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Thirty...	70 ..	130 ..	180 ..	300 ..	480 ..

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 15, 1869.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE OPERA.—The extra performance given last night to subscribers who lost a performance on the 2d March was well attended. The opera by Meyerbeer, "Robert le Diable," was sung acceptably by Picot, Von Hoffien, Gaston, and Mesdames Cambier and Busselman. To-night "Romeo and Juliet" will be repeated. On Sunday, Mesdames Farnat and Hilery take a joint benefit. "La Vie Parisienne" and a comedy will be the programme on that occasion.

ST. CHARLES.—It affords us pleasure to state, notwithstanding we have been assured of its impossibility, that this evening Mrs. Scott Siddons *will* repeat, in accordance with a very general desire, her role of *Pauline* in the "Lady of Lyons." The announcement, though late, will be sufficient to fill the house to overflowing, for the beauty and wonderful talent which Mrs. Siddons brings to the delineation of the character, render it so attractive that none who appreciate a rare bit of acting can well fail to miss it. Another fact which should contribute to swell the attendance is that to-night is the last but one of this gifted lady's re-engagement. She, last evening, repeated her *Rosalind* before a full house, and yesterday noon gave a reading which, while it did not call together so large an audience as we had desired to see, yet afforded an opportunity for a repetition, among other selections, of her beautiful and affecting reading of Tennyson's "May Queen" and of the trial scene from the "Merchant of Venice."

To-morrow night Mrs. Siddons gives her farewell performance, taking a benefit at the same time, appearing for the first time as *Lady Teazle* in the "School for Scandal," with Mr. Pope as *Charles Surface*, Mr. Ralton as *Sir Peter*, Mr. Stevens as *Joseph Surface*, Mr. Barr as *Sir Ben. Backbite*, Mr. DeBar as *Crabtree*, Mr. Ward as *Sir Oliver*, Miss Howitt as *Mrs. Candour*, Mrs. Rosewood as *Lady Sneerwell*, and Miss Preston as *Maria*. Remember Mr. Pope's benefit in "Hamlet" on Saturday evening, when the dramatic season closes. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the box office.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—This evening the humorous Lelling will not only repeats his *Romeo Jaffer Jenkins*, but comes out also in a new character—that of the belligerent *Widow Twankey* in the burlesque of "Aladdin." To-morrow night he takes his farewell benefit, the same programme being announced for repetition, and on Sunday night terminates an engagement which has been as brilliant as, we regret to say, it has been brief. Seats for any of the remaining performances may be procured in advance at the box office.

AMES' CIRCUS, MENAGERIE AND AVIARY.—At the corner of Baronne and St. Joseph streets, yesterday evening, was thrown open to the public the exhibition, zoological and equestrian, which Col. Ames and Doc Chambers have at immense labor and expense fitted out preparatory to their summer tour through the interior of the South. The brilliant cavalcade, preceded by a brass band, and wound up by monkey-bestraddled ponies, passed through the streets yesterday to the manifest entertainment of all beholders. But this was but a tithe of the attractive display which last evening greeted the throngs that poured in through the gateway into the spacious pavilion. The appointments and costumes are all new and beautiful, while the accommodations extended to visitors are both comfortable and complete. Daily performances are to be given at noon and at seven P. M., until further notice.

THE PARLOR CONCERTS.—Next Monday evening Mr. Chase will inaugurate his third annual series of Parlor Concerts at Odd Fellows' Hall. Miss M. G., Mrs. Dupuose, Mrs. W. H. Dunn, Mr. Cassard, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Meteye, Messrs. J. G. and A. G. Wheeler, Mr. Wheat, Carlo Patti and Mr. Convelsert compose the combination of talent, whose performances are to give eclat to a series which promises to be more successful both socially and artistically than even its memorable predecessors.

MATINEE CONCERT.—Lovers of music will be pleased with the announcement that on Sunday next at 1 o'clock P. M., a grand vocal and instrumental matinee concert will be given at the German Hall, corner of Bienville street and Exchange Alley, for the benefit of that talented musician Carlo Patti, violin solo of the Opera House, and in which the artists of the opera will participate. A programme of the selections will be published in due season.

WAX FIGURES.—Signor D. Mariano Culfassi has on exhibition at No. 103 St. Charles street a collection of wax figures representing various celebrities or historical incidents, an inspection of which will amply repay the curious.

