

AMUSEMENTS.

NEW OPERA HOUSE.

N. CALABRESI, MANAGER.

Saturday, December 17, 1870.

FIRST MATINEE OF THIS SEASON.

At twelve o'clock precisely.

Bozelli's new comic opera in three acts.

VOYAGE EN CHINE.

BOZELLI'S NEW COMIC OPERA.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—NEW AND BEAUTIFUL.

BONDS OF WARD BOARD TREASURERS.

In the official proceedings of the Council of the thirteenth instant, we find a communication from Mr. W. F. Loan, as secretary of a meeting held in the Senate Chamber on the eighth instant, and composed principally of gentlemen connected as directors with the public schools. This communication contains a copy of two resolutions which, it states, "were adopted unanimously at a meeting of the various boards of school directors of the city of New Orleans, held in the Senate Chamber on the evening of December 8, 1870." The first of these resolutions pronounces the condition of the security bonds, required by the City Council of the treasurers of the ward boards, to be "unusual and almost impracticable," and the Council is requested to reconsider their action in relation to the matter. With the other resolution we have nothing to do for the purposes of this article. It would be difficult to crowd more error into as many lines as exists in this communication to the City Council signed by Mr. Loan. The wording of the document leads to the impression that the boards of school directors, both city and ward, held a meeting, as such, and unanimously passed a resolution which is presented to the City Council, charged with all the weight of official unanimity.

Now, in the first place, the meeting at the Senate Chamber, on the evening of the eighth instant, was not, in any sense, a meeting of the school boards in their official capacity. A few (four) members of the City Board attended, and one of these, in the course of the informal business that took place, said with unmistakable distinctness, that neither he, nor his few colleagues present, attended the meeting other than as individuals, and that were he to vote in the meeting his action could not in any way bind the City Board; and in this statement the other members of the City Board who were present concurred.

There were not over thirty members of the ward school boards present; for a number of persons in the room had no connection with the matter, and of several of the ward boards there was only one member present. Besides, all the members of the City Board, and a number of the members of the ward boards had left the meeting before this resolution was passed. In fact, if the resolution had been passed unanimously there were not more than fifteen or sixteen school directors present, at any rate, and how these few, informally and unofficially assembled, could by any action bind the school directors, it is not easy to understand. Particularly as most of those who retired, did so because they felt little interest in the proceedings, and considered all that was done as merely the expression of individual opinion. In short, it is simply preposterous to attempt to give the disjointed proceedings of a few individuals the slightest official weight.

The gist of the resolution, asking of the City Council to "reconsider their action in regard to the bonds of ward board treasurers," is to the full as preposterous as the claim that the resolution in question was the work of the unanimous school boards. It is, in fact, asking the Council so to relax as to make it easy for irresponsible persons to hold the office of ward board treasurers. The only object of the City Council, in its action, is to make the school funds fully secure. And why a person who, as ward board treasurer, has in his possession a portion of that fund, should not give unimpeachable guarantee for its safe-keeping, it is impossible to conceive, at any rate on the supposition that the treasurer intends to act honestly.

With regard to the comparison between the stringent security bonds required from ward board treasurers, and what had been exacted from a former treasurer of a school fund, we may say, that previous laxness is no reason for its continuance.

The office of ward board treasurer is not intended to be lucrative, but merely honorary. It is, therefore, no great hardship nor to possess it. And if a person, to whom the office is offered, does not feel inclined, or is unable to furnish the security, such person can easily leave the office untouched. The course taken by the City Council, in requiring bonds, such as the banks would advance money on, will, by confining the custody of the school funds to none but the most responsible, insure them from the effects of any default whatever. And even under these stringent circumstances there will be no difficulty in procuring the services of a proper person to fill the position of ward board treasurer; the office will not go begging.

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LIABILITY ON CERTIFIED CHECKS.

NEW ORLEANS, December 15, 1870.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:

Observing this morning in the money article of your excellent journal that there is a discussion going on between brokers and lawyers as to the liability of banks on certified checks, I beg to refer those contending parties to a little act of Congress, which, so far as national banks are concerned, settles the matter very definitely. The act of Congress is entitled "an act in reference to certifying checks by national banks," and provides "that it shall be unlawful for any officer, clerk or agent of any national bank to certify any check drawn upon said bank unless the person or company drawing said check shall have on deposit in said bank at the time such check is certified an amount of money equal to the amount specified in such check, and any check so certified by duly authorized officers shall be a good and valid obligation against such bank; and any officer, clerk or agent of any national bank violating the provisions of this act shall subject such bank to the liabilities and proceedings on the part of the Controller as provided for in section fifty of the national banking law, approved June third, 1864."

The brokers, therefore, are right, and the lawyers are wrong.

Respectfully,

E. H. SHANNON.

A co-partnership has been entered into between Mr. William A. Wood (successor to Steel & Co.) and Mr. William J. Kelly, for the transaction of the general job printing and stationery business, at No. 72 Camp street. See advertisement.

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A card from Mr. John Lewis, published in the city papers, testifies that the best card that can be played now for a small sum of money is a ticket in the Louisiana State Lottery. Last Saturday he drew six thousand dollars, and it was promptly paid over to him by Mr. Charles T. Howard, the president of the company. This is an occurrence that frequently happens in the drawings of the Louisiana State Lottery, and therefore we are not astonished to find so many trying their luck. "Whose turn to win will come next!" is the leading question now.

Sensation! Sensation! If you want to learn to laugh artistically, see Cool Burgess to-night at the Academy.

The late election has resulted in the choice of so many of the employes of the Department of Improvements to be members of the Legislature, that several new appointments must necessarily be made in the various branches of the department, as soon as the Legislature convenes. These appointments will be but temporary, however, as at the close of the session, the members connected with the Improvement Department will resume their positions. Of the several officers thus elected, J. H. Ingraham, Superintendent of the Third District, goes to the Senate, and the following gentlemen to the House: W. H. Waters, Superintendent of the First District; R. M. J. Kenner, Superintendent of the Fourth District; John Garstkamp, Superintendent of the Sixth District, and V. E. McCarthy, clerk. The Superintendent of the Second District, William Vigers, will, it is expected, be elected clerk of the House.

The Protest of the Merchants.—We invite the attention of the Honorable City Council to the petition addressed to them by a large number of the most respectable produce and commission merchants and steamboat captains of this city, in relation to a proposition recently made by Messrs. J. H. Oglesby, J. D. Warren and others, to construct on the levee, above Canal street, for the reception of produce and merchandise, similar to those known as the Sugar Sheds. We do not mean here to argue the question of the advisability of the grants asked, for the question is one of such importance that it could only be done after grave consideration; but when so respectable a body of gentlemen as here petition ask to be heard we feel assured that the city fathers will give an earnest and attentive ear to them; especially as they represent that part of the merchants of the city who are directly interested in the good or bad management of the levee, it appears to us that they should be thoroughly posted as to its interests.

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