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AMUSEMENTS.

BIDWELL'S ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Monday Evening, December 22, 1873.
Every Night, Saturday and Holiday Noons.
BIDWELL & MACDONOUGH'S
BLACK CROOK.
THURSDAY (CHRISTMAS)—SANTA CLAUS AT HOME.
Academy's Greeting:
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.
Eighteenth Annual Toy Matinee—10,000 Christmas Presents will be Given Away. de21

OPERA HOUSE.....OPERA HOUSE
Tuesday, December 23, 1873.
Grand opera, in four acts.
LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR.
Piece in one act.
LA NUIT D'OCTOBRE.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25—MATINEE AT 12 M. de23 1t

VARIETIES THEATRE.
A SUCCESS.
Universal demand for a repetition of the beautiful Society Drama of
OUR DAISY.
Last night but five of the Eminent Artists,
ROSE AND HARRY WATKINS.
REDUCTION OF PRICES
for the Holiday Week.
Parquette and Circle, seventy-five cents; Dress Circle, fifty cents; Family Circle, twenty-five cents. Seats reserved, $1
Tuesday Evening, December 23,
OUR DAISY.
AMY LEE IN HER SONGS AND DANCES.
The Adventures of a Love Letter.
Matinees Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Admission, fifty and twenty-five cents.
MERRY CHRISTMAS MATINEE ON THURSDAY—5000 Magnificent Presents Given Away.
de23 GEORGE W. REED Business Manager.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.
BEN DeBAR.....Proprietor and Manager
ALEX. FITZGERALD.....Stage Manager
ONE WEEK ONLY.
LITTLE NELL,
THE CALIFORNIA DIAMOND.
THIS EVENING AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE,
FIDELIA, THE FIRE WAIF.
Great Fire Scene, Nitro-Glycerine Explosion, Songs, Dances, Banjo Solos, etc. Grand LITTLE NELL Matinee CHRISTMAS DAY at 12 M. Ten thousand Toys will be given away to children.
FRIDAY—Benefit of LITTLE NELL
SATURDAY—At 12 M., Grand LITTLE NELL Matinee.
Prices of admission as usual.
de21 P. GLEASON, Treasurer.

MAGICAL BAZAR. MAGICAL BAZAR
HARTZ & LEVY, Proprietors,
118.....Canal street.....118
TOYS — CHRISTMAS PRESENTS — TRICKS
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
A CARD.
MESSRS. HARTZ & LEVY beg to announce that their establishment will remain open every evening
Until Eleven O'clock,
during the holidays, to accommodate those unable to purchase during the day.

NEW CONJURING TRICKS	$ 50
BOYS' BOX OF MAGIC (containing ten tricks)	2 00
DOUBLE BUBBLE BLOWER (our new toy)	1 00

EVENING PARTIES ATTENDED WITH
Magical Entertainments.
de21 3t

BUSINESS CHANGES.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of Dupre, Reim & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, to date from second instant. Mr. Emile Dupre will alone remain in charge of the liquidation of said firm.
EMILE DUPRE,
FRANK REINE,
A. TREPAGNIER.
Referring to the above the undersigned will continue the general commission and rice business in his own name and for his own account.
de9 10t EMILE DUPRE.

MR. MORRIS W. NEWMAN HAVING purchased the business of the undersigned at No. 16 Chartres street, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against him in relation to said business to present the same for settlement to Mr. NEWMAN, within fifteen days from this date.
New Orleans, December 17, 1873.
de18 1m eow. J. ROSENTHAL.

THE AUCTION AND COMMISSION business heretofore carried on by J. ROSENTHAL will be in future transacted by the undersigned, for his own account, at No. 16 Chartres street.
de18 30t MORRIS W. NEWMAN.

CONSTABLES' SALES.

S. Trapani vs. John Rodolovich, and Captain Prias, captain and owners sloop Torpedo, in a libel—Third Justice Court for the Parish of Orleans, No. 8773.
BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS to me directed by the Hon. John L. Lareche, Third Justice of the Peace in and for the parish of Orleans, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Merchant's and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Customhouse streets, in the Second District of the city, on FRIDAY, January 2, 1874, at twelve o'clock M.—
ONE LUGGER, TACKLE AND APPAREL,
Seized in the above entitled and numbered suit. Terms—Cash in United States treasury notes.
WILLIAM EGAN, Constable.
de19 15 20 25 30 ja2

Edwin Clark vs. Charles F. Veriander—First Justice Court for the Parish of Orleans, No. 1586.
BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS TO me directed by the Hon. W. T. Houston, first justice of the peace in and for the parish of Orleans, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at my warehouse No. 139 Julia street, on MONDAY, December 29, 1873, at twelve o'clock M., the following described property, to wit—
One lot of BROOMS,
One lot of BROOM HANDLES,
One lot of TWINE,
Seized in the above entitled suit.
Terms—Cash on the spot.
de17 22 28 JOHN HURLEY, Constable.