VELOCIPEDE SCHOOL.—The school which is located at No. 166 St. Charles street is open daily, from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M.

CONCERT.—Mr. Edward Groenevelt, assisted by the German Quartette Club and several artists of this city will give a vocal and instrumental concert at Odd Fellows' Hall on the 28th inst.

Half way up Lookout Mountain, the place where memory is stirred by a thousand thrilling associations, and where the brave boys of both armies met and fought hand to hand, where the blood of both friend and foe was mingled together and ran down the mountain-side in rivulets, is a smooth-faced rock, upon which a poor, wounded soldier inscribed the following:

"S. T.—1860—X—Early in the battle I was wounded, and carried to this spot by two clever 'Yanks.' They bade me farewell, and as they supposed, to die, for I was so weak from loss of blood that I could but faintly thank them for their kindness. They left in my canteen a part of a bottle of Plantation Bitters, to which I owe my life, for it strengthened me, and kept life within me until help came and my wound was dressed. God bless them for their kindness, and for the Plantation Bitters.

"HENRY DAVACEL, Company B, 10th Ga."

Visitors to the State Fair will find it to their interest to read the advertisement of Messrs. J. A. Braselman & Co., on the fourth page of this day's CRESCENT.

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CITY TOPICS.

The genus car-driver may be divided into four grand species: the obliging, the melancholy, the irascible, the punctilious. The obliging driver is the *rara avis* of the crowd: but when a traveler accidentally stumbles upon one of the species, he finds a jehu who opens the door when he sees that change is wanted, don't keep one standing fifteen or twenty minutes while he dives into six or eight pockets for an extra nickel, shuts the door afterward, and when you pull the strap, takes pains to stop the stern of his four-wheeled craft at the crossing. Lamentably few indeed are such as he, and the species is daily dying out under the combined influences of constant annoyance from tantalizing juveniles who cut behind, of irritation from querulous passengers or refractory mules, of sleeplessness, rain, cold and exposure.

The melancholy car-driver is absent-minded—very. He keeps looking over the dashboard, apparently watching the shiny track as it disappears under the car, but in reality wishing he were able to be a passenger, and ride home every day in style, letting the infernal old car go on about its business, so long as it carried him to his destination. He is a man of some sense, very often—say, of five cents. He ruminates, and schemes and ponders there on his little platform-prison, up forward, until it sometimes takes two or three bell jingles to recall him to the world of business. Then he seizes his whip, and lashes away mechanically at the mule for a few minutes, until the inevitable reverie comes back again only to be broken by that everlasting bell.

The irascible car-driver is a shocking illustration of what a man driven only by an evil temper, aggravated by circumstances, may come to. If you don't want to take a bundle of tickets in change he growls like a bull dog; if you pull the strap violently, he scowls at you through the window, hard enough to make the glass fall out; if a mischievous urchin tantalizes him by jumping on the hind step, he watches him with the eye of a lynx, and suddenly, while the youngster isn't looking, throws down the reins, slides open the forward door, rushes like a madman, lash in hand, through the car, and winds up the vain endeavor by a muttered malediction on all street boys. Passengers, as a general thing, don't admire this kind of a driver.

Then, last of all, we have the punctilious driver! He is one who watches you jealously if you get in with a half-smoked Havana secreted in your hand; who won't stop anywhere but on the crossing, even though you have to wade through mud and in a pelting rain to get to the car; who points menacingly to the notice, "milk, fowls, etc., not allowed in this car," whenever any market women get in with baskets; who turns his brake in one time and so many motions in true military style, and bangs the door to after one enters or alights as if the prosperity of the company depended upon it.

There is something to admire in this jehu. He would make a good soldier, and ten to one has carried his musket.

Now, reader, if you are in the habit of riding about in the street cars, note what we have said and see whether the classification is correct or not.

