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Question of Contract and Repairs.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

The Alleged Damages in Docking.

Judgment for the Repairs.

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday an interesting question of contract and repairs was pronounced in the case of the Southern Dry Dock Company vs. Steamship Wm. Tabor et al.

The Judge says substantially as follows, according to the Times report: The defendants, Hawes & Bowen, bought in February, 1866, the steamer Wm. Tabor from the United States Government.

Her other defect was that she was badly "scurvy"—that is, her bottom had become curved and bent and had sunk below its original line.

The defendants, in the beginning of March, made the usual verbal application for docking their vessel in the dock kept by the plaintiff, at that time the only dock in the port capable of receiving the vessel of the size and weight of the Wm. Tabor.

The plaintiff consented to hire their dock as requested; but they refused, the vessel would have been here a comparatively worthless piece of property, as they could not have employed her usefully as a commercial vessel.

The consequence of this mistake was, that as the dock rested on the blocks, the vessel rested upon the whole weight of the vessel, and the blocks, under the weight of the vessel, were higher, and her immense weight upon a single point of the dock sank a part of its frame to give way and creaked.

After the steamer, on the breaking down of the dock, went to her former mooring, Hawes and Bowen suspended all improvements commenced on the vessel, and discharged the workmen who were building the cabin, and this was left very far from a finished condition.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

CONGRESSMAN BLAINE ON THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. Hon. J. Durant in the Supreme Court—Personal, etc. (Special Correspondence of the Republican.)

On Thursday the House went into Committee of the Whole on the President's message, which was addressed to Hon. J. G. Blaine of Maine. Mr. Blaine's address embraced a careful resume of national affairs since the election of Abraham Lincoln.

With the election of General Grant comes a higher standard of American citizenship—of more dignity and character to the nation, of more respect for liberty and security attaching to it at home.

Mr. Blaine, by the way, is the most prominently named candidate, next to General Hancock, for the next Speakership of the House.

The cases of the United States versus the "Miss Simons," and same versus the "Beau regard" were up for argument in the Supreme Court yesterday, on appeal from the judgment of the District Court of Louisiana. These boats were libelled under the act of July, 1861, on the ground they had been used for Confederate purposes.

Colonel B. B. Keeler, of General Rousseau's staff, will sail here, at the Metropolitan. He has been trying to save Gen. Rousseau's shoulder-arms. He has been quite ill, and confined to his room for several days.

Miss Helen Western. A Washington correspondent telegraphed last night the following: Miss Helen Western, the well-known actress, died this morning, at the Kirkwood Hotel, from consumption of the bowels.

The St. Louis Republican, of Tuesday, says: Under the influence of the warm and genial rays of the sun the ice now which have covered the streets for several days are rapidly disappearing, leaving in their place a quantity of mud and slush.

The ball of the Louisiana Convicts at Odd Fellows Hall last night, was a pleasant and brilliant affair. Mrs. Z. Lafon presented to the audience Chief, Mr. A. Calogno, to the Society, Mr. G. George, and to the Society, Mr. A. L. Lewis, each an splendid orator.

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CITY COUNCIL—OFFICIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Regular Session. CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, December 18, 1868.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present: President Markey and Messrs. Boguille, Brady, Kaiser, O'Brien, Pesson, Poguet and Shields—8.

The following communication: THE TREASURER OF THE CITY HALL: New Orleans, December 18, 1868. (Ordinance No. 544.)

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the city of New Orleans be and he is hereby authorized to appoint yearly a competent person or persons, well acquainted with the law, to be called "Young America," ring about it.

Approved December 18, 1868. (Signed) JOHN T. MONROE, Mayor. (Signed) JOHN T. MONROE, Mayor. (Signed) JOHN T. MONROE, Mayor.

Resolved, That the City Surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to construct or cause to be constructed a bridge across the Port of the Canal, at the intersection of Port of the Canal and the intersection of Port of the Canal.

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others receive unqualified marks of approval from the audience. Mr. Pierce as Ding Dong, and St. Clair, as his successful, are very funny.

The great spectacle will be produced only three nights, and it will be withdrawn from Cicerella. No one who wishes to keep informed of the wonders of the stage should fail to see it, for the great transformation cost certainly one of the marvels of the time.

Nothing more need be said than that "Undine" is one of the most magnificent and gorgeous operatic dramas ever produced on the New Orleans stage.

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Monetary and Commercial.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY REPUBLICAN. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1868.

Foreign exchange is a shade firmer. The sales of sterling include \$2000 bank for gold. Some of the bests held selling at 17 1/2 in currency.

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SHERIFF'S SALES.

Jordan, March & Co. vs. J. E. K. L. FIFTH DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS.

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Marine Intelligence.

STEARNS LEAVING TO-DAY. MAIL BOAT, A. F. M. C. St. Louis. BARK, Ketchikan, 5 P. M. Arkansas River. BENJAMIN, Vicksburg, 5 P. M. Ouachita River. ST. MARY, Vicksburg, 5 P. M. Ouachita River. TAYLOR, Vicksburg, 5 P. M. Ouachita River. DONA, Vicksburg, 5 P. M. Ouachita River.

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U. S. MARSHAL'S MORTgages.

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