

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND CONCERT.

INDUSTRATION CEREMONIES OF THE GRAND NEW ORGAN.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DRYADES STREET.

For defraying the expenses of the Church and new Organ, under the direction of JOSEPH MILLER, Jr., Organist.

Mr. VILLIET, of St. Alphonsus, will be leader on the concert.

The concert will take place on

Friday, May 25, at 8 P. M.

The following talented artists have kindly engaged themselves:

SOPIRACOS.

Mrs. Gagnon, Mrs. Heibelheim, Mrs. Teasler, Mrs. Boudier, Mrs. Crump, Mrs. Quirk, Mrs. Mary Gumbert, Mrs. Ada Smith, Mrs. Basilia Grunze, Mrs. ...

ALTO'S.

Mrs. Devere, Mrs. Emma Smith, Mrs. Brodson, Mrs. ...

Mrs. Deane, Mr. Villet, Mr. Heibelheim, Mr. W. R. ...

Mr. Kuba, Mr. Borrenians, Mr. L. Gumbert, Mr. ...

Mr. Lafore, Mr. George J. Pritchard, ...

Tickets selections of Mozart, Beethoven and Haydn will be received. ...

Opera Buffs by the celebrated Parolan Troupe, ...

GRAND FESTIVAL.

PUBLICAN BOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO. 4 ...

will give a grand festival at the

Fair Grounds, on Sunday, June 15, 1873,

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THE CONGRESSIONAL EXCURSION

DOWN TO THE PASSES

FORT ST. PHILIP CANAL

EXPRESSION OF SENTIMENTS

Some time before seven o'clock Friday

morning a few pleasure-seeking individuals

were making anxious inquiries around the

wharf, at the head of Canal street, for the

Belle Lee. The fog lay heavy on the water,

so that all the other side of the river was

lost to view. When at last the fog lifted,

the smokestacks of the excursion boat in-

dicated that she was in motion, and soon

she landed next to the Natchez.

A little after eight o'clock the omnibuses

from the St. Charles Hotel arrived with their

loads of visitors. Hampers of wine and

edibles in hand-barrows traveled rapidly

over the staging. About nine o'clock

all were on board, except the few packages

and passengers who are inevitably a little

late. A crowd of 2000 people had gathered

on the wharf to see the boat start. Half

a dozen people cried "hurry up" to as many

others. Some ran both ways, and a shov-

el in a hand-barrow, anxious to get off, came

in violent contact with the anatomy of a

gentleman equally anxious to get on.

The staging slowly rose, and as the

boat backed out, swung around danger-

ously close to a spectator's head. Of course

he ducked. The boat was headed up

stream. A red hot poker on the lower

deck touched the little cannon. When the

boat was under weigh the passengers

gathered round the decks in groups and

commented on the shipping. "This is a

strange river," said a member from the

West. "If you didn't know better you

would say the boat was going up stream."

"So she is," said an Eastern friend, and

before the thought of which side New

Orleans ought to be on occurred to the

former, he had lost the cigars.

At Jackson street the poker came into

play again, the little cannon danced around,

and the "Belle Lee" commenced her down-

ward trip. The excursion fairly begun, all

sought for occupation to kill time. In the

beautiful cabin the tables were covered

with maps and charts of railroads, canals,

levees, and the Mississippi river generally.

At one table Professor Forshey alternately

created a current of air with a palm leaf

fan, and pointed out the site of Fort St.

Philip canal with the handle. At the next

E. H. Angamar, Esq., interested Senator

Ramsay and Hon. J. A. Kassin in his map

of the canal. Major Howell enlarged on

the details of dredging and the state of the

bar to a knot of Congressmen, who seemed

to be thoroughly interested. General Jeff

Thompson got surrounded, and almost con-

cealed as he exhibited maps of Kempe

levee and Roman crovasse.

Ex-Representative Niblack and Hon. John

Coburn, of Indiana, listened to Colonel

Burwell. On deck Colonel Lewis, with

glass in hand, examined the levees under

the objects of interest as they glided by.

The band of the Nineteenth Infantry played

nearly all the time. The cannon from the

barraacks gave a salute of fifteen guns. Mr.