Pierre Coste vs. Ramon Monasterio, and Pedro Molieri surety—Fourth Justice Court for the Parish of Orleans, No. 2502.
BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS TO me directed by the Hon. John Cain, Fourth Justice of the Peace in and for the parish of Orleans, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the corner of Dauphine and Union streets, on SATURDAY, January 3, 1874, at twelve o'clock M.—
THE CONTENTS OF THE DRUG STORE situated at the corner of Dauphine and Union streets, belonging to Ramon Monasterio, one of the defendants herein.
Seized in the above entitled and numbered cause.
Terms—Cash on the spot.
de23 30 ja3 J. W. JONES, Constable.

A. W. Cooper vs. Michael Garity—Same vs. same—Same vs. same—Same vs. same—Second Justice Court for the parish of Orleans—Nos. 4768, 4769, 4770 and 4805.
BY VIRTUE OF FOUR WRITS OF FIERI FACIAS to me directed by the Hon. W. L. Evans, Second Justice of the Peace in and for the parish of Orleans, in the above suits, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at No. 68 Girod street, on FRIDAY, December 26, 1873, at twelve o'clock M.—
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, as per inventory on file in my office.
Seized in the above stated suits.
Terms—Cash on the spot in United States currency.
de14 19 26 JOHN McCORMICK, Constable.

Paul Rethancourt vs. William Sullivan—Fifth Justice Court for the parish of Orleans, No. 743.
BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS to me directed by the Hon. Samuel S. Otts, Fifth Justice of the Peace in and for the parish of Orleans, I will proceed to sell at public auction, in front of the Courthouse on Villere street, between Bartholomy and Reguin streets, (late Algiers), on MONDAY, December 29, 1873, at twelve o'clock M.—
A CERTAIN FRAME BUILDING, situated next to the Brooklyn engine house, on Bouny street, between Delaronde and Peter streets.
Seized in the above entitled suit.
Terms—Cash on the spot.
de13 24 29 PHILIP McKENNA, Constable.

High School Exhibition.

Lyceum Hall was filled last evening with an large, elegant audience, which assembled to witness the commencement exercises of the Upper Girls' High School. Of coure the audience, in general composed of friends and relatives of the participants in the exhibition, was prepared to be indulgent and sympathizing. But there were very few of the various choice morsels offered for the approval of the taste of even the most fastidious, which were not deserving of the liberal applause awarded them. A large number of prominent citizens were present with the sisters and mothers of the fair performers,

The pupils presented an exceedingly pretty sight, covering the entire platform with the exception of the central space, where the successive claimants of approbation appeared. A quorum of the school board was present.

Promptly at seven o'clock the signal of commencement was sounded from the piano, and the young ladies, rising, gave the chorus from "Faust." This was followed by the salutatory, written and read by Miss Medora Allen. Miss Maggie Steinbach recited a soliloquy from Bulwer's "Richelieu," showing a careful study of the author and an excellent conception of the character. Miss Lena M. Devine read an original composition in French.

The trial scene, from "Pickwick," followed, and was well done, Misses Esther Rozenbery and Jennie Dixon as *Buzfuz* and *Snubbin*, Ada Mitchell as *Judge*, Edith Fash as the irrepressible *Sam*, Mattie H. Goodwin as *Mrs. Clappins*, and Rosa Schneider as *Wrinkle*, being particularly noticeable and amusing. A duet from "Martha" preceded a remarkable recitation of Tennyson's "Bugle," by Miss Sophie Durbridge. Miss Alice Willis recited "Le Dernier Jugement."

The English dialogue, in which Misses Albers, Young, Goodwyn, Vaughan, Whitcomb, Hathorne, Fash, Font and Allain took part, was very prettily performed. "Leaves from the Olive Branch," English recitations by Miss Emma Hughes, Lena M. Devine, Maggie Spearing, songs and more "Leaves" completed the list. The feature of the evening was the presentation of several carefully selected scenes from the "Merchant of Venice. The parts were assigned as follows:

Shylock	Miss Alice Willis
Antonio	Miss Mattie H. Goodwyn
Portia	Miss May Williams
Passanio	Miss Flonia Killian
Gratiano	Miss Cecilia Forshey
Lorenzo	Miss Czarina Forbes
Salanio	Miss Adele White
Jessica	Miss Dovey Curry
Duke	Miss Emma Hughes
Tubal	Miss Agnes McWhan

The young ladies were perfect in their parts, and, though rather long, the performance deserved and received hearty applause. Miss Alice Willis in her conception of *Shylock*, careful enunciation and fidelity to the text, showed great study, while the vim and animation with which she brought out the points of character captured the entire audience. The excellence of her reading was far beyond what would be expected from a young lady just graduated from school. Her talent is, indeed, remarkable, and the audience showed, by repeated applause, that it was not lost upon them.

