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AMUSEMENTS.

BIDWELL'S ACADEMY OF MUSIC. Monday and Tuesday, December 8 and 9, Engagement of the Brilliant and versatile young actress.

MISS KATIE PUTNAM, who will appear for the first time in our city, in her celebrated dual impersonation of LITTLE NELL and the MARCHIONESS, in an admirable adaptation of Dickens' beautiful story of the OLD CURIOUSITY SHOP.

WEDNESDAY—First representation of the new sensation drama entitled BLADE OF GRASS. FRIDAY—New comedy, "The Old Curiosity Shop." SATURDAY NOON—First Act Putnam matinee.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. Last Night of ALICE HARRISON, BERTHA and NIELSEN at LAST.

OPERA HOUSE—OPERA HOUSE Sunday, December 7, 1873. Grand Opera, in four acts. LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE. BEN DEBAR, Proprietor and Stage Manager. ALEX. FITZGERALD, Stage Manager.

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PRESENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS. PRESENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS. PRESENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

BILLIARDS. CHARLES LACOMME begs leave to announce to the public that ALBERT GARNIER, champion of the world, will appear in this city on MONDAY, December 8, and will give exhibitions in the rotunda of the St. Charles Exchange every day at one o'clock, and every evening at eight o'clock.

COAL. R. D. MACLIN, No. 34 Carondelet Street.

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SUCCESSION NOTICES. Succession of E. J. Silliman—No. 36,625.

Succession of David North—No. 36,771. Succession of Dennis Cahill—No. 36,672.

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Air Compressing Engine.

An exhibition was given yesterday, at No. 75 Orleans street, of a new air compressing engine which is a great improvement on any of its predecessors. The patent was originally obtained by Messrs. Norman & Dutrich, who have sold their rights to the company organized by Mr. Emile Daboval.

For the latter purpose it is specially adapted, and will attract the attention of those interested in street railways. By means of a peculiar and ingenious regulator the exact quantity necessary to propel a car a given distance can be distributed from the main reservoir to that of the truck.

This overcomes the great obstacle which has hitherto prevented the application of compressed air as a motive power.

A large number of gentlemen were present at the exhibition, and the engine was thoroughly and lucidly explained by Mr. Daboval, who succeeded in satisfying all of the value of the invention.

The company is now fully organized and is ready to go to work. Further particulars may be had of Mr. Daboval, at No. 75 Orleans street, where the engine may be seen.

Presentation to Miss Warner.

An interesting part of the proceedings in the festival in Ames Methodist Episcopal Church, on Friday evening, was the presentation of a beautiful Bible and other books to Miss Warner on her leaving for Mexico. Miss Warner goes there as missionary under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

The presentation was made by the Rev. James Morrow, pastor of the church, who spoke of Miss Warner's work in the Sunday school and in the church, of her great self-sacrifice, and of her prayers for her success.

Miss Warner gratefully replied: "The wise man," she said, "has written that words fitly spoken, were like apples of gold in pictures of silver, but that even if such words were hers, they could not express her surprise, her thankfulness and her interest in Ames Church." Rev. Dr. Dalley, then thanked the congregation for their kindness to his friend, and Rev. T. W. Hooker, of the First Congregational Church, spoke briefly on the claims of missions.

Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare Club has very properly decided to give one performance for its own benefit. The members of this club have often performed for the sake of bestowing charity on others, and have given many gratuitous exhibitions for the entertainment of their friends. They now need money to strengthen and keep up their organization, and their appeal to the public should meet with a ready response.

The date of the entertainment will be announced as soon as the Varieties Theatre can be secured for the occasion. "The Lady of the Lake" and an afterpiece will be performed, in which Mr. F. N. Taylor and the leading acting members of the club will appear, assisted by several talented ladies of the theatrical profession.

Billiards.

The lovers of the noble game will have a new pleasure for a few weeks. Mr. Albert Garnier, who, by defeating all competitors, even Ubbasy, "the neocromancer," is now the acknowledged champion of the world, will arrive in this city to-morrow. His headquarters will be at the St. Charles billiard saloon, where, under the management of Charles Lacomme, Esq., he will give daily exhibitions of his wonderful skill. His exploits with the cue are, of course, familiar to all, and to the liberality of the proprietor of the St. Charles saloon we are indebted for an opportunity to see how he does it.

