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## AMUSEMENTS.

**BIDWELL'S ACADEMY OF MUSIC.**  
Monday, December 29, 1873.  
Commencing Second and Fourth Last Week of  
MUSIC AND MACDONOUGH'S  
BLACK CROOK.  
With entire change of specialties.

Thursday, January 1, 1874.  
HAPPY NEW YEAR MATINEE.

SATURDAY NOON—Last Black Crook Matinee.  
MONDAY, January 5—LYDIA THOMPSON, d.c. 23

**ST. CHARLES THEATRE.**  
Proprietor and Manager  
ALEX. FITZGERALD, d.c. 23  
Engagement of the Kilo Star.  
JESSIE KINGSBURY,  
Wednesday and Thursday Evenings.

**CHILD OF THE SAVANNAH.**  
Grand Kingsbury Matinee on THURSDAY (New  
Year day) at 7 o'clock. "CHILD OF  
THE SAVANNAH."  
FRIDAY—Benefit of St. Aloysius Kingsbury  
MATINEE, at 7 o'clock—Last Kingsbury Matinee.  
SATURDAY EVENING—Benefit of the Shakespeare  
Club.  
SUNDAY—The program article, MISS MARIAN MOR-  
RIS, at 10 o'clock. "THE SUNDAY."  
J. A. HART, Treasurer.  
d.c. 21

**OPERA HOUSE—OPERA HOUSE**  
Thursday, January 1, 1874.  
KILIA MATINEE at 10 o'clock.  
LA DAME BLANCHE.  
FRIDAY EVENING at 8 o'clock.  
LA DAME BLANCHE.  
SUNDAY at 10 o'clock.  
LA DAME BLANCHE.  
d.c. 21

**GRAND FANCY DRESS AND MASK**  
BALL.  
To be given by  
MISSISSIPPI STEAM FIBRE COMPANY NO. 2.  
AT  
GRUNWALD HALL,  
On Wednesday Evening, December 31.  
TICKETS TWO DOLLARS.  
COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.  
E. A. BURKE, THOMAS MCINTYRE,  
H. J. PRICE, W. H. HART,  
OSCAR KELLY, M. H. ROBERTS.

**EXTRA ANNOUCEMENT.**  
Applications for ladies' invitations may be left  
at the engine house, on Magazine street, between  
Grod and Lafayette. d.c. 11

**ST. CHARLES THEATRE.**  
GRAND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT  
To be given by  
CITIZENS OF NEW ORLEANS.  
To the  
SHAKESPEARE CLUB,  
Saturday Evening, January 3, 1874.  
Upon which occasion  
THE LADY OF THE LAKE  
And  
CONJUGAL LESSON  
will be given with the entire strength of the  
theatrical company. Tickets at the box  
office at 10 o'clock. d.c. 21

**TAYLOR JARD HALL.**  
The following interesting statement has  
been prepared to be laid before the Senate  
Committee on their final  
report to-day:  
NEW ORLEANS, La., December 29, 1873.  
To the Honorable the Senate Committee on Trans-  
portation.

**THE COTTON TRADE.**  
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**THE TEMPERATURE.**  
The thermometer at Louis Grigorio's, No.  
50 Chartres street, on December 30, stood  
as follows: At 8 A. M., 44; at 2 P. M., 50;  
at 6 P. M., 48. Lowest point during the  
night of December 29, 43.

**COFFEE AND CIGARS.**  
Six good linen bosom shirts for \$7, at  
Garthwaite, Lewis & Miller's, No. 100 Com-  
mon street.

Seventy-eight theatres have been burned  
in this country in as many years.

## THE KNIGHTS OF MONUS.

Their Representation To-Night.  
Last Mardi Gras the Mistic Krewe of  
Comus presented one of the most highly  
interesting and artistic displays that ever  
nummers indulged in. The subject was  
the "Missing Link," an embellished extrava-  
ganza on the Darwin theory of the origin  
of man. The poem, for poem it was and is,  
was written by a journalist of this city, and  
so superb that it would indeed be strange if  
it did not bring to the surface some second  
hand brain to travesty it.

The travesty has come and will appear on  
our streets to-night, produced by a number  
of men who call themselves the Knights of  
Monus, or some name like unto that, and  
whose excellent motto is "Dum vivimus, vivamus"—"while we live let us live. Of  
course, when one lives he is not dead, but  
that absurdity is not the fault of the knights  
of this late day.

To-night, on the occasion of this associa-  
tion making its annual display parade, the  
subject will be, "The Coming Race," a faint  
imitation of the "Missing Link," was formed  
one or two occasions—once in New Or-  
leans and later in Houston. The representa-  
tion to night will consist of nothing more  
than about fifty transparencies, carried by  
disguised men. Who they are or why they  
attempt to follow in the footsteps of illu-  
strious predecessors is more than the "end  
men" in negro minstrelsy would undertake to  
answer.