C. Strobel, of the house of Shuman and

Ziegler, who furnished the cigars and

cigars, passed around the woods and

under the way to lunch. Mr. Wash Marks

had here made preparation to satisfy the

longing of appetite, which attracted and

brought together Colonel McEnery, Colonel

Cassey, Marshal Packard and many others.

Others of the party sought a cool

spot in the shade of the trees, and indulged

in pastebord amusement. The members

of the committee of reception were every-

where watching the comfort of the mem-

bers.

whom Mrs. Judge Cabier, of the Cottage

by the Sea, was the most entertaining.

An elegant supper was next discussed,

and after that a meeting was held to dis-

cuss the question on which so much infor-

mation had been gained.

Hon. Cyrus Bassey called the meeting to

order and nominated Hon. L. A. Wiltz for

chairman, who was unanimously elected.

Major Wiltz then said that the committee

of arrangements had seen fit to call the

gentlemen together to consult upon the

best arrangements for the completion of

the canal. They desire to have a free in-

terchange of sentiments, and had prepared

a programme. In accordance with this he

would call first on citizens of New Orleans,

and then on visitors by States. He then

introduced President Oglesby, who said

that he was reminded he had but five

minutes at his disposal. He referred to the

remarks of Governor Stannard at the St.

Louis convention. They left him little to

say. He read many figures and important

data. He showed how St. Louis by a route

through New Orleans could put wheat in

the Liverpool market at sixty-four cents,

when the lowest average quotation was

eighty-three cents. Give us this canal, he

said, and instead of twenty-three cents you

will get thirty five cents, which is forty per

cent more than you are receiving to-day.

Hon. J. H. Kennard was the next speaker,

and he reviewed the whole question as pre-

sented to the committee by the facts. His

remarks were heartily applauded.

Major C. W. Howell was then called on.

He said he had been four years attempting

to deepen the mouth of the Mississippi. He

said it was positively necessary that there

should be some controlling power. At

present parties can give the channel made

at the government expense for their own

private use. The towboats, the pilots and

steamboat captains have it in their

power to destroy in a moment the work

of years. The canal is to start

six miles below Fort St. Philip. It will

be thirty feet deep. The soil has

been deposited up the river. There will be

no difficulty of excavation. The expense

will be principally for locks and foundation.

Hon. James B. Eads, of St. Louis, then

addressed the meeting. He said he deemed

the canal entirely feasible. His observa-

tion to-day had satisfied him it was practi-

cable to obtain any depth of water without

jetting.

General Phillips Cook, of Georgia, said

that Congress must look to the interest of

this country. Georgia and Illinois would

go hand in hand to aid this project, and

the man who turned his back upon it should

be turned into a pillar of salt.

Hon. John Coburn responded for India na.

He said the question of the prosperity of

New Orleans was only one of time. He

mentioned the numerous expenses of gov-

ernment improvements in other cities, and

assembled that it should appropriate the money

needed for the canal.

Hon. H. C. Burchard, of Illinois, said

Lake Michigan, by the enterprise of Chicago,

was now a tributary of the Mississippi. He

was in favor of any feasible project to give

an outlet to grain.

Hon. W. Longbridge said: You can put

lowa down as sound on the main question.

I and my people have never known the

reason why we were starving because the

question is to get to the sea by the Missis-

sippi. The way must be opened or we will

know the reason why.

Hon. E. Crossland, of Kentucky, said he

had never understood until to-day why it

took so long to get to the sea. He would

advocate whatever was decided to be the

ed with the committee from St. Louis. By

Congressional rules it was in order after the

calling of States to call the territories.

Mayor Wiltz then called on Colonel E. C.

Boudinot, of Indian Territory, who said: "I

see there is a unanimous sentiment in favor

of removing obstructions to commerce and

enterprise in this country. While we open

canals let us remove other obstructions.

We have built a Chinese wall around the

Indian Territory. There are 50,000 civilized

Indians there and about 2,000 savages.

These 50,000 are governed by the laws of

the United States. But they have no voice

in making them. They pay taxes, but can

not sit on a jury. They are taken into

Arkansas to be tried