The Steamer Marie.

The elegant little steamer Marie will hereafter run regularly between this city and Pilot Town. Leaving New Orleans on Tuesday and Friday mornings at nine o'clock, and returning Wednesdays and Saturdays. The steamer will carry the United States mails, and will land at the forts and other points on the lower coast, for the convenience of passengers and shippers of freight. Captain W. S. Bassett, the master, announces that he will run on schedule time.

Public School Examination.

The public schools of the Sixth District, between Toledano street and Carrollton, will be examined to-morrow, under the supervision of Superintendent Boothby, the district directors and the principals of the several schools. Parents are earnestly requested to be present.

Haley.

Mr. C. C. Haley, newsdealer, No. 19 Commercial street, sends us the favorite Bow-Bells magazine, for December, and a number of choice weekly publications. For Sunday reading, papers or new magazines, Haley's is the place to visit.

Assessment notice Nos. 152 and 153. See special notice column. Death of Joseph Wald and J. L. Levy, payable at the office of the Mutual Aid and Benevolent Life Insurance Association of Louisiana, No. 19 Camp street. Amount paid since organization, August, 1868, \$350,455.

Hancock Literary Association.

An interesting reunion of this association took place at the residence of the president, Dr. Whitaker, last Friday evening. Dr. Whitaker led off with some remarks on the progress of civilization, and maintained that laws, literature and religion exerted a reciprocal influence upon each other, which contributed largely to the progress of the human mind.

He did not hold with Mue. DeStael, that ages were the inheritors of ages. All minds passed through successive stages of infancy, youth, manhood, and decline, and the progress which was so flattering to our vanity and ambition, was checked by the brevity of human life.

He dwelt at some length on the great agencies and evidences of civilization in different countries and in ancient and modern times, and maintained that by the nearly universal diffusion of knowledge through the medium of the press and the school, all enlightened modern nations were nearly on a par as to their civilization.

The present age above all ages that preceded it, was characterized by its inventive spirit, especially in America.

Professor Forshey, whose life has thus far been chiefly devoted to the cause of physical science, evinced, on this occasion, great tact and ability in the handling of literary topics. He quoted aptly from the poets, Greek, Roman, English and German, in order to illustrate the comparative capacities of those languages for the expression of tender sentiments, and the adaptation of the sound of words to their significance.

He advocated the human origin of the various parts of speech. He drew broad lines of demarcation between the spheres of men of pure science, devoted to the investigation of the laws of the universe, and those who were engaged in literary pursuits, such as poets, orators, critics and fine writers, and maintained that while the latter might contribute more agreeably to the entertainment of social circles, the former contributed their share to civilization by the solid benefits they conferred on society.

Most of the inventions of the age, he said, sprang out of the laborious and recondite study of nature's laws.

Dr. Walker was of opinion that the world never came to a stand, but was constantly making progress, and it developments were in the form of cycles the cycles were great increases in number, and that this circumstance might be cited as evincing the superiority of modern over ancient civilization.

Professor Foley thought that the highest evidence of civilization in America, or at least the highest manifestation of thought among American scholars, was to be found in the reported judicial decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States. We had no literature, he said, equal to these decisions. He made reference to the masculine vigor of thought and great learning of such minds as John Marshall, Roger B. Taney, and their associate justices since the origin of the government. He would postpone to the claims of such master minds all the poets who had ever written verses.

Mrs. Whitaker vindicated poetry from what she regarded an unauthorized assault upon it, and recited, with emphasis and effect, an original poetical tribute to the genius of Lord Byron, which elicited much applause.

Mrs. Dorsey gave an interesting account of an interview which she had enjoyed, on her recent visit to Europe, with a distinguished Hindoo savan, with whose rare culture and varied lore she was deeply impressed. He would bear a favorable comparison, she said, with the most learned scholars of America or Europe. She read a letter from him, which fully corroborated the high judgment she had formed of his abilities. Mrs. Dorsey regarded the Hindoo civilization as the most ancient in the world, and probably the most perfect in its type.