A little incident occurred at a boarding house recently which was quite laughable. A Cuban refugee boarding at the house is unfortunate enough not to understand more than two words of English—yes and no. At the dinner table on Tuesday the polite waiter addressed him with, "Will you have some chicken, and pork and beans?" "Yes," answered our Cuban, proud of exhibiting his knowledge of the language, and ate his chicken and pork and beans. The landlady walking in about this time, seeing his empty plate, again asked him, "Will you have some chicken and pork and beans, sir?" The inevitable "Yes" came out very naturally, and our Cuban was surprised to see a repetition of the first dishes placed before him. He said nothing, however, and ate the second edition as he had the first, and his plate was again empty. The courteous miss of the house, who had not noticed the previous scenes, in her turn inquired of the gentleman, with one of her sweet smiles, if he would have some chicken and pork and beans? "Yes," of course answered the Cuban; and lo! a third supply of the pork and beans and chicken was placed before him. This was too much; he could not contain himself, and burst out with a thundering "Caramba! no ay nada para comer aqui!" and left the table in disgust.

A well merited compliment was paid our fellow-citizen, E. A. Tyler, whose well known energy has contributed so much to the success of our annual fair. This worthy and liberal gentleman was called upon by the orphans, under charge of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and forming in a circle around his office in the Octagonal Building, they honored him, their generous benefactor, by singing several of their sweetest songs. It was an impressive scene, and only the heart of stone could be unmoved while listening to those little warblers, whose hearts were pouring out songs of gladfulness to one whom they recognize as a Christian and their benefactor.

How the reader would pity a court reporter if it were only generally known how full of repetitions, how garrulous and interminable lawyers are in their petitions, answers, etc.! "Hereunto annexed for reference and greater certainty," "and your said petitioner further and moreover alleges, avers and asserts," "and said illegal, unlawful, unjust, tortious, wrongful and improper proceedings are injurious to your aforesaid petitioner's said rights, and are calculated to do him, the said petitioner, irreparable injury and damages," etc., *ad infinitum*, are sentences of hourly use in every court of civil jurisdiction in New Orleans. Perpend, reader! If you have a matter which can only be settled by a recourse to law, select an attorney who believes that brevity is the soul of wit; who does not write out his whole line of attack in his petition, and who leaves something at least for his brief and for the discrimination of the judge. You will find the costs less by one-third if you follow the advice of City Topics, and shun those long-winded leatherlungs who are as tiresome as a twice told tale, vexing the dull ears of a drowsy man.

Just above Carrollton a Teuton wag, who is, or ought to be, a descendant of mine host of the Garter, has a tavern, with a sign board swung across the highway, which bears on the lower side the inscription, "*Last chance*"—for those going up, and on the upper side for those coming down towards the city, "*First Chance.*" The hint is generally acted on by travelers along the dusty road.

Pancho, of the Cosmopolite Exchange, near the Court House, is reported to have made $250 from drinks called for at his bar within two hours, last Sunday afternoon, whilst the papal celebration was in progress in front of the Cathedral.

"I must leave," said Tom, "I have business to do." "Hold on," replied the general, "the slaves in Louisiana are all free, so time is now made for nobody."

Everybody knows Sam Myers as genial, witty and kind-hearted a limb of the law as ever was admitted to the New Orleans bar. Sam was one day present in one of the district courts, in which an appeal was in course of trial from the decision of a justice of the peace. The subject matter in dispute was a poor old cow, shrivelled and bony, and hardly worth the trouble of driving her from the pasture to the stable. The attorneys on either side were vehement, even extravagant in their arguments and illustrations. There were twenty at least of Gascon milkmen sitting around as parties and witnesses, and their muttered anathemas, and their ill-suppressed applause at different phases of the trial, encouraged or exasperated the lawyers to the highest degree. Sam was gleeful at the exhibition, it beat the academy hollow. An inspiration filled Sam's mind, he seized a pen, he wrote:

"H. and —— are lawyers—
I cannot tell you how;
They had a case before the judge
About a worthless, starving, sickly, poor old cow,
The judge, he heard the arguments,
Which were bestowed in halves,
And rendered his decision—
That H. and —— were calves."

Topics saw the head of a black fish in the Port Market, a day or two ago, which was as big as an old fashioned bonnet, or as a half barrel of whisky. This giant of the gulf was caught off the Florida reefs, and weighed 550 pounds. The greater portion of the carcass was bought for the St. Charles and the City Hotels.

