, formed the head dress, which was studded with large round diamonds. The necklace consisted of rubies and diamonds. The Princess Mathilde wore on a white gauze dress a rather long tunic, rounded in front, of mass-colored silk, fringed with rose buds and clusters of white jasmines. On her hair, the tunic was raised and kept together by a bouquet of rose buds and white jasmines. An antique diamond diadem and a large diamond brooch completed the costume of the princess. Close to the empress seemed to bloom a bouquet of roses. This bouquet consisted of Mlle d'Alba and Mlle Marion, in rose-colored gauze, like two sisters; and Mlle de Witt, in white, with a cherry colored broad rose-colored stripe on the lower part of the skirt, a rose-colored sash tunic, and a rose and diamond in her hair; the Countess Gabrielle, in a misty rose-colored dress, with a rose and diamond necklace, and a large diamond brooch on the lower part of the dress. A black gauze dress, with a broad rose-colored stripe on the lower part of the skirt, a rose-colored sash tunic, and a rose and diamond in her hair; the Countess Gabrielle, in a misty rose-colored dress, with a rose and diamond necklace, and a large diamond brooch on the lower part of the dress. 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