Original poems, recitations and criticisms from several ladies and gentlemen, closed the exercises of the evening. Of poems, one selected by Mrs. Dorsey, from an English bard, well known to fame, was listened with much admiration. One young lady present proved herself a skillful disputant, not easily foiled in argument. Another, who chose "unfading flowers," for the subject of her muse, drew instructions from the regions of Flora that wafted the soul upward to heavenly climes.

Court Items.

In the Fifth District Court, Mrs. Mary Cuddy applied for a writ of habeas corpus for her four year old child. The detention was caused by a debt of \$20, which the relator had not liquidated. Judge Cullom, before passing on the case, gravely upbraided Colonel Louis Power curator to represent the defendant, who was present. The court having by its own action given him his first case, heartlessly decided against him, and gave the child to its mother.

Judge Hawkins, in an oral decision, yesterday demolished the application of Mr. Edward Booth for an injunction against the collection of the City Park tax. He reviewed the provisions of the law on the subject, and showed that the court had no power to grant the plaintiff's demands. It was ordering on cruelty for the court to address itself particularly to Mr. Booth, and suggest that he had more power to alter the law as a Senator than the judge had as a judicial officer. The remark that Mr. Booth had better take his seat in the Legislature and vote against such laws he disapproves of was probably not relished by that gentleman, and it is feared the good seed fell on stony ground.

FURNITURE, CARPETS, ETC.—The important sale of the contents of the St. James Hotel, will positively take place on Monday at eleven o'clock. Hotel, housekeepers, furniture dealers and the public in general are invited to attend the sale as it is without reserve whatever, all the furniture, carpets, mattresses, etc., are nearly new, and is worthy the attention of all. Messrs. Montgomery are the auctioneers, and will proceed with the sale, rain or shine. For full particulars see advertisements.

A man in North Adams, Massachusetts, had, among other property, a fine pig, valued at about \$30. This man owed a small sum to another party in town, who conceived the idea of collecting the debt in this wise: He got a third man to present the debtor with a small pig, valued at about \$3, and, as the law allows a man but one pig, under certain circumstances, the creditor attached the best pig and got his pay.

GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

Donizetti's grand opera of "Lucia di Lammermoor" will be sung at the Opera House to-night. Offenbach's opera bouffe, "Barbe Bleue," is announced for Monday evening.

Miss Alice Harrison makes her last appearance at the Academy of Music to-night. Monday evening, Miss Katie Putnam and her comedy company commence an engagement, with the "Old Curiosity Shop."

Mr. J. S. Delaney, the low comedian, will take his first benefit at the St. Charles Theatre to-night. On Monday evening Mrs. D. P. Bowers and Mr. J. C. McCullum will appear.

Mr. James A. Collier was lately married to Miss Charlotte A. Cave, of the Union Square Theatre, New York. The lady died the Saturday following, only two days after their marriage.

Edwin Booth has sold his theatre to Mr. Clark Bell. Miss Kate Smith, Mark's daughter, will make her Italian debut as *Gilda*, in "Rigoletto." The bills will call her Caterina Merco, prima donna.

Tony Pastor is building an opera house in Chicago. Mrs. F. M. Cooley, known as Miss Alice Kingsbury, will return to the stage. She is shortly to appear at DeBar's Opera House, in St. Louis.

The Lydia Thompson troupe are at the Academy of Music, Chicago, and Lotta is at McVicker's Theatre, in the same city. Miss Lydia Thompson announces that the present is her last season in America, "decided and positive."

Mr. Oliver Doud Byron concluded his engagement at the Arch Street Theatre, in Philadelphia, last night. He will be followed by Mr. Dominick Murray.

Miss Clara Mayo is at Wood's Museum, and Mrs. Frank Morris is acting at the Walnut Street Theatre, in the "Geneva Cross."

Miss Augusta L. Dargon has recovered her health and will act in Philadelphia during the coming week. Miss Maggie Mitchell is playing *Fanchon* at the New National Theatre, in Washington. Mr. A. E. Sheridan is a member of the company.

Mr. Sothern commences an engagement at the Olympic Theatre, St. Louis, to-morrow evening. Mrs. Mary C. Duff, once a celebrated actress, is inquired for by friends in New York. She is supposed to be dead. Many years ago she married Mr. J. G. Sevier, a lawyer, and retired from the stage in this city.

