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THE CRESCENT'S DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

Passage by the House of a Virginia, Mississippi and Texas Bill.

NO SHOW FOR BUTLER'S GEORGIA BILL.

NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—*House*—Filibustering on the motion to seat Hoge, the minority candidate from South Carolina.

Senate.—Morton introduced a resolution making the adoption of the fifteenth amendment a condition precedent to the admission of representatives from Virginia, Mississippi and Texas, and to submit to separate vote the objectionable features of the Constitution.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—*House.*—Hoge the minority candidate from the third South Carolina district, was seated. Reed, who received a majority of votes, was unable to take the test oath. Sheldon, from the second Louisiana district, was seated.

The bill authorizing the submission of costitutions and election of State officers and members of Congress in Virginia, Mississippi and Texas, passed, 120 to 24. It authorizes the president to order elections at discretion. It also authorizes him to submit the entire Constitution, or seperate provisions. It forbids an election in Texas until authorized by the president. The commanding general may, with the approval of the president, suspend any existing State law in either of these States deemed oppressive, until action by the Legislatures, which shall assemble on the fourth Tuesday after ratification is promulgated by the commanding general.

Senate—Trumbull, from the judiciary committee, reported a resolution postponing action on the president's message until December. Trumbull stated that he personally disagreed with the committee.

Edmunds could see no reasons for delaying adjournment. The president without further legislation had power to order the elections. He thought it better to leave the States under military control, which protected life and property better than they were in those States which had been reconstructed.

Howard expressed the same views. A long discussion ensued. No action.

The bill amending the taxes on whisky and tobacco was resumed, when Sprague spoke till executive session. Adjourned.

Gen. Young, representative from Georgia, informed a delegation from that State to-day that Butler's Georgia bill will probably not be resumed this session and, if taken up, would certainly be defeated.

Major Jeff. Wofford, formerly chief of artillery of the army of Mississippi, was confirmed postmaster at Corinth, Miss.

It is stated that the territorial committee has decided to report adversely to the confirmation of Col. Cood as governor of New Mexico.

The Georgia delegation, headed by Col. Atkens, had a private interview with the president to-day.

Nominations—Postmasters, Thos. P. Jackson, Farmerville, Va.; James Rogers, Knoxville, Tenn.; J. D. Lewis, Pulaski, Tenn.; Peter Casey, Vicksburg, Miss.

Marshals—Wm. E. Parker eastern and Jno. H. Lippard western districts of Texas.

District attorneys—Western district Tennessee J. W. Purveyance, western district Texas Geo. R. Scott.

Assessors—A. B. Clark first Georgia, D. M. Nelson second Tennessee, Chas. H. Pettengill first South Carolina, and Cyrus H. Baldwin second South Carolina.

Confirmed to-day—C. D. Plumb consul general at Havana, A. M. Barney collector of customs at Brazos Santiago, and Thomas Karney ditto at Corpus Christi.

FROM EUROPE.

Rumored Resignation and Talk of a Directory—Discussion of the Constitution in the Cortes

LONDON, April 8.—Advices from Madrid give the report that Marshal Serrano, president of the council of ministers, and Admiral Lopete, minister of marine, are about to resign, and that a directory is being formed to take control of the government.

MADRID, April 8.—The discussion upon the constitution, which commenced in the constituent cortes on Monday, has become warm. Senor Castillas, an eminent Republican, made a speech yesterday strongly in opposition to that instrument. The Spanish government is determed to disallow the introduction of any amendments which have the effect of altering the spirit of the constitution.

FROM HAVANA.

Spanish Gunboats Expected—Thirty Ordered Constructed in the United States—Banishment of Suspected Youths.

HAVANA, April 7.—Ten gunboats are expected from Spain. Thirty have been ordered constructed in the United states.

The governor of Guanacacoa is banishing suspected youths.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Twichell Chent the Hangman.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—Twichell, who was to have been executed to-day for the murder of his wife's mother, was found dead in his cell this morning.

It is supposed that friends who visited him yesterday left poison with him.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Mine on Fire—Thirty-Six Persons Dead—Fearful Scenes.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Yellow Jacket Mine, at Gold Hill, Nevada, took fire this morning. The fire extended to Kentuck and Crown Point mines.

Eleven bodies have been removed and others seen at the bottom of Kentuck shaft, but the spectators were unable to remove them in consequence of the intense heat.

Latest from Gold Hill reports thirty-six known to be dead.

Hopes are entertained that the flames will soon be subdued, but when the hope of saving life is abandoned the month of the mines will be closed, to smother the conflagration.

The three burning mines are unconnected with others under ground. Virginia City is deserted, the people having gone to render assistance.

The scenes at the mouth of the mine are fearful from the number of frantic wives and children. The confusion is so great that the rolls cannot be called.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8—The fire at the Gold Hill mines still rages, but is confined mostly to the Yellow Jacket mine. Owing to a cave the firemen are unable to reach the flames. Eighteen dead bodies have been taken from the burning mines, nine from one drift.