"Compliments of ladies at Table No. 1, Odd Fellows' Hall, Wednesday evening, to the reporters of the CRESCENT." This was the inscription which came to us daintily written upon a card last evening, when the hour was drawing on well toward midnight—and with it came, in the hands of two trusty messengers, such an array of good things—salids, ices, cakes, strawberries and a pitcher of most excellent lemonade—that if the local of the CRESCENT shows evidence of peculiar sweetness this morning, it must be mainly attributed to their agreeable visitation. The reporters of the CRESCENT tender most respectfully their thanks.

Yesterday the subscription list for the purchase of the Opera House building from the insurance companies was closed. The subscribers will form themselves into a joint stock company and administer next operatic seasons through a board of directors. Mr. Calabresi will remain in his position as leader of the orchestra with a salary which we have heard stated as high as $8000 per annum. From information we learn that Mdme. Cambier and Mr. Engel will be retained. Although our authority is good, we mention the fact with due reserve. We shall return to this subject soon.

"How pleasant 'tis to see
Brethren and friends agree."

Yes, "it is like precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even great Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments." Now I don't propose to write about garments, although it would please Pete, but to speak of a little reunion that transpired last Sunday evening, on the occasion of the withdrawal of one of the noble band of martyrs of the CRESCENT, to roam in pastures new. Imagine congregated around the festive board the physiognomies of the "Dr." (doctor, not debtor,) "Pete," "Pierre Technic," "Shenandoah Bill," "Felis Oates," "Persimmons," "Polonious," "Head," "O. Scar," *et als.*, all great lights (and livers) in the literary "Slough of Despond," and all sit down to wine away the fleeting hours with mirth and song. Ah, it is a sight for a father; behold those congregation of literary intellect; those forehead o'ershaded by luxuriant bristles that disdain to curl; see those nose when the steaming hash is brought on; see that cravat. Dishes come and disappear; the w(h)ine goes round; and now, "Pete," the president of the Great North American Sot Club, rises and proposes "the health of our guest and absent friend; may his shadder never b'less!" to which we all drink. Then the Dr. sings "Champagne Charlie is my name," which is a lie, because his name is James. Then Felis Oates says, "My soul's in arms and eager for the fry; for since these arms have known their dearest action in the (con)tented field, I never have enjoyed myself at a banquet more than I have to-night, if I may except the time when Rip Van Winkle and I wined with Hendrick Hudson and his crew." (Cries of "hi, hi.") Sleepy Head rises, and "you can hear a pin drop"—if there wasn't so much noise. Hark! "Gentlemen, I feel that I am looking thro' a smoked glass, and that this is a regular eclipse. It eclipses anything of the kind that I have ever been guilty of. I did not expect to see so many of you here until I made up my mind you would be present, and I did not realize for the moment that you were all around me here in flesh and blood. I—I don't realize it now; but I shall, I shall—when the bill comes in. I remain, gentlemen, in the words of Oliver Ditson, yours respectfully." (Applause and kisses.) "Pierre Technic" being overcome with too much drink, doses. Felis is under the table for the same reason, and yet the Circean cup goes round. "Shenandoah Bill" appears to be "going round" too. "Persimmons" imagines he is at the bar practicing, and is loudly calling for drink, while O. Scar, the active honorary member of the "Sot Club," has sot still all the evening and uttered no "note of preparation," or "said boo!" But the viands have disappeared, the wine is drank, the drinkers are drunk, and—I told you at the commencement, reader, to *imagine* so and so, because this was a feast, a Barmacide feast reversed. The *feast* was there, but the *guest* was not! Perhaps you guessed as much!

A nice pompano sells for five dollars in the market.

There will be another grand children's ball on the dancing floor at the Fair Grounds on Saturday afternoon.

Mesdames Robertson, Tyler and Carroll, in charge of table No. 2, at the Odd Fellows' Hall fair, now in progress, will please accept our acknowlegements for the kind remembrance of us which they displayed at a late hour last evening in the shape of a waiter well stored with the delicacies which they dispense.

City Topics had a dream last night. Topics dreamed of being present at an interview between Warmoth and the devil with regard to the trouble between the governor and Wickliffe. The interview was long, earnest, but unsatisfactory. At length the devil said: "Well, I must go home." "No!" interrupted Warmoth, "come and stay with us." "Excuse me," answered Old Nick, "I'd rather go home to h—l."