Mr. Lewis Morrison and Miss Rose Wood, formerly of the old Varieties Theatre, have become great favorites in California, and contemplate a starring tour. Miss Alice Harrison, supported by the members of our Academy of Music company, will play in Mobile during the coming week.

Mr. Joseph Murphy commences an engagement in Galveston, Texas, on Tuesday evening next. Bidwell & McDonough's "Black Crook" combination are in Savannah, Georgia. The party will appear at the Academy of Music here, on the twenty-second instant.

Little Nell, the California Diamond, is playing in Baltimore. She will appear at the St. Charles Theatre in this city, immediately following the engagement of Mrs. Bowers.

Lawrence Barrett has been playing *Cassius* for the citizens of Louisiana. Edwin Adams is doing *Evech Arden* at the Olympic Theatre in New York, and John E. Owens is at Wood's Museum. Miss Louise Hawthorne is a member of the company at the last named theatre.

Miss Charlotte Cushman commences an engagement at the Boston Theatre to-morrow evening, following Fechter, the unappreciated. Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth, the author, of the novel, "The Hidden Hand," has been to see Little Nell play *Capitola*, in Washington, and praises her acting.

Life Association of America.

This enterprise, which at the end of five years' existence proclaims that it is "the most successful life insurance company of its age in the world," is a purely mutual company. Starting in June, 1868, under the laws of Missouri, its total assets at the end of the fiscal year were a little short of a million dollars. It has rapidly extended its business and connections until the aggregate sum insured is \$100,000,000, on 30,500 policies, and its assets are \$5,000,000. The aim of the company has been not to make the association mutual in name only but in fact, and this has been secured by the provisions of its charter. Its policy holders are not an unrepresented body, but are organized so as to elect boards of directors in each department. The reserve funds are invested in the localities where the premiums are paid. The surrender value of a policy is fixed by its charter, a regulation which is peculiar to this company. One hundred thousand dollars is annually saved on commissions to agents. The company endeavor to give all the insurance each year that the year's premiums will pay by applying the surplus to obtaining additional insurance to the extent of twenty-five per cent a year for five years, in lieu of dividends.

The "statement of the five years' business" of the company, from which the above facts have been taken, was issued September 17, 1873, and is a convincing proof of the past prosperity of the association and the certainty of future success. Its officers in St. Louis, headed by Henry W. Hough, Esq., the president, are well known gentlemen of ability, prudence and wealth.

The association in all respects commends itself to the patronage and good wishes of any and all who believe in the advantages of life insurance.

Marka Kaiser.

Master Marks Kaiser will give his benefit concert at Gnewald Hall, on the seventh instant, when the friends of our young violinist will have an opportunity of hearing him for the first time in public since his return from Europe. He has made wonderful progress, and comes back to us an accomplished artist. On the occasion of his concert he will have the assistance of Mme. Zela-Denis, Elle. LeBlanche, and others.

Masonic.

During the week just passed the various Masonic lodges commenced holding elections for officers for the ensuing year. So far as heard from, the following officers have been elected:

Polar Star Lodge No. 1.—D. Pouchelle, W. M.; F. Renaudin, S. W.; F. Chantreau, J. W. B. Maylie, secretary; T. Boule, treasurer; F. Levasseur, orator; T. Carreau, M. E.; Joseph Callot, M. C.; L. Paysee, H. Sp.; B. Cazere, E. Bonney, P. Duane, S. D.; F. Aus, J. D.; J. E. B. Taylor, S. W.; J. D. Davidson, W. M.; H. Marks, S. W.; S. Nathan, J. W.; H. Gale, secretary; S. Kaufman, treasurer.

Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59.—W. D. Buford, W. M.; D. R. Graham, S. W.; C. W. Hotchkiss, J. W.; W. M. Grant, treasurer; J. Furneaux, secretary; A. R. Russell, S. D.; N. C. Forstall, J. W.; D. A. De Pass, M. C.; W. Stowe, D. Sheen, stewards.

George Washington Lodge No. 65.—W. D. C. Peck, W. M.; O. S. Babcock, S. W.; Sol. Sandak, J. W.; H. R. Swazey, treasurer; F. A. Deutz, secretary.

