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MORTALITY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY.—The whole number of deaths in the city for the month of February was 114. Outside of the city limits, 2. Total, 116. Causes of Death.—Pneumonia, 41; Phthisis Pulmonalis, 3; Bronchitis, 11; Congestion of Lungs, 11; Dropsy, 11; Hepatitis, 11; Typhoid, 11; Cholera, 11; Spasms, 11; Exposure, 11; Unknown, 1. Total, 116.

Go and see the "Street Cars of New York," at the Theatre this evening.

DOCTORS WILLIAMS & CLAY.—It will be noticed that these skillful surgeons and practitioners of medicine have formed a partnership, and have their office at the Infirmary. The senior party will make a specialty of uterine surgery, being prepared with all the latest improvements and appliances to treat this class of disease. Dr. Clay will devote himself to general surgery.

These gentlemen are too well known in the community to call for commendation at our hands, and we predict for them eminent success in their united medical and operative careers.

SALE OF EYE PROPERTY.—Mr. P. H. ROSSON furnishes us with the following result of the sale of property belonging to the succession of John T. Heath, Esq.: Lot 8 and improvements, on the corner of McNeill and Travis streets, bought \$1850; lots 2, 3 and 4, fronting on Travis street, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, bought \$750, \$650, and \$500; lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, fronting on Fannin street, and the last named on the corner of McNeill and Fannin, bought \$125; \$1010; \$710; \$960; \$1200, and \$1350. The entire property had been appraised at \$4115.

WARMTH TRUMPHELS.—In answer to the refusal of Governor Warmth to answer the questions proposed to him by the grand jury, based upon the charges of corruption and bribery mentioned by the Governor in his recent reply to the citizens' committee, Judge Abell, on the 25th ult., delivered a lengthy opinion, sustaining the Governor.

Later accounts represent that Capt. Ho, recently shot on board the Kate Kinney, at Alexandria, by Mr. Lockett, will not recover. He received six balls, the first shot disabling his right hand, in which he held a derringer pistol when the fight commenced.

HARD ON THE BOYS.—We learn that thirteen delinquents have been seized in Smith county, on account of the Supervisor of the Revenue Department, on account of illicit practices; and we are also informed that in many of the cases, ex-revenue officers are implicated in the fraud.

Every body should see the "Streets of New York," at the Theatre this evening.

The great depreciation of negro property since the war is remarkable. Likely negro fellows in the Louisiana Legislature, who, prior to that time, would readily bring two thousand dollars in the market, can now be purchased at from five to twenty-five dollars a head.

The debt of Atlanta, Ga., is said to be \$12,819,192, giving a debt of \$425 to every one of her citizens, white and black, big and little, as the aggregate population is only thirty thousand. In view of the fact that Atlanta is a fast and eminently progressive city, notwithstanding her heavy indebtedness, might we not be justified in venturing upon from thence a little further?

EMBRASURE LEGISLATION.—In the Legislature, on the 25th ult., the Committee on Education reported a bill to compel, under certain penalties, parents to send their children and guardians their wards to school. The minority report, protesting against the measure as an unjust, improper and arbitrary interference in the relation of parent and child, guardian and ward, was laid on the table by a vote of 42 to 30, and the bill, therefore, went on the calendar to take its course. It "requires every child between the ages of six and sixteen years to be sent to school at least three months of each year, every non-compliance with the law to be punished by imposing a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars."

BILLY GOAT MILITIA.—On the 25th ult., the militia bill came up as the special order of the day, when, during the debate on section 11, Mr. Ogden remarked, in explanation to his amendment that the militia should receive the same pay as the army of the United States, that in relation to the horses needed by the militia proposed, he "had no idea that this militia would ever lose an opportunity to rob the planters of the State, not only of their horses and mules, but, also, of their bill-groats and jackasses for the special use of the officers."

After certain sections were adopted, the further discussion of the bill was postponed on account of the court of impeachments.

Go and see the varied scenes of life—wealth—poverty—happiness—misery—at the Theatre to-night.

THAT BALLOON.—If we retain our faculties we now think no true patriot shall ever again see our lips on the question of balloons. Last summer this office "went up" to the extent of some fifty dollars on a balloon, if the man who attempted to navigate it failed to go up in it. The promise made by ourselves and Mr. Melaine, that an affair of the kind should certainly come off, or go up there, on Friday and Saturday, was falsified in the most heartless manner and to the infinite disgust of the juvenile population. All this was because the gas here is so inferior as to depress rather than elevate—another account that is some false knave, with no appreciation of high art in his composition, and no knowledge of some other sharp instrument in the balloon during the darkness of the night.

Several persons have asked us if the Texas Legislature had adjourned. Our dispatches of the 25th state that it adjourned sine die, after passing resolutions of thanks to Gen. Reynolds and a few others of his character.