RIVER NEWS.

LOUISVILLE, April 8.—River falling fast, with 15½ feet of water in the canal.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—River still rising.

CAIRO, April 8.—Passed up: Mississippi, Richmond and Baker. Down: W. R. Arthur. River rose three inches. Weather clear.

MEMPHIS, April 8.—Weather cloudy and warm. Passed up: Westmoreland. Down: Emma No. 3 and Great Republic. River rising fast—now within eight feet of high water mark.

VICKSBURG, April 8.—Passed up: Pargoud at 5 P. M. Down: Commonwealth at 1 this A. M., and Grossbeck at 1 P. M. River rising.

FROM THE PASSES.

SOUTHWEST PASS, April 8—Noon.—Barometer 30:10. Wind east and light. Sailed: Bark Montego.

PASS-A-L'OUTRE, April 8.—Weather calm. Tide low. Steamship Pacific still on the bar. No arrivals or departures.

SOUTHWEST PASS, April 8—6 P. M.—Barometer 30:10. Weather calm. No arrivals or departures.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—Gerald Eaton was hung to-day for the murder of Heenan.

Twichell's death was caused by strychnine.

MONTGOMERY, April 8.—Several seizures were made here to-day for violation of the internal revenue law by order of Supervisor Saffold. The seizures consisted of several hundred packages of whisky, tobacco and cigars.

MARKETS.

LONDON, April 8—Noon.—Consols 92¼; bonds 83¾.

LIVERPOOL, April 8—Noon.—Cotton quiet. Middling uplands 12¼@12½ middling Orleans 13¾@12½d. Sales 8000 bales. Other markets unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, April 8—Afternoon.—Cotton easier but not lower. Lard 72s. Pork 103s.

HAVRE, April 8.—Cotton unchanged.

FRANKFORT, April 8.—Bonds dull at 87¼.

PARIS, April 8.—Bourse steady. Rents 70.22.

LIVERPOOL, April 8—Evening.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 12¼d.; middling Orleans 12½d. Sales 8000 bales.

HAVRE, April 8—Evening.—Cotton closed unchanged.

HAVANA, April 7.—Sugar firmer; No. 12, 8½ reals. Sterling exchange 11½@11½ premium; Paris par; U. S. currency, 60 days 24@23½ discount. The Vose de Cuba urges confiscation of property because absentees are selling.

LONDON, April 8—Evening.—Consols 93½; bonds 83¾. Specie in the Bank of England decreased £348,000.

NEW YORK, April 8—Evening.—Cotton firm, sales 2700 bales, middling uplands 28½c.; flour favors buyers—common to fair extra Southern $6 35@7; wheat favors buyers; corn unchanged—new white Southern 88c.; pork firm $31; lard drooping, kettle 18½@18¾c.; whisky quiet, 92½c.; rice dull, Carolina 8¼@9½c.; sugar, fair demand; turpentine quiet, 49@50½c.; rosin quiet, strained $2 46½@2 47½; freights dull; cotton, steam, 3-16; sugar firm, Porto Rico 12¾c., Muscovado 11¾c.; molasses steady, clayed, 37c., New Orleans 41@79c., by auction.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Evening.—Governments closed firm but dull. 5-20s of 1862, 119¾; of 1864, 114¾; of 1865, 116½; do. new 113½; of 1867 and 1868 same. 10-40s 105¼. Louisianas old, 71. Stocks closed strong. Money tight and not so active at 7 gold, with exceptions in currency. Gold strong at 132¼. Sterling very dull and declined to 107¼.

MOBILE, April 8.—Cotton market dull; demand limited. Sales 250 bales. Low middlidgs 26¼@26½c. Receipts 579 bales. Exports 259 bales.

LOUISVILLE, April 8.—Sales 200 hhds. tobacco at $4@14. Pork $31 50. Bacon—Shoulders 13¾c.; clear ribbed sides 17c.; clear sides 17½c. Bulk—Shoulders 12¾c.; clear ribbed and clear sides 16¼c. Flour $5 50@6. Corn 65@66c. Sugar 13¼@15¾c. molasses 75@85c. Whisky 88c.

CINCINNATI, April 8.—Flour $6 25@6 50. Corn 64c. Oats 63@68c. Sugar 13¾@15½c. Molasses 80@85c. Whisky 87c. Provisions unchanged.

ST. LOUIS, April 8.—Flour $4 50@5 12½. Corn 63½@64c. Oats 63@65c. Barley $2 10. Rye $1 25@1 27. Whisky 88c. Groceries quiet and unchanged. Pork $31. Bulk clear sides 15c. Bacon shoulders 13¾c.; clear ribbed sides 16¼c.; clear sides 17c. Lard 17c.