Miss Lena M. Devine, at the conclusion of her solo, "Waiting," received an elegant basket of flowers from an appreciative donor, who omitted to make his name public. Her recitation, "The Chime of the Bells" was one of the best of the evening. The readings from the *Olive Branch*, a school paper, edited by Misses Ida Morse, Emma Hughes, Mattie H. Goodwin, May Williams, Cecilia Forshey and Felonise Killian, showed the attention given to composition and the success of the young writers.

Some of Miss Goodwin's "locals" ought to find a place in the morning press. The gem of the programme was the recitation by Miss Sophie Durbridge. Her voice is exceedingly clear and sweet, and she controls it to perfection. Her elocution is excellent, her gestures graceful, and her recitation was so fine that she fairly divided the honors with Miss Willis.

The excellence of the selections of the subjects of recitation and the care of their preparation is due to Mrs. R. L. Jacobs who has sole charge of that department, and who is naturally proud of such pupils as Misses Devine, Willis and Durbridge. The music is under the charge of Miss Romey, and French is taught by Miss Kennedy.

Mrs. M. E. McDonald is the principal of the school, with Mrs. L. M. Richardson, Miss M. S. Brown, Miss H. Seymour and Miss L. Armstrong as able associates. The "Olive Branch," which has proved so excellent an adjunct to instruction in composition, is under the care of Mrs. McDonald and Miss Brown.

At the conclusion of the programme, Mr. Boothby read the following names of the thirty-six seniors of the class of 1873, the names being arranged in the order according to the average relative standing for the year. All of them obtained the required percentage for graduation.

Cecelia G. Forshey, Isabella Young, May P. Williams, Felonise Killian, Medora Allen, Mattie Goodwyn, Czarina Forbes, Adele White, Carrie Boyce, Agnes McWhan, Jennie Rees, Dovey Currey, Isabella Bain, Ida Monroe, Louisa Miller, Rosa Schneider, Nettie Hathorn, Emma Hughes, Esther Rosenberg, Annie Whitcomb, Emma Albers, Serafina Font, Henrietta Briede, Mary Leddy, Alice M. Kutchinbal, Ada Mitchell, Delia Wilson, Lena M. Devine, Carrie Vaughan, Mary Mallam, Sara Jane West, Katie Delesdernier, Edith Fash, Ida Davis, Jennie Dickson.

Besides reading the names, Mr. Boothby read the comments of the principal on each young lady, which in general were favorable, and no doubt well deserved.

Mr. Boothby made a pleasant little address to the graduating class, filled with the good wishes and compliments that so many pretty faces must inevitably suggest to a pleasant gentleman in his predicament, and then called on Judge Dibble who said only a few words as the hour was late.

Miss Adele White then delivered the valedictory, and the seniors' farewell song was sung. After this the audience, teachers and pupils dispersed with feelings of perfect satisfaction with the performance, themselves and each other.

The Levee Company and Professor Forshey.

The reply of the Levee Company to the card of Professor Forshey, published recently in one of the city papers, will be found in this morning's REPUBLICAN.

AMUSEMENTS

The Opera.

Last evening, owing to the sudden indisposition of Mlle. Denain, the production of Halevy's opera "Charles VI." was unavoidably postponed. In lieu thereof Rossini's grand opera "William Tell" was given, the great Devoyod in the title role. This eminent artist was in splendid voice, and while we listened with delight to his majestic cadences we could not but regret the lost opportunity of hearing him in Halevy's *chef d'ouvre*. However, what is deferred is not lost, and we are promised "Charles VI." as soon as circumstances will admit. It must not be thought, though, by our readers, because we make thus some little expression of disappointment, that last night's entertainment was devoid of interest or lacked in charm.

Had the programme been reversed and accident placed them in relative positions, the feeling would have been the same. One likes to have, you know, what one has been promised. Last evening, as we have already inferred, the great baritone sang superbly. He warmed into life the chorus even, and made us lose sight of every defect of stage effect and forget every faulty auxiliary adjunct.

Mlle. Carini, in the part of *Jemmy*, appeared last evening to greater advantage than ever before. The little lady appeared to be more at ease than usual, and to identify herself more thoroughly with the character she represented than on any previous occasion. In the ordeal scene she most ably seconded M. Devoyod, and acquitted herself in a manner deserving of much praise. Her vocalization, too, showed a marked improvement, and we are glad thus to be able to extend acknowledgement to a painstaking and meritorious artiste.