The transparencies, as we saw them in  
the third story of a brick building, aided  
by the use of a powerful glass, are  
artistically painted on six white cotton,  
stretched on strong wire frames, in ap-  
propriate colors. Brookmoot poles will  
answer for handles, so that the pictures will  
be sailed so high that even the shortest boy  
will be able to view them with critical eye,  
even though he have a custome seat.

We shall be regaled with the representa-  
tion of a what-d'ye-call-it, in the deformed  
form of a man from the coming race, who  
will be a cheat on showmen, for he has  
but one leg, and consequently only one foot.  
Another monstrosity will have only one  
eye, and that in a wrong position. Another  
will be composed partly of vegetable and  
partly of animal substances. Some will be  
of human and brute combination, while  
others will possess traces of metallic,  
vegetable and animal origin. Birds, beasts,  
men and tools will be tumbled together in  
the most chaotic manner possible. The  
pictures will be brilliantly illuminated by a  
tallow dip or a bright particular star  
snatched from the blue dome above for  
this particular occasion only—copyright  
secured—and can be seen at the best barrel  
house head of Canal street on New Year  
day; price five cents.

The entire affair, as far as the reporter's  
opera glasses would permit him to see at  
the distance of across one street, will not  
add greatly to the glory of New Orleans  
ministry, and citizens are advised of this  
fact to prevent them leaving their homes  
unattended to-night simply to view what  
they will decay after having seen.

This city can boast of several sound or-  
ganizations which make successful efforts  
to bring people and capital hither, but the  
Knights of Monus must hire more brilliant  
bills hereafter if they wish to shine in the  
ranks of masked displays.

Now that we have warned our readers of  
what they may expect, they will not be dis-  
appointed to the degree they would have  
seen otherwise.

"The Coming Race" is not good.

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GENTLEMEN—Your investigation of the  
question of the necessity for cheap trans-  
portation and the improvement of the Mis-  
sissippi river has, no doubt, placed in your  
possession in such statistical matter bearing  
on the question; we therefore confine our  
remarks to the following table, showing the  
quantity of cotton exported from New Or-  
leans for four years ending the thirty-first  
of August last, and the total crop raised for  
each year:

Year	Bales	Total crops
To August 31, 1872	1,185,650	3,154,592
To August 31, 1873	1,481,250	3,927,296
To August 31, 1874	1,547,432	2,974,341
To August 31, 1875	1,406,628	3,950,508

The value of the cotton exported for the  
year ending August 31, 1873—408,928  
bales—is estimated to be \$115,700,738.

The rate of freight on cotton exported  
from New Orleans during the past year  
ruled at five rights to one-half penny per  
pound, which is one-fourth to one-half penny  
(equal to one-half to one cent) per pound  
more than vessels would charge if no ob-  
struction existed at the mouth of the river.  
Vessels have been detained so often and  
frequently for weeks, at great expense, that  
high rates of freight have to be charged to  
prevent loss. If we estimate the weight 469  
pounds, at one-fourth penny or one-half cent,  
we have \$3,233,859, which must be  
deducted from the value of the cotton, and  
the net result is \$112,466,879.

Remove the obstructions at the mouth of  
the river, and make it possible for vessels  
of larger draft to enter our port without  
fear of detention, and tonnage sufficient for  
cotton than at the present rate. If we add  
to this the excessive rate charged on all  
other articles exported from New Orleans  
(the rate in many of which is materially  
excessive), and tonnage sufficient for  
cotton than at the present rate, and make  
reasonable allowance for the losses sustained by  
merchants frequently having their cargoes  
detained for weeks on the bar, to the great  
inconvenience of all concerned, with the  
trade, we have a sum sufficient now being  
borne directly or indirectly by the pro-  
ducers, merchants and manufacturers of the  
Mississippi valley, and tonnage sufficient for  
cotton to construct the Fort St. Philip canal,  
and otherwise improve the navigation of  
the river between this port and St. Louis.

Respectfully, your obedient servants,  
CYRUS BUSSEY,  
THOMAS H. HUNT,  
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## Two Days with the Senate Committee.

Monday, at ten o'clock, was the time ap-  
pointed for the members of the Committee  
on Transportation of the Senate of the  
United States, now in this city, composed  
of Senator William Windom, of Minnesota,  
chairman; John Sherman, of Ohio; J. R.  
Watts, of Louisiana; H. G. Davis, of West  
Virginia, and S. B. Conover, of Florida, ac-  
compied by Senator Hamlin, of Maine,  
and Representative D. W. Gooch, of Mas-  
sachusetts, to complete their labors on the  
question of the feasibility of the Fort St.  
Philip canal by inspecting the proposed site.