MEMPHIS, April 8.—Cotton dull and nominal; receipts 472 bales; exports 1612 bales.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Flour $5 25@6 75. Wheat $1 06@1 06½. Corn 52@52½c. Oats 51½c. Rye $1 15@1 16. Barley $1 52. Highwinces 85c. Molasses $1@1 05. Sugar 14@15½. Pork $30 25@30 50. Lard 17½c. Hams 15½@16c. Bulk shoulders 11½@11¾c.

THE RACES TO-DAY.

Two races to-day. A hurdle race, with the same conditions as that run on Tuesday—that is, two mile dash, eight hurdles, weight for ages. The entries are *Transit, Chalmette* and the Endorser colt. These are the same horses that ran on Tuesday last, but it will be noticed that *Edinboro*, the winner of that day, is not in. Transit is by long odds the favorite, being worth in a pool of $177, $135 to Chalmette at $35 and the Endorser colt $17.

The other race will be mile heats, three in five. *Little Mack* and *John Kilgour* will run for this. The following pools, sold last night, show that public opinion is very varied as to the merits of the horses:

Little Mack	137	55	100	145	185	146
John Kilgour	100	45	70	150	205	175

The race will commence at sharp three.

Arrivals at the Principal Hotels.

ST. CHARLES HOTEL.

Geo W Woodward, La; Mrs Blair, St Louis; Miss Blair, St Louis; Miss A Blair, do; J B Rosson, La; W A Hutton, B and O R R; A De Duc, Chicago; R F Cutter, steamer Liberty; M C McCarthy City; J S Smith, La; J L Robertson, St Louis; Hugh A Cooper and family, Louisville; Mrs Holbrook, N Y; Schlimore; W T Ayers and wife, Mobile; W H Blackford, Baltimore; S McCollough, N Y; C H Goff Texas; Dr A G Thompson, Texas; Edward A Pettera, Miss; Lieut Farragut and wife; Wm Jonnson, La; W B Kimball, Memphis; John J Long, Jr, N C; R F Aikins, Mo; S H Shock, Memphis; P Weber, Jackson, Miss; W A Weed, City; G E Evans; F C Ewing; H M Baldwin & lady, Natchez; Miss Kate Bradly.

CITY HOTEL.

J Beal, La; A Orth, Charleston; Thos Ryles, La; J W Gillespie Texas; H C Price, Georgia; W P Smith, Miss; W B Young, Ark; R J Wilson, Ark; C P Collins, Texas; B F Collins Texas; W Shields, Texas; R Harrington, Miss; Miss Z Harrington, Miss; A Howard, Texas; Wm Thomas, Texas; A M Russell, Miss; H McCutlen, Miss; W H Fancett, N C; D M Carey, City; J T Dufrisne and lady, Red River; R B Guthrie, Texas; C H Granberry, Texas; C P Bell, Texas; E T Dane, Boston; J N Downs Texas; Wm Cabeth and lady, Texas; S S Jones and family, Texas; A McDow and wife, Texas; Miss McDow, Texas; P Riley and family Texas; Miss Jones, Texas; Mrs D Graffinean, Texas; W Baynham; Mo; A G Irvine, Texas; T D McCormick N Y; Mrs J Wilkinson & family; C O Smith, Louisville; Alexander, Ala; W L Welbourne, Texas; Wm Kinney, La; Col J H Alexando; W D Gibbs, Miss; J Weatherly, Miss; J R Barnes, Texas; Jo Evins, Ark; S Z Chenen, N Y; Mrs M Pittschild, Miss; Miss P Rowe, Miss; A Hill, Memphis; H Pettibone & family, Miss; Mrs C Leycord, La; Miss Leycord, La; C Leycord, La;

ST. JAMES HOTEL.

W P Renton and two sons, Miss; Geo T White, La; W H Taylor, N O & G N Rd; A B Ewes, La; H C Rickey, city; R A Stranahan, city; T H Lake, Mobile; Jno C Hodges, Jr; J L Power, Jackson; W A C Jones, Ala; J D Clardy, Ky; O C Herndon, Memphis; Tim C Cooper, Miss; J J McLaughlin Washington; Miss A L Beel Pittsburg; Thos M Crooks, Va; Geo D Wilcox, city; Capt Jos Crooks, La; J A Bennett and four child'n, Dr B Lemley, Jackson; Salt Lake City; Capt D Barland, La; Mrs M Smith, Miss; T G Rice and daughter, Miss; L A Phillips, La; Rev F Huber, Jackson; Miss Phillips, Jackson.

THE LAST NIGHT OF THE FAIR AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL.—Let it not be forgotten that to-night is the very last opportunity that will be afforded to our citizens to donate something to this fair. We trust that it will be taken advantage of quite generally. There could not be a pleasanter place than Odd Fellows' Hall in which to spend the evening, and if you don't believe it go there yourself, look at the ladies, drink some punch—and if you don't feel perfectly contented with the whole world and with yourself, why, we are no judge of of human nature.