Dudley Lodge No. 66.—George H. Braugh, W. M.; G. Schwartz, S. W.; L. L. Ellis, J. W.; E. Lillenthal, treasurer; W. T. Brown, secretary; Dave C. Johnson, S. D.; P. F. Wood, J. D.; J. McFarland, M. C.; J. A. Rousseau, A. Leefe, stewards.

Marion Lodge No. 68.—Charles Strong, W. M.; C. McRae Selph, S. W.; R. Straff, J. W.; J. Santini, treasurer; T. Crippa, secretary; E. J. Hamilton, S. D.; J. Curtis, J. D.; J. L. Swan, M. C.; A. B. Custer, J. P. Doulas, stewards.

Alpha Howe Lodge No. 73.—George J. Pinekard, W. M.; Ed. Bell, S. W.; H. Langford, J. W.; F. Horn, treasurer; W. H. Hutchings, secretary.

Quitman Lodge No. 76.—G. L. Hall, W. M.; John K. Collins, S. W.; J. K. Jones, J. W.; E. A. Tyler, treasurer; Frederick Eyle, secretary.

Orleans Lodge No. 78.—C. F. McFarr, W. M.; J. T. Pettigrew, S. W.; P. H. Haff, J. W.; Ed. Prophet, treasurer; J. R. Flood, secretary; James Froun, S. D.; A. Adler, J. D.

Louisiana Lodge No. 102.—A. L. Abbott, W. M.; E. J. Karschedt, S. W.; Joseph B. Norris, J. W.; E. A. Palfrey, treasurer; J. B. Wasson, secretary; C. A. Rainey, S. D.; C. H. Stocker, J. D.; P. H. Greenwood, N. C.; Rev. H. L. Jacobs, chaplain; G. T. Converse, B. R. Lawrence, stewards.

Excelsior Lodge No. 106.—George Selby, W. M.; S. J. Peot, S. W.; J. W. Adams, J. W.; R. L. Bruce, treasurer; William Staes, secretary.

Linwood Lodge No. 167.—A. W. De B. Hughes, W. M.; S. B. Wright, S. W.; John W. Madden, J. W.; P. Keenan, treasurer; Henry Abel, secretary; A. J. Bassett, S. D.; J. Booth, J. D.; A. M. Miller, M. C.; C. W. Davidson, George Pearson, stewards.

Orient Lodge No. 173.—Ed. Bark, W. M.; Carson Mudge, S. W.; W. P. Todd, J. W.; W. R. B. Turner, treasurer; V. Mielly, secretary.

Corinthian Lodge No. 190.—W. G. James, W. M.; W. T. Benedict, S. W.; James M. Hannah, J. W.; Charles Stich, treasurer; Theo. H. Brode, secretary; Charles H. Charlton, S. D.; W. L. Stanford, M. C.; F. C. Renick, A. S. Badger, stewards.

Orleans Royal Arch Chapter No. 1.—Rev. H. S. Jacobs, M. E. H. P.; Z. M. Pike, E. K.; T. F. Hedges, E. S.; J. J. Lee, C. H.; F. H. Wilson, P. S.; F. A. Deutz, secretary; S. M. Todd, treasurer.

Concord Royal Arch Chapter No. 2.—William R. Whitaker, M. E. H. P.; Jacques Olie, E. K.; S. B. Wright, E. S.; C. W. Hotchkiss, C. H.; W. T. Benedict, P. S.; P. H. Leonard, R. A.; F. P. Rowand, G. M.; Third V. C. W. Davison, G. M. Second V. Frank M. Caraher, G. M. First V. T. Carroll and P. Keenan, stewards; P. C. Nossin, guard.

Holland Council No. 1.—William R. Whitaker, T. J. M.; C. McRae Selph, D. G. M.; D. R. Graham, P. C. of W. J. Olie, C. of G. R. L. Bruce, treasurer; James Fernaux, secretary; A. J. Barrett, conductor; John Kellett, steward; P. C. Nossin, guard.

Louisiana Council No. 3.—George J. Pinkard, T. J. M.; Harvey Cree, D. G. M.; Hill Marks, P. C. of W. A. Hero, Jr., C. of G. Ward; Henry Swazey, treasurer; F. A. Deutz, secretary; J. W. Davis, conductor; James Low, steward; J. W. McGuire, guard.