Mme. Lagye, as *Mathilde*, had but little scope to display her rare powers, but availed herself of her opportunities in her usual excellent manner.

M. Gueymard sang with his usual sweetness and pathos. In the last scene of the opera, in which he sings the closing aria, he was greeted with tumultuous applause.

To-morrow night "Lucie de Lammermore" will be produced, with Mlle. G. Moisset as *Lucie*. The one act comedietta, "La Nuit d'Octobre", will precede the opera.

For the Christmas matinee we are promised Verdi's grand opera, "La Traviata," and a comedietta, "La Vielle Allemande."

Academy of Music.

It needed no prophet to foretell the reception that awaited the "Black Crook." It came and it conquered all the plea of hard times. The Academy was last night crowded to its fullest capacity, and the gorgeous spectacle was received with all the enthusiasm originally awarded it. The scenery employed was magnificent and complete, from the incantation to the scene of transformation, and the combination of artists selected by Messrs. Bidwell & McDonough for its representation is one of no ordinary talent, each performer having been selected for peculiar fitness to the characters in the drama, or for excellence in specialties. *Rudolph* was acted by Mr. H. B. Hudson, a handsome young actor, who made a most favorable impression. Miss Alice Seidler was the *Carline*, and Miss Salome Duffield played *Stalacta*, and proved to be the best representatives of these characters yet seen in New Orleans. The costumes were rich and elegant.

The "Black Crook" in itself, as is well known, is but a thread of dramatic romance on which is strung a variety of agreeable amusement. Having this in view, the management of the present combination has been particularly successful in providing variety and novelties. The ballet is good Miss Jennie Benson is a wonder in the clog line, A. M. Hernandez is most versatile and comical, and little Baby Benson is immense. As everybody is going to see the "Crook," no more need be said at present. Santa Claus announces that he will be at home at the Academy on Christmas day for a toy matinee, when Mr. Bidwell will give presents to all of his juvenile friends.

St. Charles Theatre.

Little Nell, the new star that has dawned upon our theatrical world, has at once found public favor. She was enthusiastically received by an audience large in numbers, appearing in seven characters in her protean drama of "Fidelia, the Fire Waif." Nell is a young miss, near the sweet sixteen, beautiful and possessed of fine dramatic talent. She sings with a rich contraito voice, and with great effect. In this respect she is superior to Lotta, and bids fair to eclipse her in popularity. As a young swell, and as the Dutch girl, her abilities in character acting are plainly marked. From an instrument of wood and straw, of simple construction, she brings the most pleasing music. With the banjo she is a whole show, and plays and dances a jig at the same time. "Fidelia" will run during the week.

Varieties Theatre.

The new play of "Our Daisy," brought out at this theatre by the Rose and Harry Watkins combination, is a neat little comedy drama in three acts, of simple construction as regards plot and effects, but very pleasing in dialogue and illustrations of character. *Daisy* is a sort of rough diamond, married to a man above her in rank, but far beneath her in honor. When compelled to acknowledge the marriage, he abandons her, and comes back only when driven by necessity. The peasant bride, with the varying scenes in her life, is well portrayed by Mrs. Watkins. *Miles Hub*, a mechanic, and brother of *Daisy*, with Yorkshire dialect, is made a strong character by Mr. Watkins. In fact, the characters in the comedy are all good, and the piece furnishes excellent entertainment of an agreeable sort. Little Amy Lee was heard and seen in songs and dances after the comedy, and the farce of "To Oblige Benson" closed the performance. Same bill to-night. In keeping with times calling for economy in expenses for amusement as in all things else, and with the consent of the owners of the theatre, Mr. Watkins has reduced the scale of prices to seventy-five and fifty cents for admission to all parts of the house. A toy matinee will also be given at the Varieties on Thursday.

Grunewald Hall Concert.

The vocal concert given at this place last night, in aid of the building fund of the new Church of the Annunciation, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. An excellent programme had been prepared by Mr. F. Schaffer, the director and organist at Christ Church, in which the well known amateur vocalists, Mrs. Pierson, Misses J. Fleury and L. Little, and Messrs. W. E. Cooper, C. C. Tracy and Mr. Bremer were heard to good advantage. Miss Fleury sang "Il va Venir" with good effect, and was heartily encored. This young lady has a voice of remarkable compass, and her style of singing shows excellent culture. Mr. Cooper gave a bass solo, "The Vagabond." The song of "Ruby," sung by Miss Lena Little was evidently considered the gem of the evening, and was generously applauded. Her voice is clear and uniform, and so perfectly managed that her singing in the concert room is very pleasing and effective. The anthem, "King all Glorious," was the last piece on the programme, and in it was heard Mr. Tracy's sweet tenor voice, and the rich bass of Mr. Bremer, in solos.

Readings by "Pips."