As you enter pause for a moment at the Fairy Dell, and take but a wee drop of the nectar sold there, and then, invigorated and refreshed, finish your tour of the room. But before you leave do not forget to call at the Crescent table, where if Misses O'Brien and O'Neal have not a table spread that will completely satisfy your inner man, you must be hard to please. But you would be guilty of a serious fault if you even for a moment contemplated closing your visit without halting at the St. Vincent table, where Mesdames Markey and Lucy, dispense good things.

Go to the fair to-night by all means.

The gentlemen who have been appointed assistant marshals of the parish detachments, the division marshals, and the aids to the grand marshal for the ceremony of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of his holiness Pope Pius the Ninth, are requested to meet this Friday evening, April the 9th, at the office, No. 17 Exchange Place, on business of importance.

THE METAIRIE RACES.

FOURTH DAY.

Locust Post Wins the Two Mile Dash, Nannie McNary the Match Race, and Cottrill the Mile Heats.

Another beautiful day was yesterday—a little too dusty, perhaps, but still a beautiful day. So thought a great many people who drove out Canal street—but turned down at Broad street, to go to the Fair. But, although the attendance at the races yesterday was a fall-off from that of the three previous days of the meeting, the stands were quite full.

The track was too dusty for the pleasure of the horses, but was, withal, a fast one.

Three races were booked for the day, so a very few moments after three o'clock, Gov. Hebert's "saddle-up" rang out and everybody rushed to the stand to see

THE FIRST RACE.

This was a two mile dash, for all ages. For it were entered Mr. Conlisk's *Gilroy*, too well known to need to have further said about him; Captain Moore's *General Ewell*, a 3 year old, by Lexington, out of Grisette, and Mr. Richard's *Locust Post*, a horse who has shown very well during the preceding part of this meeting. General Ewell was the favorite against the field, Gilroy ranking next him. But the Post's friends came down with their greenbacks quite freely, and by the time the horses started there were many greenbacks tied to the saddles. The horses all looked well, while Locust Post was as pretty as a pair of red shoes.

At the jump Gilroy took the lead, with Ewell next him and the Post leisurely behind. In this order the horses trailed to the quarter post in 26. The half mile was reached in 52, and the mile in 1:46¼, with no change in positions, the rear horses evidently running a waiting race. Past the home stand, all the horses under a hard pull, and to the quarter, where Gen. Ewell began to put in his claims to the first place. To the half mile pole he ran Gilroy a hard race, and was only behind by a head when that point was reached. Then commenced the excitement. Locust Post, who had been quietly biding his time, was suddenly woke up by a dig of the spur and settled down to his work. He passed Gilroy, whom the favorite had forced to yield the first place, and before the three-quarter pole was closed, was leading the race at a killing pace. Whips whistled and spurs were plied, but to no avail, and under the string passed Locust Post, winner of the race by two long lengths, with the favorite next him and Gilroy used up behind. Time of the race, 3:37. This we pronounce to have been in every sense of the word a pretty race, and we doubt if even those who lost their money were not compensated for the missing greenbacks by the pleasure they experienced in watching the struggle.

THE MATCH RACE.

The excitement created by the beating of the favorite having somewhat subsided, the people turned their attention to the next race, which was the match one between *Nannie McNary* and *Lewis E. Smith*. Nannie is emphatically a New Orleans nag, besides being one of the fastest half mile horses that ever ran; and the friends of Lewis were also sanguine about him. The result of this was that much money was bet on the race, not only in the pools but outside. Both horses looked well when they responded to the bell, and a spectator would not have wondered that the bets were even upon the two animals. Nannie was very lively and amused herself for a while in trying how well her jockey could stick. But she soon got tired of this, and the two horses galloped slowly around to the half mile pole, whence the start was to be made. Just before getting there Nannie shot ahead and passed the pole fully two length ahead of the horse. But it was a start and off the contestants flew. The two lengths soon lengthened out to three, and although Lewis made some desperate attempts to close, Nannie never lost her advantage, but came in ahead by three or four lengths in 49¾.

A little more horse talk, and a few more bets, and

THE TWO YEAR OLD RACE

Was rung in. There had been four entries for this, but only two faced the music. There were Mr. Cottrill's *Cottrill* and Col. O'Fallon's *Alta Vela*. The horse was the favorite by long odds. As he won the race in two straight heats the story of it is soon told.

First Heat.—The mare was allowed to lead to the half mile pole, when the horse closed up, passed the three-quarter pole neck-and-neck, with her, and came in winner by two lengths in 1:45¾; to the quarter, 27; half-mile 53½. Rattling good time for a two-year old.