The following sir knights were elected Wednesday evening, December 3, as officers of Individual Friends Comandery No. 1 for the ensuing Masonic year: Sir John A. Peel, E. C.; Sir Berry Russell, Gen.; Sir George J. Pinckard, C. G.; Sir J. C. Carpenter, prelate; Sir Hugh Bren, treasurer; Sir M. A. Calongne, secretary; Sir G. L. Hall, S. W.; Sir Samuel Alleton, J. W.; Sir J. Olie, sword; Sir J. H. Dorand, standard; Sir E. R. Barkuld, warder; Sir J. W. McGuire, sentinel; Sir F. W. Delacour, Sir J. H. Harvey, captains of the guard.

A Queen of Fashion Retires.

The social world of Washington received a stunning blow one day last week in the reported failure of Sprague Brothers, not that such a failure affected the said social world immediately, for the charming countess of society, Mrs. Sprague, is yet in mourning for her distinguished father, the late Chief Justice, and giving up her princely residence in the city has withdrawn to her father's late residence, three miles out upon the Bladensburg road. This lady, whose heart is nearly broken by the death of one so near and dear to her, announced her intention to give up the place in society she has made so graceful and celebrated, and to devote herself to the domestic cares and the private duties of her beautiful life. But we all know that one can not so readily abdicate a throne or throw aside a crown, and after the first keen grief of her great loss wore away the claims of society would again prevail. Rumor says that, however embarrassed financially the Senator may be, he has yet a provision made to the family that makes them independent. Aside from the marriage portion settled on Mrs. Sprague, the advent of each child was the occasion for a gift of \$50,000.

The following is the passenger list of the steamship Kola, for Bremen via Havana and Southampton: For Europe—Louis Sommer, Alex. Mer, W. W. Dancy. For Havana—Dr. Sophia Mathosie Dufau and servant, J. H. Dufau, Diaz Torrente and lady, Ph. P. Pfeiffer, and forty in the steerage.

The thermometer at Louis Frigeria's, No. 50 Chartres street, on December 6, stood as follows: At 8 A. M., 55°; at 9 P. M., 65°; at 6 P. M., 68°. Lowest point during the night of December 5, 51°.

BY TELEGRAPH.

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Foreign Relations. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee hold their next meeting Tuesday. Louisiana Case to be Heard Next Wednesday.

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There is a rule in Louisiana—a direct rule of the federal government—which is, of course, obeyed—nothing else; and under this unusual rule every interest in living, moral and physical, civil, industrial and commercial, I desire to be heard, and hope the committee will accord me the opportunity before taking any action upon this subject. There can be no doubt that the more from investigation. Truth is like a torch—the more it is shaken the more it shines. Respectfully, etc., HENRY M. OGDEN, Delegate from the people of Louisiana.

The committee adjourned without action, and has assigned next Wednesday evening to the meeting of the committee on the case of Mr. Ogden, as a measure in the opinion of the Senate will not abandon its constitutional jurisdiction in this matter, notwithstanding the action of the House and the attitude of the executive.

The Other Side of the Story. Messrs. Dibble and Billings make the following statement as to the Louisiana case, as between McMillen and Pinchback: The Executive Department and one branch of Congress are represented by an unequivocal recognition of the Kellogg government seems to make it well nigh impossible for any other course than a concurrence in the part of the Senate.

The thousand interests which have sprung out of the legislative and administrative action of the Kellogg government seem to be in the hands of the Executive. The point now occupying the committee is thought to be a very serious one by the best legal minds here, but whether the law or fact is believed that the Senate can not resist the arguments which are now accumulated in favor of the Kellogg government.

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The Situation in Havana. HAVANA, December 5, via Key West.—The city is quiet and the people are more reconciled to surrender the Virginis. Many thousands are willing to go to the Casapio Espagnol in Spain, telegraph to the chief of the Casapio to quietly deliver the Virginis and Spain will afterward claim \$100,000,000. The volunteers favor the proposition to send the Virginis to Spain and deliver her there.

The feeling in the city continues to improve. The