It is now definitely announced that Mrs. F. G. O'Byrne, the accomplished elocutionist, and a lady known in literature as "Pips," will give one of her entertainments, consisting of readings from the poets, at Grunewald Hall, on Friday evening, the twenty-sixth instant. The entertainment will be for the benefit of the family of Captain Fry. Mrs. O'Byrne has been very successful as a reader in other cities, and has been compared with Mrs. Scott-Siddons in this class of entertainment. She will read selections from a list including "Barbara Fritchie," "Sister of Charity," "The Cockney," by Saxe, "Lady Clare," by Tennyson, "Bells of Shandon," sleep walking scene from "Macbeth," "Lord Walter's Wife," and the famous "Fonteney."

COURT RECORD.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1873.

First District Court.

ARRAIGNED AND PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

Joseph Adams, Mary Williams, Fred Ronee, Mary Josephine, Joseph Brown, Sarah Jones.

TRUE BILL.

State vs. Charles Miller.—Larceny and obtaining money under false pretenses.

State vs. Pat Duffy.—Robbery, larceny and obtaining money under false pretenses. Bail fixed at $2500 and bond signed by Charles Cavanac.

ON TRIAL.

State vs. Norman Whitney.—Arson.

Second District Court.

Successions of Baptiste A. Fonteneau and Maria Hill, opened.

Sixth District Court.

William Brady vs. George Hakes.—Petitioner complains that July 27 defendant agreed to turn over to plaintiff two thoroughbred horses, Western Star and Maimon, to remain in his custody until after the spring meeting of the Louisiana Jockey Club, the winnings to be divided equally; that defendant has drawn more than his share, and through his agents feloniously entered the stable, December 21, and took away the horses. Wherefore he prays for a writ of sequestration, which is issued on a bond of $1000.

Loss of a Good Name.

One of our citizens has been subjected for a time to a disability which perplexed him and amused his friends. When Mr. Smith conveyed the assets, good-will and fixtures of a house in which he had been interested, the transferees adopted the idea that they had thereby acquired the exclusive use of his name, and so contradicted Shakespeare somewhat when he says that taking a man's name does not enrich the taker, while it undoubtedly leaves the bereaved "poor indeed."

An eminent attorney, in an argument growing out of proceedings for the recovery of the business name of Mr. Smith, amused the court by an anecdote of an Italian nobleman whose passion for gaming had led him step by step to the loss of all his possessions, and even to gamble off his own name and title. The last proved a terrible calamity. He could not accept a government office because he had lost his appellation. In his extreme need, he was denied access to a charitable institution, because he could not register as required by the rules. So the unfortunate gentleman was driven to suicide for an improvident forfeiture of the name which his godfather and godmother had given him. The court decided that our friend, Mr. Smith, had by no means lost his baptismal birthright, and we are gratified to state that he has experienced no inconvenience from this temporary suspension of nomenclature. But a further annoyance resulted. When the firm of Smith & Co. was adjudged extinct by the withdrawal of the partner whose name it bore, the style of the concern was changed to "Successors to Smith & Co." This was still worse on our friend Smith. It appeared that he was dead, and that the purchasers had opened his succession, and this made him feel like his own ghost. He is now, we are happy to state, able to confront his own appellation. It must have proved a signal gratification to himself and friends to see that so high a value has been set on his style and signature.

The Christmas of the Olden Time.

The ladies of Calvary Church, in the Fourth District, have made preparations to present a Christmas festival after the fashion of the olden time. Four days of the present week are to be devoted to the merry making of the Yule Tide Revelers, in the spacious basement of the church, corner of Prytania and Sixth streets, beginning Wednesday, December 24. As a special mark of favor, the REPUBLICAN presents the programme for the—

FIRST NIGHT—CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24.

7 P. M.—Doors open. (N. B.—Elegant decorations.) Grand procession of their majesties the Queen of Yule and "The Three Kings of Orient," escorted by the Yule Tide Revelers, etc.
7.30 P. M.—Inaugural (Rev. Spruille Burford), and music.
8 P. M.—Coronation of the Queen of Yule.
8:15 P. M.—The Carol Choir of Twelve Friends, with their beautiful repertoire of ancient and modern Christmas carols, introducing also "The Three Kings of Orient."
8:45 P. M.—The screaming farce, in one act, "Irresistibly Impudent." Dramatis Personæ—Miss J. Bayne, I. P.; Mr. Wigley, G. M. E.; Charles, P. A.; Dick, W. W.; Prompter, C. G.
9 P. M.—"Melange Musicale." Miss Nanny Reed and Miss R. Ford. Pianoforte duet, "William Tell." Ballad, "Tapping at the Garden Gate."
9:15 P. M.—The Comic Tete-a-tete, "Cross Purposes." Aunt Dorothy, E. S.; Marian, C. B.; Bertha, V. P.; Leonora, I. P.
9:30 P. M.—Grand Tableau, "Cinderella." Music, vocal and instrumental. Supper at the side tables all the evening. Tableau Historique, "Death of the Countess of Nottingham." Tableau Comic, illustrated with cuts.
10 P. M.—Dear old Santa Claus, with 500 costly and beautiful gifts for young and old.