Second Heat.—This was even less interesting than the other, for, though Alta had the call at the start, Cottrill immediately placed himself first and staid there until he came in winner by half-a-dozen lengths, in 1:46¼. Quarter made in 25.

We append the following

SUMMARY.

METAIRIE JOCKEY CLUB—Spring meeting of 1869. Fourth day—Thursday, April 8.

FIRST RACE—Dash of two miles, for all ages.

A. K. Richards enters b. c. *Locust Post*, 3 y. o., by Young Melbourne, dam by Vincent Nolte 1
H. B. Foley enters T. G. Moore's gr c. *Gen Ewell*, 3 y. o., by Lexington, dam Grisette, by imp. Glencoe 2
W. C. Lipscomb enters Jas. Conlisk's b. h. *Gilroy*, 6 y. o., by Lexington, dam Magnolia, by Glencoe 3
Time: 3:37.

SECOND RACE—Match race; half mile dash for $2000, catch weights.

W. C. Lipscomb names *Nannie McNary*, by Congaree, dam Elizabeth McNary, by Ambassador 1
W. H. Williamson names ch. h. *Lewis E. Smith*, by Revenue, dam Seabreeze 2
Time: 49¾.

THIRD RACE—Sweepstakes for two year olds, mile heats, $300 entrance, $100 forfeit. Club to add $350.

W. Cottrill enters ch. c. *Cottrill*, by Daniel Boone, dam Maggie G 1 1
J. J. O'Fallon enters br. f. *Alta Vela*, by Vandal, dam imp. Fillagree by Stockwell 2 2
D. A. Wilson enters gr. c. *Jeff Jennings*, by Lightning, dam Becky Bee ..... pd. ft.
W. Cottrill enters ch. f. *Carrie P.*, by Daniel Boone, dam Lady Ward ..... pd. ft.
Time: 1:45½—1:46¼.

RAMIE PLANT.—On a previous occasion we took pleasure in referring to this new textile lately introduced to Southern agriculturists; we now direct public attention to the advertisement of Mr. J. Gurin, announcing the arrival of 200,000 roots from the famous Louisiana nursery, which he offers at reduced figures to all who are inclined to test the acknowledged virtue of this remarkable plant. At his office, No. 87 Customhouse street, the full blooming Ramie can be inspected. More delicate in fiber than our indigenous staple, possessing all the beauty and finish of the finest linen, and rivaling in its natural luster even the richest foulard.

The most important feature presented by the Boehmeria Tenacessima is its perennial capacity and peculiar adaptation to our soil, requiring infinitely less labor in its cultivation than our domestic cotton, and also invulnerable to any attacks from the insect species.

Parties interested in the propagation of the ramie, we would advise to call at the locality mentioned, feeling satisfied that a great deal of valuable information can be obtained on the subject.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF 700 CASES BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS.—It seems that the attractions offered at the turf and Fair Grounds are destined to an eclipse from the formidable rivalry which Messrs. Louis Stern & Bro. are presenting in their famous mart, 33 Magazine and 96 Gravier streets. This morning at ten o'clock another splendid invoice of the above goods, just received from the manufacturers North, will be disposed of to the highest bidders. We had the pleasure of inspecting a portion of these goods and can safely remark that for desirable styles and durability of texture they are particularly attractive. Buyers are advised to be present *en masse* on this occasion as no limit or reserve will oppose their interest.

Teeth clouded with impurities are only for those who will not take the trouble to keep them in perfect order by the daily use of Sozodont. As certainly as a fresh breeze drives the morning mist from the face of nature, this hygeian preparation will remove every blemish from the dental surface and keep the teeth always pure and spotless.

Mechanics' and Agricultural Fair Association,

THIRD ANNUAL STATE FAIR.

THIRD DAY.

Interest and Attendance Increasing.

Another bright and balmy day yesterday. The attendance at the Fair Grounds was equal if not greater than on the first day, the sojourn of the visitors more protracted and the ball much better attended. In the latter case we may even say that owing to the completeness of the arrangements made to render it a success, there was little room for promenade during the dances.

The association have also appointed a committee of floor managers, consisting in great part of gentlemen composing Mississippi Fire Company No. 2, to preserve order and decorum, and attend to the general management of the pleasant entertainments which will be daily given in this department of the fair, free of charge to all. We are requested to state that from three to seven o'clock on Saturday, a grand childrens' ball will be given, after which the grown up children will have full liberty to abandon themselves to the mazes of the waltz, polka, etc.

Our visit yesterday was restricted to the Octagonal Building, the first floor of which is canopied with some of the most remarkable quilts and chandeliers that can greet the eye, the latter coming from the store of Mr. Fleming, the well known gas fixture man. On the right of the north entrance door we were arrested to examine the splendid array of Grover & Baker's machines, one of which, by the way, is mounted on a marble slab, a new feature in that line. Through the courtesy of Mr. J. H. Gardner, agent for the machines, and his amiable wife, we were informed of the various claims of these machines, among which are beauty and elasticity of stitch, perfection and simplicity of machinery, using both threads directly from the spools.