A special to the New Orleans Times says that at the swearing in of Revels there was great excitement during the impeachment trial.

The Courier-Journal says Mr. Dawes charged in his speech that "Gold would probably didn't think of the impossibility of finding a gold coin sufficiently small for the purpose."

**Areades Ambo.**  
Wickliffe comes out in a card, published in the New Orleans Bulletin of the 1st, and talks as bold as a lion, or as Warmth did to the committee. If his statements may be believed, he has been made the victim of his honesty—the interests of the State against such corruptors and robbers as Warmth and his "minions." These men, appreciating his Roman virtues—knowing they could not carry out their base designs so long as he stood as a mighty bulwark to stay their inroads upon the treasury—have bent every energy, brought to bear every appliance known to the art of war, to sack or undermine the walls, storm the citadel and massacre the garrison, rather than their ends should not be accomplished. He explains the coupon question entirely to his own satisfaction, thus:

The custom (for until the last session of the Legislature there was no law upon the subject) has always been to cancel these coupons by punching holes through them, and passing them in a book kept for that purpose.

The tremendous amount of these coupons received by the Government, the operation of the law upon them, as well as the usually large amount of other sources, made it impossible for me to cancel and paste them in as fast as received, for this is a laborious and tedious business.

I therefore required my clerk to put all such coupons in envelopes and seal them up and endorse the envelope with the name of the party from whom they were received, the number of coupons, and the total amount. These envelopes containing the coupons were then placed by me in a large box, made for the purpose, and deposited in bank, where they now are.

The custom of canceling these coupons by punching holes through them, and passing them in a book kept for that purpose, is a common mistake to suppose that all such coupons are cancelled in the presence of honest—governor Wickliffe might possibly so look if there were any honesty in the leading man of New Orleans to confront.

Be the latter as it may, we conceive that he is a wise man who attacked this generally accepted opinion, by asserting that a rascal can stare an honest man out of countenance any day.

All at once Wickliffe has evidently got the worst of the controversy, with his enemies, at least accounts he was taking limited observations of life through the bars of a prison. So much for the ex-Auditor.

Touching Warmth, we were struck with a paragraph taken from this paper, by Col. Bennett, the talented editor of the Planter's Banner. He says that he had been informed by a Democratic member of the Legislature, "one of the few honest men of that body," that he found Wickliffe not as deeply implicated in the wrongs charged against him by Warmth as they had supposed—that he has evidently not saved more than ten or fifteen thousand dollars out of his office, and that Warmth publishes this charge against him in order to divert public attention from his own foul record. Warmth has certainly made a princely fortune from his office. "They think," continues Col. Bennett, "that his attack on Wickliffe is like the attack on the Democrats before the citizens' committee—the cry of stop thief raised by the biggest thief in the crowd."

"Pop-Corn," "Pea-Nuts," and "Hot Potatoes"—at the Theatre this evening.

IMPROVEMENT OF RED RIVER, THE LAKES, AND CYPRESS BAYOU.—A petition to Congress for the appropriation of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the removal of obstructions to navigation in the above named streams, is now before the public, and it is hoped that our influential merchants will give their attention to getting signatures. The petition estimates the present annual value of the produce dependent on Red River for transit to market at about \$45,000,000. It is thus shown: "The character and extent of the obstructions in Red river are well known to the public; and it is believed the appropriation asked for will so far remove those obstructions as to greatly, if not so entirely, relieve navigation of the perils that now so heavily tax our commerce and delay the growth and development of the important section of the Union in which we live."

There is no question but that such an appropriation, if properly expended, would operate immensely to the benefit of this section of country. But should it fall into the hands of unprincipled speculators, whose sole object will be to get the reward, without reference to honesty or to the Government, but to this locality, by interfering with future petitions for appropriations.

A SUY TO CRACK.—A little incident that was unfortunately related to us the other day by our friend C., has troubled us as much, and as to little purpose, as ever did his vain speculations concerning the Venetian friendships the "little gentleman Tremlow." We have at length relinquished all hope of arriving at any satisfactory conclusion on the subject by our individual ratiocination, and have concluded to submit it to the debating societies for determination. It is a deep and abstruse problem of moral responsibility.

C. and his wife were quietly enjoying a little dish of scandal about their neighbors, when they were disturbed by a crash in the adjoining room. C.—having a prettier fall jumped up and ran to see what was the matter, exclaiming, "My dear, these children will run me crazy!" Arriving at the scene of action she discovered that an old hen had gone up into the loft to lay, and finding a hole in the ceiling she conceived the novel idea that it was an excellent nest, and straightway proceeded to lay an egg in it. It fell through on the floor beneath causing the crash which had disturbed our friends. C., who is the sworn champion of the much abused children, instantly made a point in their favor, to this effect: "My dear, as usual, you are unjust, and have wrongfully laid it on the children, when it was the hen that laid on the floor."