One day, not long ago, when most of the courts had adjourned for a quasi holiday, several lawyers were gathered, conversing, at the gate of the Court House. One court was in session, however, up stairs, and an attorney was pleading in stentorian tones. During a lull in the conversation, one of the lawyers began to harken to the voice up stairs. "It must be something interesting," he suggested; "let's go up and see what it's about." "Pshaw!" said another, "it is only —— confirming a judgment by default."

Who does not love to ride—a pleasant, healthy, invigorating exercise and pastime suited to old and young; innocent, glorious amusement. Then a good horse and buggy to enjoy it with, and away you go spinning down the shell at an enviable pace. These are pleasant days come now, and if you will go to Patmore & Spearing's, No. 215 Gravier street, you will get just what you want, as they know their business and attend to it. Remember the "Mazeppa" livery stable.

Last night another gambling establishment was opened at No. 17 St. Charles street. No sooner were the doors open than every portion of the building was crowded with people anxious to test their abilities to beat the tiger. This place is probably the largest in the city, the three stories being entirely occupied by gaming tables of every description to the number of twenty or more.

Besides the rooms have been fitted up regardless of cost and are lighted up in a most extravagant manner. About 10 o'clock one of the most sumptuous cold suppers that could greet the eye and tickle the palate was served in the large supper room on the second floor, and for over an hour champagne flowed like water, and every thing being gratis, the place was necessarily well patronized. There is one consolation, at least, to be derived from the new establishment—it is that the revenues of the city and State will be increased about ten thousand dollars.

Local Intelligence.

Weather Reports.

The temperature yesterday, as shown by the thermometer at C. Duhamel's, 111 Canal street, was as follows: At 6 A. M. 48 degrees; 12 M. 57; 3 P. M. 62; 6 P. M. 61.

The following is the weather report for yesterday in the places severally mentioned. The time at which the report is made is at 8 A. M.:

PLACE.	THER.	WIND.	REMARKS.
Plaister's Cove, N. S.	34	N	Snowing.
Halifax, N. S.	.....	....	....
Boston, Mass.	43	N	Clear
New York City	46	N W	Clear
Philadelphia, Pa	40	....	Clear
Baltimore, Md.	42	N N E	Clear
Washington, D. C.	47	N W	Clear
Fortress Monroe, Va.	56	N W	Clear
Charleston, S. C.	46	N N W	Cool
Lake City, Fla.	.....	N	Clear and cold
Key West, Fla.	65	N strong	Cloudy
Havana, Cuba	75	N	Barometer 30 29
Augusta, Ga.	50	W	Clear
Chattanooga, Tenn.	42	N	Clear
Knoxville, Tenn.	.....	....	....
Nashville, Tenn	38	E	Clear and frosty
Memphis, Tenn.	45	N E	Clear
Louisville, Ky.	43	N W	Clear
St. Louis, Mo.	.....	....	Clear and pleasant
Cleveland, Ohio	44	W	Cloudy
Chicago, Ill.	40	S W	Clear
Cincinnati, Ohio	34	N E	Clear
Pittsburg, Pa.	33	W	Clear
Dubuque, Iowa	.....	S	Clear and cold
Milwaukee, Wis.	.....	S W	Clear
Shreveport, La	58	Calm	Clear
Camden, Ark	.....	....	....
Montgomery, Ala.	44	....	Clear
Mobile, Ala.	48	E	Clear and cold
Jackson, Miss.	.....	N E	Clear
Natchez, Miss.	51	E	Clear
Baton Rouge, La.	.....	....	....
Vicksburg, Miss.	.....	S E	Clear and cold
Houston, Tex.	.....	Due E	Cloudy

Fires.

A fire occurred about a quarter past ten yesterday morning in the southeast corner of the Charity Hospital, being caused, it is supposed, by sparks from the flue of Roberts's sash factory, on the corner of Howard and Gravier streets. It was extinguished with but slight damage.

About half past three yesterday afternoon a fire broke out at No. 50 Euphrosine street, in a frame cottage, occupied by a colored family named Brown. The damage here also was slight. The fire was communicated from a stove which was not raised to a proper height from the flooring.