We also saw practically illustrated the claim that these machines will sew continuously the heaviest to the lightest article without change of spool, needle or tension. Numerous samples of embroidery upon patent leather, cloth of any kind, tulle, etc., in woolen, silk or working cotton. Messrs. Grover & Baker also exhibited a few shuttle machines. Not satisfied with this competition, Mrs. Gardner also enters articles of wear, such as shirts, baby dresses, sachets and embroideries, which are more than elegant, and in many instances exhibit a finish delightful to behold, and all of which are entirely made with the Grover & Baker machines. Mr. Gardner exhibits his goods in an elegant booth, which the ladies of the Blaffer building fair have kindly loaned him in return for courtesies extended to them during the fair.

Lest we be invidious, we leave this stand to notice the remarkable imitations of linen and lace paper collars at the next stand, Wilson's Double Thread and Wilcox & Gibbs's $50 and the Elliptic Sewing Machines. Then, a few steps further, presided over by our friend Peck, are the celebrated Gold Medal Lock-stitch Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines, and the new silent feed machines. Before reaching the ladies' dressing-room, a gentleman exhibits a beautiful application of electricity as a motor in driving the sewing machine, the simplicity and accuracy of which promises for the inventor, after laboring for twenty years to perfect it, a deserved reputation for inventive genius and perseverance.

The entrance to the ladies' dressing saloon is flanked by several glass cases, to which our lady friends' attention is specially called. A more beautiful display of gold and silver embroidery on silk, pin cushions, bead work, and specimens of ornamental needle work could not be imagined. Among these, to the left of the entrance, is exhibited a boddice in tatting, which reflects great credit upon the maker.

The geological department, contributed by the Academy of Sciences, contains so many curiosities that we find it impossible to note them at length. Messrs. Adams & Co., No. 78 Canal street, exhibit a variety of rich and elegant cloaks, in a large glass case, to which our opera-going ladies will do well to give their attention. The display of gentlemen's fancy goods, including cravats, collars, shirts, and other articles for gentlemen wear, is superior. Some fine laces and tatting, artificial flowers on silk, knitting, etc., are exhibited in show cases on both sides of Mr. Walshe's stand.

We next came to the stand of Messrs. E. J. Hart & Co., whose contribution of surgical instruments is admirable and remarkably varied. Slocomb, Baldwin & Co.'s silverware next received our attention. This is a beautiful collection. Mr. D. H. Holmes exhibits costly cashmeres, embroidered linen, a silk tulle dress embroidered in silk, embroidered handkerchiefs and other articles. Mr. Henry Goodwyn displays jewelry, diamonds and clock work. C. N. D'Oiseau, choice embroideries. Gold and silver Masonic jewelry and exquisite worsted and chenille flowers are near by. Mr. F. Thoma, of this city, competes for the prize for the finest watch made in the United States. We notice, also, in a glass frame, a tasteful wreath made of thirty-nine different specimens of hair, belonging to persons of one family, the handiwork of a lady of this city, who is not a professional artist, but, for that reason, deserves the highest compliment for the talent she has displayed. Some beautiful wax work in a small glass case attracts the attention of all the visitors to this department, among which a cluster of artificial leaves so closely imitate nature that they defy detection. The display of artificial teeth is one of the best, and denote a high cultivation of the art. Mlle. Deville, No. 75 Royal street, near Conti, comes in for a share of praise for some delicate embroidery in silk. Mme. Boumard exhibits highly finished corsets. Mr. Fred. Holyland, fine specimen of engraving on silver and gold. Mr. H. Spielmann, 93 Bayenne street, trusses and braces. Mr. C. H. Zimmermann, the popular jeweler of Canal street, has one of the largest assortments of jewelry, including the famed $1000 chronometer and the fine Masonic jewelry manufactured at his place; artificial legs and arms are also to be seen. Messrs. A. B. Griswold & Co. have, among their rich and valuable collection of silverware and jewelry, a clock with a singing bird, which excites the curiosity of the visitors. We notice also among the contribution of these gentlemen a pair of gold bracelets studded with diamonds and two sets of gold and enameled forget-me-nots or pansies, manufactured in this city, which will repay to look upon. They are exquisite in design and finish. The collection also comprises beautiful bronze statuettes.

The piano department has pianos of Weber, from Von LaHache's, on Baronne street; Chickering, Evards, Peters, Webb & Co.'s pianos and Edwards organ, from Blackmar's; Needham's organs and Dunham & Sons pianos, from Ph. Werlein's.

A splendid banner of green silk on one side, embroidered in gold, with the inscription "Young Men's Catholic Friends Society of St. Patrick," embridered in gold, and white silk with an artistic painting of the patron Saint of Ireland on the other side, is also on exhibition. Mme. Alaban's embroideries come next, and also attract attention.