Calvary Church is located in the centre of a wealthy neighborhood, which will afford an opportunity for the people there to attend a fine entertainment at their own doors.

Billiards.

Messrs. Garnier and Slosson played a game last evening in the St. Charles rotunda, the latter receiving the odds of 100 points in 500. The score was as follows: Garnier, 500; highest runs, 200 and 122, average, 20. Slosson, 192; highest runs, 41 and 98; average, 8 9-11.

To-day Slosson plays Maggioli, giving him the odds of 50 points in 200; and Garnier plays Coste and Abrams.

The sheriff of the parish of Orleans sells at auction this day, at half-past ten o'clock, on the premises at No. 35 Peters street, Second District of this city, furniture, goods and movable property.

At one o'clock, at Regan's stables, Baronne street, between Poydras and Lafayette streets, First District, horse, buggy, barouche and harness.

And at five o'clock, on the premises corner of Erato and Peters streets, First District, machinery and apparatus for a refinery.

For particulars see advertisements.

Judge Dibble arrived in the city from Washington yesterday morning.

Not knowing that the *Herald*, like the Democratic party, is dead, the Franklin *Sun* publishes the following news item:

After the first of January the New Orleans *Herald* will issue a weekly edition, and those who may wish a decided and able Democratic paper should subscribe to it.

Some Manchester, England, manufacturers of spool cotton were recently arrested for marking the number of yards on the spools twenty per cent greater than the length of the thread, but they entered, as a plea in defense, that the cotton was not manufactured for home consumption, but for a foreign market. So they were let off.

BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON.

Pardon of Ku-Klux Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Marion Fowler, William Ramsey and John Whittlock, convicted a year ago as Ku-Klux, have been pardoned.

The Virginius Case.

Judge Williams' opinion covers a column. He argues that the Virginius' papers were obtained by false pretenses.

Return of the President.

The President is expected to return tomorrow.

Colored Delegation from Indian Territory.

A delegation of colored persons is coming here to urge Congress to give them their property rights in the Indian Territory, together with courts and a form of government to protect them.

Christmas in Boston.

Secretary Richardson will spend Christmas in Boston.

The Dead Letter Theft.

Captain Mitchner, who was arrested last week for abstracting money from letters in the dead letter office, had a preliminary examination to-day, and was held for the action of the grand jury.

Going Home.

Congressman Waddell, of North Carolina, is among the homeward bound, to-day.

No Money Wanted.

The commissioner on agriculture has been much annoyed by persons sending money to pay postage on seed reports, etc., and therefore, gives notice that money should never be sent to his department for any purpose.

Important Decision.

The Supreme Court, to-day, rendered the following important decision: Wilson, assignee in bankrupcy of Vanderhoff Brothers vs. the City Bank of St. Paul, on a certificate of decision from the Circuit Court of Minnesota. In this case, Vanderhoff Brothers, owing the bank, suffered their entire stock of goods to be seized on execution of a judgment by default, obtained against them by the bank, and thus, as alledged, fraudulently preferred the bank over their other creditors, against the provisions of the bankrupt act; and the assignees sought to have the proceeds of the sale on execution applied in the claims of all the creditors. On these facts the following questions arose, on which the court was divided, and they were certified to this court for answer.

First—Whether or not an intent on the part of the firm to suffer their property to be taken on execution, with intent to give a preference to the bank, or with the intent to defeat or delay the operation of the bankrupt act, can be inferred from the facts stated.

Second—Whether, under the facts, the bank, in their proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that a fraud on the bankrupt act was intended by the firm; and

Third—Whether, under the circumstaces, the bank obtained by the levy and execution a valid lien on the goods, as against the assignee in bankruptcy.

In their opinions the courts say that something more is necessary than the passive non-resistance of an insolvent debtor to regular judicial proceedings, in which a judgment and execution are had, when the debt is due and he is without just defense to the action, to show a preferment of a creditor or a purpose to defeat or delay the operation of the bankrupt act; that the fact that the debtor, under such circumstances, does not file a petition in bankruptcy, is not sufficient evidence of such preference or desire to defeat the operation of the act; that though the creditor may know the insolvent condition of the debtor, his levy and seizure are not void under the circumstances, nor is there any violation of the bankrupt law; that a lien thus obtained by him will not be displaced by subsequent proceedings in bankruptcy against the debtor, though within four months of the filing of the bill.