About ten minutes after seven last evening a fire broke out on Robertson street, between Common and Gasquet streets, and before it was extinguished consumed twelve or thirteen tenement houses. As near as we could ascertain the fire originated in a coal oil lamp explosion at No. 52 Robertson street, occupied by Mrs. Foster, whence it communicated to No. 54, occupied by Mrs. Waples, and thence in either direction, destroying Nos. 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56 and 58. Nos. 36 and 38 were occupied by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Adams, No. 42 by Dr. Dodson, No. 40 by a colored family, Nos. 44 and 46 by Mr. Jones and Mr. Neil, Nos. 48 and 50 by Mrs. Prieur, who is insured in the Mutual Insurance Company, and Nos. 56 and 58 by Mrs. Lesarre, who is insured in the Merchants'. The fire was a most disastrous one, resulting in an estimated destruction of $50,000 worth of property.

Trinity Benevolent Association.

The second annual celebration of the Trinity Benevolent Association took place last evening at Trinity Church, on Jackson street. This beautiful church was filled at an early hour by the clergy, congregations and different co-operating benevolent associations of this city.

After the very impressive services by the pastor a report of work done during the past year was made by the president, showing the good work performed by the members, the poor relieved, the sick assisted and wretched consoled, closing with an eloquent appeal to the congregation to come forward and make themselves known in this good work by their deeds, as now more than at any other time their assistance was needed.

E. G. Mestier, treasurer, made his report for the past year, showing the financial condition of the society.

The amount of funds raised during the year from all sources was		$1266 23
Amount disbursed in charities	$585 25	
Supporting orphans	180 00	
Mission school, etc.	70 00	
Expense	209 65	—$1044 90
Balance in treasury		$221 33

Mr. Hunter, of St. Paul's, made a few feeling remarks, stating that his association, although but a short time in existence, had raised over seven hundred dollars, all of which had been expended in relieving the suffering and distressed. He was followed by Mr. Race, of the Trinity Benevolent Association, whose statements were delivered with great force. He called upon the benevolent to assist in this great and good work. Although much had been done, more remained to be done. He closed by calling upon the congregation to contribute liberally; they could afford to, and to show by their action that heart was enlisted in the good cause.

Rev. Mr. Girault, of St. Peter's Church, Third District, made an eloquent appeal to the charitable; to the liberally disposed, he represented a field where a great deal of good remained to be done, and he hoped that during the coming year that assistance would be rendered to the poor and needy under his charge that Christianity and feeling for the wretched required.

Rev. Mr. Bakewell, city missionary, gave a thrilling account of misery and wretchedness he had witnessed; of the sick and needy he had visited and relieved; but much more could have been done. He also made a very feeling appeal to the congregation in behalf of the distressed.

Rev. Mr. Galleher closed the services by an eloquent prayer.

The congregation made a very handsome collection for the benefit of the treasury; we did not learn the precise amount.

The choir sang several hymns in an artistic manner. The performance of Leo Wheat upon the organ left nothing to be desired.

Board of Metropolitan Police.

The following cases have been disposed of by the board, viz:

George Howard, patrolman No. 35, fifth precinct, reprimanded.

James Coughlin, patrolman No. 78, first precinct, reprimanded.

Daniel Healy, patrolman No. 93, first precinct, forfeits one day's pay.

E. Earle, corporal, and J. Bennett patrolman No. 6, J. Lynch, No. 8, and Joseph Gannon, No. 14, second precinct, cases continued.

Daniel Horrigan, patrolman No. 67, third precinct, case dismissed.

D. Hutchinson, patrolman No. 5, sixth precinct, case dismissed.

Robert Fee, patrolman No. 22, river precinct, forfeits three days' pay.

Robbery.

Sometime during Tuesday the house of Mrs. Maria Armistead, on St. Andrew street, between Dryades and Baronne streets, was entered by some persons unknown, who stole wearing apparel to the value of $150.

A man named Thos. McGovern was despoiled of a hundred and ten greenback dollars at the corner of Claiborne and Dumaine streets on Monday. One arrest has been made.

State House.

Governor Warmoth made the following appointments yesterday: John W. Addison, notary public, parish of Tangipahoa; Jno. McElwe, S. J. Norwood, W. S. Hamilton, S. E. Beauchamp, and W. H. Potter, board of administrators Insane Asylum of the State.

Custom House Items.