The steamer Crescent City, which has  
been newly repaired and fitted up for the  
use of the United States corps of engineers,  
was lying at the head of Conti street, the  
flag of that department, the white castle  
on a blue ground, flying at the fore. The  
revenue cutter laid several squares below.  
At about eleven o'clock the majority of the  
distinguished guests had arrived, attended  
by Governor Kellogg and many other prom-  
inent gentlemen of Louisiana, some of  
whom participated in the excursion.

On the part of the Chamber of Commerce  
were Messrs. John H. Kennard, A. K. Mil-  
ler, Charles E. Slayback, while the Cotton  
Exchange was represented by Harrison  
Watts, Esq. Besides these gentlemen were  
General W. H. Emory, Colonel W. W.  
Sanders, Judge C. L. Chase, General M.  
Jeff. Thompson, State Engineer, Major  
John R. French, sergeant-at-arms of the  
Senate, and E. Z. Brasley, Esq., photogra-  
pher who accompanied the committee in  
their official capacities. In the company were  
Mrs. Hamlin, Mrs. Gooch, Miss Alley and  
Willie Gooch, and the latter certainly en-  
joyed the trip as well as any of his elder  
companions.

The stock of refreshments liberally sup-  
plied by the committee of arrangements of  
the Cotton Exchange and Chamber of Com-  
merce were stored on board the Crescent  
City, the John A. Dix being selected to  
convey the excursionists in account of her  
speed. The cutter was first directed up the  
river as far as the elevator to give the  
guests an idea of the size and appearance  
of New Orleans, and then Captain Free-  
man determined to see how quick he could  
reach Magnolia plantation. The fastest  
time ever made on the forty-eight miles be-  
tween there and the city was in the  
Heroine, of two hours and nineteen  
minutes, and the next by the Rio Grande,  
two hours and twenty-one minutes. Both  
of these vessels were blockade runners,  
built expressly for speed. Monday the  
John A. Dix made the same distance in  
two hours and fifty minutes, which is a re-  
markable performance.

The vessel, formerly the Wilderness, has  
been entirely rebuilt, has new boilers and  
is the fastest boat of her kind. Her officers,  
who contributed greatly to the comfort and  
pleasures of the party, are Captain E. A.  
Freeman, First Lieutenant T. Mason,  
Second Lieutenant S. E. Maguire, Third  
Lieutenant A. P. R. Hanks, Chief Engineer  
J. N. Jones, First Assistant S. T. Taylor,  
Second Assistant W. F. Blakemore.

On reaching the landing at Magnolia  
plantation, the excursionists were met by  
Hon. Ethingham Lawrence and escorted to  
the house. After a short stay the sugar  
house was inspected, and the process, new  
to most of them, of reducing the cane  
through all the stages, from the first cut-  
ting to the final production of pure white  
sugar, was thoroughly explained by Mr.  
Lawrence and his brother and son. What  
the latter young gentleman could not ex-  
plain about sugar making did not seem to  
be of much importance to the committee.  
From the sugarhouse a ride was taken to  
where the steam plow was at work. The  
number of questions asked by the Senators  
and the interest manifested were very  
gratifying.

Hon. Bradish Johnson drove up while  
the plow was being examined, and returned to  
the house. Some guests expressing a desire  
to pluck an orange, they were led to a tree  
loaded with the beautiful fruit, and indulged  
their fancy to their heart's content. Many  
went through the orange orchard, and cut  
souvenirs of their visit.

Two hours or more were pleasantly spent  
in this way, and then came dinner. The  
hospitality of Magnolia plantation is too  
well known to need description, and besides  
the committee was on its way to see about  
a canal. There was not much said about it  
until justice had been done with affairs  
relating nearer to hand. Colonel Lawrence  
and Senator Hamlin monopolized the con-  
versation on the subject of Cuba, with an  
occasional word from Senator Windom, who  
occasionally called on Senator West, as the com-  
mander-in-chief of the expedition, to say  
something of his object.

Our Senator's opinions having long been  
well known to be heartily in favor of the  
canal, his address was of course devoted to  
showing what progress had been made to-  
ward success.

He called on Senator Windom, who said  
that in considering the question, it was not  
a matter of merely local Louisiana interest.  
The West had to look upon the question as  
affecting the whole country. He did not  
state what the committee would do, but he  
showed that, as a representative of Minne-  
sota, he had a desire for the prosperity of  
Louisiana.

Colonel Lawrence spoke of the decline of  
property and increase of taxation, and Mr.  
Johnson also touched on the same theme.  
One cause was the condition of the mouth  
of the Mississippi. The people asked for  
help, and he knew of no way to give it to  
them except through a favorable report of  
this committee.