We paid a hasty visit to the second floor, and noticed a few new paintings and drawings, some of which hardly deserve being in that department. The more noticeable objects of this kind are a miniature painting on ivory, executed about forty years ago by a gentleman of this city, and represents the head of an old French nurse. It can be seen by turning to the left of the staircase, a few feet only from the head of the stairs. A little further on two paintings by Eaton of Ohio, a forest scene with dogs and game, Castor and Pollux, a Dutch school, the three last named entered by our neighbor, Jas. A. Gresham, are probably the most remarkable paintings. Among the photographs, we call the special attention of visitors to the fair to some remarkable solar pictures. A large size photograph in oil of a young lady, exhibited by Mr. Anderson, the views of New Orleans and other specimens by Mr. L. Heinthal, Messrs. Washburns' and B. & G. Moses' display, including beautiful sun pearls.

This department has received the attention which it deserves, and we take pleasure in commending the spirit of the gentlemen who have contributed in rendering it attractive. Messrs. Dolbear and Soule are competing for the prize for best specimens of plain and ornamental penmanship, and make an excellent display. Before leaving this department, to which we will return at another time, we would suggest that the association, prior to the next fair, appoint a special committee, whose duty it shall be to receive or reject paintings or drawings offered for exhibition; by so doing the public eye will not be shocked by the exhibition of beastly attempts at painting, of which there are several examples in the art gallery; among them the portrait of a lady which we can liken only to the bearded woman half shaved, yet unwashed and holding a quid of tobacco in her mouth. There is also a landscape scene which resembles more an omelette *aux fines herbes* than anything else. We believe in encouraging merit, but murderers of art should be compelled to tie their productions around their neck, with a few additional pounds of rocks, and made to attempt the swimming of the Mississippi river at high water.

The moulded fire bricks manufactured at the gas company's works, which are piled up outside of the north wall of the department "B," deserve a better place and should receive it. Messrs. E. B. Wheelock & Co. have since our last issue entered their celebrated Argyle Bitters, and a Mobile firm some fine confectioneries.

The velocipede exhibition took place in the afternoon on the dancing platform. The following named gentlemen entered for the prize, a silver goblet to be awarded to the most skilled and graceful rider: G. H. Dunbar, Henry Sanisberry, F. B. Webster, L. H. Fairchild, T. L. Jones, Edward Chapman, A. Costa, F. A. T. Dunbar.

The prize was awarded to Mr. T. L. Jones.

THE RACE.

Running race—Best 2 in 3, mile heats—Premium, $250. First horse, $200; second horse $50.

Entries: Bismarck, 6 years old, carrying 114 pounds—by James Nelligan.

Bay horse, no name, by Capt. Beard, 4 years old, carrying 108 pounds—by E. Warrick.

Sorrel horse, no name, by Endorser, 5 years old—by James Conlisk.

First Heat—Bismarck, first, time 1:51½; bay horse, no name, second; sorrel horse, no name, third.

Second Heat—Bismarck, first, time 1:54¾; bay horse, no name, second; sorrel horse, no name, third.

AWARDS FOR THOROUGH-BRED HORSES.

H. Vonphul, Jr., New Orleans; best stallion, five years and over; blue ribbon.

C. H. Buck, New Orleans; best stallion three years old, and under four; blue ribbon.

W. C. Lipscomb, New Orleans; best stallion two years old, and under three; blue ribbon.

Wade Harrison, Jefferson county, Miss.; best stallion one year old.; blue ribbon.

James L. Ficklen, of Kentucky, best mare five years old and over, "Minnie;" blue ribbon.

W. C. Lipscomb, New Orleans; best mare two years old, and under three years; blue ribbon.

To-day the programme will consist of exhibitions in the arena at 12 o'clock:

1. For horses raised in Louisiana exclusively.
2. Special premium offered by G. A. Breaux for saddle horses.
3. Trotting race, mile heats, $250 to first horse, $50 to second horse, to harness, and will be free for all trotters, three or more to start.
4. Special premium offered by E. A. Tyler (silver wine case) for velocipede race. Dash of two miles; not less than seven entries.