These propositions require the questions certified to be answered, the first two in the negative, and the third in the affirmative.

This decision overrules or largely qualifies what was said by Mr. Justice Clifford in delivering the opinion of the court in the case of Buchanan vs. Smith, at the last term.

The Proposed Repeal of the Bankruptcy Act.

Senator Hitchcock has addressed the following letter to Senator Edmunds, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER, Washington, D. C., December 20, 1873.

DEAR SIR—Regretting the failure of the Senate to act prior to the holiday recess upon the bill repealing the bankrupt law, so far, at least, as to wipe out the present oppressive feature of involuntary bankruptcy, and fearing that such failure will aggravate financial suffering and add others to the already long list of victims, I desire to obtain your opinion of the feasibility of so amending the bankrupt law as to make the repeal of the oppressive features retroactive, and also your opinion as to the probability of the early passage of such amendments.

Your reputation as a lawyer and position as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee will give weight to your opinion, and such action, if affirmatively given upon each of the propositions above named, will, I think, go far to allay public anxiety and prevent useless and oppressive litigation.

Faithfully yours,
P. W. HITCHCOCK.

To Hon. George F. Edmunds, chairman Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Edmunds replied as follows:

UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER, Washington, D. C., December 22, 1873.

DEAR SIR—I have received your note of the twentieth instant, and say, in reply, I do not profess to speak for any person but myself, of course. But, so speaking, I have no hesitation in saying that any provision that may be made respecting the forcing of a debtor into involuntary bankrupcy and the proceedings thereupon will, so far as my voice goes, be made retroactive in such a way that no person will gain anything by any oppressiveness towards a debtor.

Pending the consideration of the question, as all such matters relate to remedies which Congress may take away altogether if it pleases, there will be no impropriety in making any wise provision which regulates the proceedings to just ends to apply to pending cases, and feel great confidence that such will be the opinion of the Senate.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE F. EDMUNDS.

To Hon. P. W. Hitchcock, United States Senate.

THE VIRGINIUS.

Attorney General Williams Decides the Virginius was not Entitled to the Protection of the Flag

WASHINGTON December 21.—It has been known for some time that the Spanish government has submitted to the government evidence with regard to the steamer Virginius and her claim to bear the flag of the United States, and that the President had submitted this evidence to Attorney General Williams for his opinion thereon.

It seems now to be understood in official circles that the Attorney General has given the opinion that the vessel had forfeited her right to bear the flag of the United States, and that at the time of her capture she was carrying it without right and improperly.

No Salute from Spain.

As the Virginius affair is now understood, no salute to the flag will be required from Spain on Christmas day. Our only satisfaction will be a formal disavowal from Spain of any intention to interfere with our maritime rights.

The United States will proceed against the Virginius and all connected with her for violations of the neutrality law. It is claimed by Spain that the papers upon which the Virginius sailed were obtained by perjury.

Rear Admiral Scott's Report.

Rear Admiral Scott has sent to the Secretary of the Navy a large mass of documents connected with the capture of the Virginius and the executions which followed it. These include the list of 103 who were in the prison at Santiago de Cuba, thirteen of whom were shot. Of the surviving eighty-seven appear the names of Manuel Marasses, of Philadelphia; Philip Meitzler, of Charleston, South Carolina; Samuel Gray, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Alfred Parker, location not given. These are all the Americans among the number given.

Those who were executed in addition to the thirteen above mentioned were in jail only a few hours, with the exception of Captain Fry, who was not taken to that place.

According to the official report concerning the mode of trial by the Spanish court martial, Captain Fry declined to answer all the questions put to him, protesting that by the laws of nations he and his crew had committed no offense that justified his or their imprisonment or trial as pirates. He claimed to be in command of an American merchant vessel, furnished with all properly certified papers, which he had delivered to the boarding officer of the captured vessel.

Among the documents is one from J. N. Rowe, of Rockland, Maine, who deposed at Kingston, Jamaica, that from his knowledge of navigation the Virginius, when captured, could not have been less than seventy miles from the coast of Cuba.

Spain Demands the Restoration of the Virginius.

NEW YORK, December 21.—The New York *Herald* publishes a special dispatch from its Paris correspondent, making the following important announcement:

PARIS, December 21.—Dispatches in cypher, from the special correspondent of the *Herald* at Madrid, state positively that the Castelar government has made a formal demand on the United States government, through Minister Sickles, for the return of the Virginius and her surviving crew and passengers.

The demand was based upon the recent admission of Secretary Fish, that the Virginius was not entitled to carry the flag of the United States.

The demand was delivered to Minister Sickles on Friday.

The announcement that the demand had been made created the greatest exultation among the Spaniards.