The earnestness of his remarks and those  
of Colonel Lawrence seemed to make a great  
impression on the committee, for Senators  
Sherman and Davis both spoke strongly on  
the burden of taxation.

No remarks were made officially on the  
subject, but confidentially, as Senator Sher-  
man said, the chances for the canal seemed  
to improve.

Colonel Lawrence said he should like to  
hear from Senator Conover, as he lived the  
nearest to Cuba, and that gentlemen made  
a few remarks, which pleased all who heard  
them.

General Thompson said a little about the  
canal and a great deal on the subject of  
levies and the levee tax, which was the  
most unendurable of all. He thought Con-  
gress should make an appropriation suffi-  
cient to remove this burden.

The discussion, or rather conversation,  
touched of course every phase of the polit-  
ical situation, and every gentleman ex-

## Resolutions Passed by the New Orleans Academy of Sciences in Reference to the Late Professor Agassiz.

At a regular meeting of the New Orleans  
Academy of Sciences, held at the Univer-  
sity building, December 29, 1873, the fol-  
lowing preamble and resolutions, introduced  
by D. K. Whitaker, LL. D., and seconded  
by Professor C. G. Forsythe, were unani-  
mously adopted:

WHEREAS, Louis D. Agassiz, LL. D., pro-  
fessor of natural sciences in Harvard Uni-  
versity, a native of Switzerland, but for up-  
ward of a third part a century an honored  
citizen of the United States, and an illus-  
trious member of the republic of letters,  
has been recently called from the scene of  
his earthly labors and triumphs, and it de-  
volves upon the assembled organizations to ex-  
press the regret that is deeply felt on the oc-  
currence of so lamentable an event; therefore,

Resolved, unanimously by the New Or-  
leans Academy of Sciences, that, in the re-  
spectful remembrance of his eminent personage,  
the cause of science, of humanity and civil-  
ization throughout the Union and through-  
out the world, have received a shock from  
which it will not soon recover.

Resolved, that the loss of this distinguished  
sage is more sensibly felt because, though he  
had passed the meridian of life, his intel-  
lectual powers, in the full vigor, promised  
a future career of usefulness and fame, in  
his particular department of inquiry.

Resolved, that if not surprising that of any  
of our countrymen, in the full vigor, prom-  
ised a future career of usefulness and fame,  
because his death was unexpected and sud-  
den.

Resolved, that this Academy deeply sym-  
pathize with the accomplished scholar who  
deceased, the companion of his literary la-  
bors and the ornament of his household,  
and with his children, to whom he has  
left an inheritance more valuable  
than that of wealth, in the form of his  
scientific achievements and in the multi-  
tude of his virtues.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolu-  
tions, signed by the president, attested by  
the secretary, and sealed with the seal of  
this Academy, be transmitted to the family  
of the deceased by the secretary.

Resolved, that the resolutions adopted  
be published in the daily newspapers of this  
city.

## Meteorological and River Report.

The signal service, United States army,  
reports, for the benefit of commerce, the  
meteorological record, and rise or fall of  
the rivers, at 3:43 P. M., local time, yester-  
day, as follows:

Place.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather.
Cairo	24	S. K.	Clear.
Cincinnati	23	S. W.	Clear.
Davenport	22	S. W.	Clear.
Galveston	51	N. E.	Cloudy.
Indianapolis	42	S. W.	Clear.
Kentucky	26	S. W.	Clear.
Leavenworth	27	S.	Cloudy.
Memphis	36	K.	Clear.
Mobile	50	N. E.	Fair.
New Orleans	50	N. E.	Fair.
Omaha	24	K.	Fair.
Pittsburg	21	K.	Fair.
Shreveport	44	K.	Fair.
St. Louis	28	S.	Clear.
St. Paul	28	S.	Clear.
Victoria	43	S. K.	Cloudy.
Yankton	31	S.	Cloudy.
Indianapolis	31	S.	Cloudy.

The river level at five feet two inches  
below high water mark of 1871.

## Killed.

A most sad occurrence took place in this  
town on Christmas eve, at about eight  
o'clock, which resulted in the death of  
Mr. John P. Duffy, a painter, at the  
hands of a young man named Adrian  
Brewer, of this parish. The particulars, as  
we learn them, are as follows: A number  
of persons were in Mr. Hebert's coffee house  
amusing themselves, when a difficulty arose  
between Brewer and Duffy, which was soon  
quelled by those present; nothing more was  
then thought of the little difficulty until  
the report of a pistol was heard on the side-  
walk and Duffy falling a corpse near the door;  
his fatal shot being fired by the same eye  
and penetrating the brain. Brewer made  
his escape and has not been arrested up  
to the time of going to press; the officers  
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