Dancing on the platform to 6 to 10 P. M.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE OPERA.—The performance of "Traviata" last evening was a decided triumph for Madame Lambele Albaiza, whose singing during the first act, concluding with the exquisite final aria, made such an impression upon the public that she was twice called before the curtain after it had dropped. The enthusiasm was marked and deserved. In truth, we may say it boldly, without offence to the other artists, Madame Albaiza is the most accomplished and talented musician of the company, and but for a want of sufficient voice at times, she would create the same enthusiasm that marked the performance last evening. She was in excellent voice and seemed to be aware of the fact, and the notes flowed from her throat with a flexibility which was wonderful to listen to. Last evening will be long remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present at the opera. The house was not full, but the attendance was fair. Engel was not in good voice, for he is suffering from a slight cold. Peront was, as usual in "Traviata," excellent. The performance on Saturday will probably consist of "The Martyrs." On Sunday, Mme. Gay Cave and Mr. Caron, two deserving artists of the opera house company, will take their benefit. The second performance of "Seraphine," which created such a sensation last Sunday, will be repeated.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—A large audience was at this house last evening to witness the last flash of "The Flash of Lightning," with all its sensational effects of burning steamboats, fallen staircases, etc. To-night the same audience, and we hope a much larger one, will witness a great transformation scene, it being from the slums of New York to the sylvan groves of the Forest of Arden, with that charming artist Mrs. Scott Siddons to lead the forlorn lovers through its wilds. That Mrs. Siddons' *Rosalind* is one of her best characters, no one can doubt; that it is a favorite with her, we know; that she herself really enjoys her mysterious love making with Orlando is evident; that she will be well supported by Mr. De Bar as *Touchstone*, Mr. Pope as *Jacques*, and Mr. Stevens as *Orlando*, is certain.

On Saturday evening she will appear as *Mrs. Haller*, in the "Stranger," and as *Katherine* in "The Taming of the Shrew," and on Sunday as *Lady Macbeth*, which we should judge will be a splendid performance, if her sleep walking scene rendered at her readings is a specimen of her acting of that wonderful and wierd-like conception of Shakspeare.

VARIETIES THEATER.—This beautiful house was filled last evening with its usual fashionable and select audience, to witness the fourth representation of Young's adaptation of Sardon's famous French play, "A Dangerous Game." It was performed with all the usual vim of the company collected at this house. The scenery alone was well worth the price of admission, together with the elegant display of diamonds made by Miss Alice Gray in the second act. There will be the usual Saturday matinée at this house, when all the ladies and children interested in knowing what is a "Dangerous Game," will have the chance of seeing it. We are informed that Robertson's splendid new comedy, "School," is in active preparation, and that Manager Floyd intends to make it the *chef d'œuvre* of the season. If he does, it will certainly be got up in splendid style.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Where do all the people come from that throng this ever popular place of amusement? for last evening not a seat could be got in the dress circle when the curtain went up on that roaring farce, the "Irish Tutor," with Cavanagh as *Dr. O'Toole*, whose comicality only whetted the appetite of the audience for the increased comicalities of the tender and delicate *Clorinda*, as performed by that fragile being, The Leffingwell, who in the tenderest manner possible, quietly knocks her daddy down, and has almost to break herself in two to kiss the *Prince Dandini*, who was charmingly played by Miss Stocquelior. In fact the whole support is good. The performance this evening will be the same. On Saturday noon all the ladies and children in New Orleans, or as many of them as can get in the Academy, will be on hand to see the broad burlesque humor of that wonderful comedian, of whom they have heard so much during the week. Apropos to ladies and children, they will find a splendid and convenient retiring-room exclusively for their use, in the promenade adjoining the dress circle.

CHASE'S PARLOR CONCERTS.—We would call the attention of our readers to a card published in another column, in which it will be seen that in order to accommodate the Seventh Street Orphan's Home Association, who had engaged the hall for the same evening that Mr. Chase's first concert was announced for, although he had the prior right to the same he has kindly consented to postpone his first concert until Monday evening, the 19th instant, when our readers will be treated to one of the best concerts that has taken place in this city since the war, if the programme and artists engaged to carry out the same are a criterion of success. In the meantime, any one wishing to subscribe for these concerts can do so by calling at Blackmar's music store, Canal street.

MRS. O'DONNOVAN (ROSSA)—The reading by this lady, which was to have been given this evening at Lyceum Hall has been postponed until Monday evening, in consequence of some accident to the train on which this talented lady is a passenger, which will necessarily delay her arrival in this city. We hope to see a very large audience present on that evening, for many of our citizens are in active sympathy with the cause which she represents.

A Washington special of the 3d says: Recognition of Cuban independence is, after all that has been said, likely to be left severely alone by the administration. The president and cabinet are known to be quite against any such movement at the present time, and while the resolution just agreed on by the House committee on foreign affairs may pass the House, it will be quite impossible to get it through the Senate. The minister of the Cuban revolutionists, who is again in Washington, has about come to this conclusion himself.

G. M. WICKLIFFE.

Three New Inictments by the Grand Jury.

Extortion and Misdemeanor in Office.

Yesterday morning the Grand Jury for this parish presented to the First District Court three new indictments against G. M. Wickliffe, auditor of the State.

The first charges Mr. Wickliffe with misdemeanor in office, in issuing upon the treasurer without authority warrant No. 384, for the sum of $782, dated March 17, 1869, purporting to be in favor of Patrice Leonard in part payment for publishing laws of the General Assembly of the State in the Empire Par