Collector Casey is so overrun by applications for positions in the department under his charge as to be seriously impeded in arranging the many other matters of business incidental to his entering upon his duties. Quite a number of those now employed, even including some not reckoned by outsiders as being among the faithful, will be retained; Mr. Casey, with his strong good sense, determining to make integrity and fitness more a test than avowed devotion to party.

Meanwhile the halls, corridors, stairways, anterooms, and sidewalks without, are dotted with numerous groups of clamorers for the official blood of the hundreds of incumbents within. The guillotine don't work half fast enough for them, either in the customs or the revenue departments. What will it be when Lowell, Dillingham, Packard, Lockwood, Longstreet and Joubert all arrive, with their offices to be filled? Whew! what a rush there'll be.

Mr. Joubert left Washington, it seems, on Tuesday evening. That will bring him to the assessorship *in re* about next Monday morning, we suppose.

Collector Casey moves into his bran new office this morning. It has been beautifully fitted up, with green and gold hangings—(no allusion to those hanging about outside)—but the same carpet remains; it cost $450, and can't be worn out in a hurry.

Gen. Longstreet is daily expected to enter upon the duties of the surveyorship. Several dispatches and letters have been received from him by Collector Casey.

The name of Mr. Keith is mentioned for the deputy surveyorship.

Miscellaneous Items.

Sarah Gray and Mary Francis, on a charge of larceny, and C. Fletcher, on a charge of assault and wounding with a dangerous weapon, were all sent for trial before the First District Court by Recorder Gastinel.

We regret to learn that Dan Owens, whom the patrons of the Academy all know and like, sprained his ankle badly while running with his company, No. 13, to the steamship conflagration last Thursday night. Hurry up, Dan, get well and take your place at the wheel again.

Assistant Alderman Sturcken having been granted a three months leave at the last session of the board, leaves for Europe next Sunday. A pleasant voyage and a safe return to him.

Officer Lanman reports having found, at the corner of Elmira and Levee streets, on Tuesday night, a ship hawser, which he carried to the Fifth precinct station.

A shooting affair occurred in a Canal street car at the corner of Basin, on Tuesday night, but no one was wounded. The parties, as well as the driver, who whipped up his mule with a view to getting away, were arrested and taken to Treme station.

The Belle Union gambling saloon was thrown open at No. 17 St. Charles street last evening for the first time. It is elegantly fitted up, spacious and well ventilated, and possesses all the attractions which establishments of its kind well know how to offer.

The Courts.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—United States ex rel. C. A. Weed. This case was called up; Alex. Walker for relator, Semmes & Mott for W. M. Smallwood; when, after hearing the pleadings, evidence and argument, the court took time to advise.

Myra C. Gaines, Caleb Cushing subrogated, vs. D. N. Hennen. Opposition to master's report called and continued till 17th inst.

United States vs. Bouligny and al. J. B. Weller, Esq., has taken a rule on the district attorney, returnable 16th inst., to show cause why the judgment in this case should not be opened up and leave given to defendants to answer.

Aristide Mary and J. H. Oglesby were appointed freeholders to form a jury list of one hundred names.

The Grand Jury yesterday found a true bill against Eugene Tisdale, late collector of the third district of Louisiana, for embezzlement, as follows, viz:

Embezzling $22,000, received by him as collector of internal revenue, third collection district, as internal revenue tax on 2200 bales cotton shipped from Trenton by Oliver & McGuire, merchants, between June 3, 1867, and 17th June, 1868.

Embezzling $15,700, as internal revenue tax on 1570 bales cotton shipped from Trenton by D. T. Heard & Co., merchants, between January 3, 1868, and 12th April, 1868.

Embezzling $14,120, as internal revenue tax on 1412 bales cotton shipped from Trenton by Standifier, Bush & Co., merchants, between 11th November, 1867, and June 18, 1868.

Embezzling $10,740, as internal revenue tax on 1074 bales cotton shipped from Trenton by Williamson & Garlington, between January 18, 1868, and 1st April, 1868.

Embezzling $5350, as internal revenue tax on 530 bales of cotton shipped from Trenton by Flournoy & Millsaps, between July 19, 1867, and 4th October, 1868.

A capias was issued accordingly.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—Messrs. Whitaker & Whitaker, attorneys, on Tuesday, as per agreement of counsel, submitted another of their wine cases, containing same facts, etc., as were contained in their other case previously decided and the court considering agreement, etc., rendered judgment of condemnation.