Minister Sickles at once telegraped to Washington, insisting on his resignation being accepted.

American Squadron from the Mediterranean Expected.

KEY WEST, December 21.—Admiral Scott looks for the arrival of our European squadron in a few days, when Admiral Case, unless relieved, will assume command of our West India squadron.

The Virginius Gone North.

The Virginius passed here yesterday to the North, in charge of the Ossipee, and in a leaky condition.

The Fleet Reinforced.

The Colorado, Powhattan and Manhattan arrived this morning from New York.

Complications Between England and Spain.

Information reached here from Havana yesterday, which, if authentic, is highly important.

It was rumored there that serious complications in regard to Cuba have arisen, it is understood, between the Spanish and British governments. Precisely what these difficulties are does not yet appear; but it is certain that the British West India squadron is to be speedily and largely increased.

The Havana authorities, it is stated, consider that the English government intend some interference in Cuban affairs, and in such a manner as to complicate the relations of that government with Spain.

British War Vessels to Rendezvous at Once in Cuban Ports.

Since the last dispatch was sent, it has become known here that the British consul general at Havana has received dispatches from Lord Granville to instruct all naval commanders in the West Indies to immediately rendezvous in Cuban ports.

Burriel's Punishment to be Demanded.

It is stated that in official circles it is certainly known that the British government will assuredly demand the punishment of Burriel.

The British Admiral has left for St. Thomas, where he expects to be relieved.

Reparation Demanded by the Havana Press.

HAVANA, December 22.—The *Diario*, announcing that the government at Washington has recognized that the Virginius was not entitled to carry the American flag, says that after this acknowledgment not the slightest doubt ought to remain that the Virginius was a legal prize, and her crew were pirates, whom the Spanish courts justly treated as such; and that the demands of the United States were unjust and unfounded. We now expect that the United States will make the reparation due to Spain, and hope, also, that Spain will present other claims against the United States.

Financial.

In the junta, to-day, a statement of the debt of the island was presented; also, a plan to arrange the financial affairs.

The "indentes" will submit another plan. The debt of the island is put down at $87,000,000; notes of the Spanish Bank in circulation amount to $104,000,000.

The government authorizes railroad companies to charge rates of freight and passage in gold or its equivalent, which shows that it is averse to proclaiming a forced paper circulation.

The steamer Morro Castle, from New York, arrived this morning.

NEW YORK.

Church Burned—Loss $50,000.

NEW YORK, December 22.—The Baptist church, corner of Nassau and Liberty streets, Brooklyn, burned this morning; loss $50,000.

Workingmen of Cincinnati.

A Cincinnati special says the attitude of workingmen there causes a feeling of insecurity and apprehension.

Sentenced to Twenty Years' Imprisonment.

Recorder Hackett sentenced a man today to twenty years' imprisonment for committing rape on a girl eight years old. The recorder regretted that he could not impose the death sentence.

Escape of Harry Genet.

Harry Genet, convicted of fraud in connection with the ring, has been in custody of the deputy sheriff since Friday. Genet obtained leave to go up stairs to see his wife; meanwhile the sheriff slept; Mr. Genet *non est*.

Sheriff Brennan has offered $5000 reward for the arrest of Genet. Action has already been taken by the district attorney toward a proceeding against the sheriff, for contempt, for alleged disobedience of orders of the court, in reference to the custody of Genet.

The latest rumor in regard to the escape of Genet is that he embarked on his own yacht, which had been loaded with provisions and filled with friends in readiness for his flight.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer, today, Genet's counsel said that they would proceed to perfect their bill of exceptions

Failed to Appear.

Michael Norton, Thomas Cornan, Jr., John J. Walsh and George S. Miller, ex ring of county courthouse commissioners, were called to-day for trial, on the charge of misdemeanor while in office. The defendants failed to appear, and their recognizances were forfeited in all of the indictments, with the exception of one against Cornan.

Andrew J. Smith, indicted same as above, appeared and pleaded not guilty.

Ex-Mayor Hall Ready for Trial.

Ex-Mayor Hall was in court all this morning with his counsel, but his case was not called.

Murdered.

Michael Ryan and his sister were found murdered in a tenement house in Broome street to-day. Their throats were cut. Robbery is the supposed cause. No clue to the murderers.

A Trunk Thief Arrested.

Clarence Brown was arrested to-day for stealing trunks from different hotels by means of forged checks. Collector Casey, of New Orleans, was one of the victims.

Marine.

Arrived—Steamers City of Dallas, from New Orleans, and City of Waco, from Galveston.

A Justice of the Peace Arrested.

Thomas M. Noble, justice of the peace for Mercer county, New Jersey, was to-day arrested, charged with obtaining money from the county under false pretenses. He made out fictitious convictions and collected costs of trial and commitment.

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