Query—Which was the culpable party, the children or the fowling?—This was right, C.—'s wife for the hen.

NEGO SUFFRAGE.—The anticipation that legislation, by virtue of the second section of the Fifteenth Amendment, would be attempted in Congress, was realized by the introduction in the House by Mr. Bingham, of a bill giving suffrage to all persons in States where, by State laws, they have heretofore been deprived of it. Instead of being confined to Maryland, Kentucky, Delaware, etc., the bill is general in its character, and enforces the enfranchisement of every male person above the age of 21, without regard to race or color. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee, where it will be considered as soon as official notice of the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment is made.

This, or some other bill, provides fine and imprisonment for all persons, official or otherwise, who refuse to allow their names and names to be used for collecting or registering taxes, assessed for the collection of tax, or in any way to prevent the same collection, or from attaching to them that covers white males in the several States. It strikes down the educational qualification in Massachusetts, and the property qualification applied to colored people in New York.

Greatest play ever presented—at the Theatre this evening.

We referred our cotemporary of the Henderson Times to Barside on the subject of negro juries, and he replies, "You speak to him about it, he is a stranger to us." We have done so, and Burnside says it is very difficult to throw any light upon so dark a subject as that of the present jury system of Texas and Louisiana, but he indulges the hope that the political eclipse through which the South is now passing will shine forth; that the lone star of Texas will again shine forth with increased splendor, and the old Pelican of Louisiana again feel her young without a blackbird in the nest.

There threatens to be a serious schism in the Democratic party of New York. A war is being waged ruthlessly on the other Tammany ring, which may end in one or the other parties to the contest going over to the Radical camp.

**The Issuance of Currency.**  
The commercial world was gratified at the vote in the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on Banking and Currency to report a bill to increase the volume of circulating medium fifty millions of dollars, thinking that it had not been adopted by the Republican majority for more laudable purposes, with no intention of carrying it into effect. This hope has been disappointed by a resolution which passed the Senate on the 20th ult., to the effect, that to add to the present irredeemable paper currency of the country would be to create more difficult and to encourage the redemption of specie payments, and to encourage the evil spirit of speculation; to aggravate the evils produced by the frequent and sudden fluctuations of the value of the currency; to depreciate the credit of the nation, and to check the legitimate business in settling down on a safe and permanent basis, and therefore, in the opinion of the Senate, the existing volume of such currency should not be increased.

In other words, the staid measure of the East has been voted in stifling this measure, which would have operated so much to the benefit of the West and South. As for the interests of the latter, of course no regard would be had by the Radical party, but the growing West should be satisfied that a large number of Western Representatives voted for this instruction to the committee, in obedience, doubtless, to the overwhelming popular feeling in their districts in favor of it. Such acts as this on the part of the Senate will certainly increase the feeling, which is rapidly shaping itself into opposition on the part of the West to give a little State, like Rhode Island or New Hampshire, as potent an influence in the Senate as that of the large States of the West.

The country is suffering severely for want of sufficient currency. Business is terribly depressed on that account. It wants, not fifty millions, but five times fifty millions of dollars, and that immediately, to check the ruinous effects of the contracting policy, which Mr. Boutwell in his wisdom, added and abetted by the President, has been so long in adopting. This is the only way to deliver such a large amount of public debt as this, and to give legal tenders, if indeed there is such a thing, and not in national bank currency. The first does not cut the people any other way, while upon the second there is an interest of six per cent. The contraction of the currency has brought general distress and ruin to the West and North, as shown by the large number of failures there. The South, so far, has been in great part exempt, because of her large cotton crop, for which remunerative prices have been received. We say, so far, but there is danger ahead even to Southern merchants. So far as our reading of history extends, no country ever before has attempted to pay a huge war debt, and to maintain the extravagant taxation which it caused, upon the basis of a specie currency. A liberal expansion is desired by everybody who is not in the interest of the bondholders. These latter are, of course, deaf as adders to the cry of distress wailing from the lips of others by poverty and want, however dire.

There is a source of consolation to us, however, even under this affliction. If we suffer, our enemies suffer in like proportion, for greater distress, and surely we may be pardoned, for laying this flattering unctuous to our souls. The current is lower, and clear, the surface is smooth, the scenery is picturesque and varied. Need we say that this is the stream of wine, and the material of our civilization, the wine and the most important element of our life, and that flows through the arteries of the world, and that backs through the arteries with vine-leaves, and its bosom is dotted with pretty islands of gold, and its banks are lined with the most beautiful and fertile lands of the world, and that will not have much to fear from the coming of a tempest, albeit there are points to be weathered and crazy promontories to be avoided, and narrow and shallow to get through and over, and all streams, but the current is lower, and clear, the surface is smooth, the scenery is picturesque and varied. 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