Messrs. Roselius & Philips yesterday also submitted as above two other wine cases as above; judgment the same.

One wine case was also submitted by Miles Taylor, Esq., yesterday, with the same judgment as above.

The suit of United States vs. Louisiana State Bank, was discontinued on payment of costs, as per instructions from attorney general. This suit was relative to some cotton transaction, and involved $715,000.

SUPREME COURT—*General Order.*—Ordered, that hereafter, whenever it shall be made to appear to the court that a case has been improperly caused by counsel to be placed upon the summary docket, the same shall thereupon be transferred to the ordinary docket and entered at the foot thereof.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.—Edward Alexis was arraigned before the court yesterday, and pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery.

A nolle pros. was entered in the case of Jos. Diamond and Alfred Moore, alias Wallace, charged with attempting to rob another person.

Jimmy Tobin and Johnny Burke were tried and found guilty of larceny and sentenced, Tobin to one week and Burke to one day in parish prison.

Lewis Sheridan pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

William Mische was tried and found guilty of obtaining property under false pretenses.

David Hatching, H. Reynolds and Pat Cain, charged with assault and battery, and John Ryan and Chas. McCormack, charged with robbery, were released on nolle prosequis.

SIXTH DISTRICT COURT.—Judge Cooley yesterday delivered the following decision, which goes straight to the point in question. Young gentlemen who are engaged in legal proceedings before Judge Cooley should take care how they neglect their cases:

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To facilitate and expedite business, I consented that the parties to this suit should submit the merits of the case out of the regular order established by law for the trial of causes, thus entailing upon myself more labor than the law imposes. But the understanding so entered on the minutes was that the parties should file written briefs within five days. The defendants complied with this condition, and from the plaintiff the following is the only thing I have received:

"NEW ORLEANS, April 12, 1869.

"*Judge Cooley*—The case of Woods vs. Watts and wife submitted presents only questions of facts clearly establishing plaintiff's claim, and requires no brief to assist the court in its decision.

"Respectfully, etc., ****"

The testimony in the case was taken out of court, and the case was submitted without a word in the shape of an oral argument, the understanding being that briefs should be filed. There are over one hundred pages of closely written testimony, and also considerable documentary.

The delays having expired for furnishing the brief, I suggested to the defendant's counsel that I could not examine the case, because I had no brief from plaintiff, and also ordered the minute clerk to inform counsel I was waiting for his brief. The above note, which is short, if nothing else, is the only response I have received to the intimation that I desired a brief from plaintiff. Whilst I am disposed to do everything I can to expedite business, (and I believe I have given abundant evidence of the fact,) I cannot take upon myself to decide cases which depend upon questions of fact, when the testimony is voluminous and has been all taken out of my presence and hearing without the benefit of a word of argument from the plaintiff, oral or otherwise. The judge is presumed to know the law; and when cases depend upon a question of law for their determination, suitors may reasonably expect that no argument is necessary. But judges are not presumed to know facts, and these must be brought to their attention.

Submitting a voluminous record like the present, without argument, is a greater task than is imposed by the law, too great even for the best disposed judicial officers to support. The plaintiff in his short note says the case is clear. The only clear point in the whole matter is, that one of the defendants, * * * * the wife, is not responsible for one cent of the building contract. The purchaser of the lot on which the house was built, though made in her own name, was effected during the existence of the community. Without evidence to show that the purchase was an investment of her paraphernal or dotal funds, the property so purchased belongs to the community; and the husband alone is responsible for charges on it.

As to the liability of the husband, defendant, it was the duty of the plaintiff to prove this clearly. He has not done so.

There must be a judgment in favor of defendant, as in case of non-suit.

B. L. HODGE No. 2.—This fleet passenger steamer is now receiving at the foot of Canal street, lower side, and will take her departure for Shreveport on Friday, at 5 P. M. The Hodge is a regular weekly packet, and leaves on time. Punctuality is the motto of her able commander, Captain Boardman.

Buy the only sewing machine fit for family use, the Grover & Baker. Warranted for five years. Quilter, braider and hemmer given with each machine at 182 Canal street.

John Doers, a citizen of Lowndes county, Alabama, is 99 years of age, and works on his farm every day.

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