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NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 21, 1874.

"Booga" was the appropriate name for beer in ancient Egyptian.

The honeymoon lasts until the new wife asks her husband for money.

"Flirts and Their Ways" will form the subject of an article in Lippincott's Magazine for May.

Mr. William Young, editor of the Mobile Daily Graphic is in the city, and has his quarters at the St. Charles Hotel.

A Pennsylvania hen has been laying eggs with black shells. Lamplack in the yard, "and that was the cause of it."

A priest called Gomez was lately poisoned in the State of Chiapas, Mexico, by his mistress, says the Two Republics.

It has been discovered in New Jersey that an excellent article of whisky can be made of "saw-dust, tan and molasses."

Brown English socks \$3 per dozen; six linen bosom shirts for \$7, at Garthwaite, Lewis & Miller's, No. 100 Common street.

A Newark party, alluding to the withdrawal of some old street cars, says: "They are as full of pleasant memories as they are of fleas."

The Louisville Commercial thinks that a good deal of what is called "current literature" seems to belong rather to the gooseberry species.

A Missouri man offers to live forty days without food for \$500. As no one wants him to live so long his proposition has not been accepted.

Spring bonnets have "no prevailing shape." Many of them have the appearance of having been in a chair when a grown person sat down.

Duluth has a city ordinance which aims a blow directly at the heart of American liberty. It prevents a citizen from keeping more than two tame bears.

White Marseilles vests for \$2.25. French diagonal frock coats, \$8.50, factory cost, at Garthwaite, Lewis & Miller's, No. 100 Common street.

The "School for Scandal" has had a run of 400 nights at the Vaudeville Theatre, London. The graduates from that school are numerous.

The sheriff of the parish of Orleans sells auction this day at 5 P. M., at his warehouse Nos. 23 and 25 Orleans street, Second District of this city, one piano.

Mr. Paul Dana, son of the editor of the New York Sun, will enjoy the proud distinction of sitting at the bow of the Harvard boat during the coming regatta.

Mark Twain claims for himself a higher and grander standard of principle than Washington had. He says: "Washington couldn't lie. I can lie, but I won't."

Professor Giovanni Parato, an eminent Italian theologian, died in March at Turin. By his will he made large gifts to various charitable and educational institutions.

Fine spring cassimere pants, \$3, \$4 and \$5. Come all and see how little money it takes to buy clothing, at cost, at Garthwaite, Lewis & Miller's, No. 100 Common street.

The "Hispanic Courier-Journal" informs us that "Luisamar's wife wears the largest shoes of any woman beyond the Rhine, and his daughter follows in the mother's footsteps."

A Kentucky gentleman is carefully nursing a century plant with the confidential expectation of seeing it bloom one day. It is just four years old now, but he is willing to wait.

THE FORGER OF GOVERNMENT. Two principal forces are usually employed in modern governments. These were epitomized by Mr. Seward as "bullets and ballots." The majority invariably relies upon ballots first, and only resorts to force to meet the like when appealed to by the minority.

APPROXIMATE DAMAGE BY THE FLOOD. The inquiry addressed by the mayor of Boston to Governor Kellogg as to the extent of damage inflicted by the flood has induced us to present some conjectural estimate. It may be remarked that the injury as to the proportionate or actual area overflowed would give a very vague idea of the damage.

The whole area of Louisiana is 30,094 square miles, or about twenty millions of acres; of these about one-tenth or 2,000,000 is improved, that is, has been cleared for cultivation. We shall estimate the sugar parishes subject to overflow at less than half a million of acres, or one-fourth of the land in cultivation. It will be seen, therefore, that the area submerged bears small proportion to the whole surface fit for cultivation, while the product of the alluvial lands cultivated in sugar, rice and cotton is worth much more than that of the rest of the State; our crop of rice, sugar and molasses of last year (excluding cotton), having been worth in round estimate nearly \$25,000,000.

In place, therefore, of relying on the submerged area as bearing a fixed proportion to the whole acreable product of the State, we have preferred to prepare a table of the agricultural products of the parishes which have been more or less injured by the crevasses. This is as follows:

Table with columns: Parish, Area Improved, Area Submerged, Value of Product, etc. Lists parishes like St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, etc.

Now, estimating the probable crop of rice, sugar and cotton of these parishes as below. We may, perhaps, approximate the proportion of damage at one-sixth of the probable product. This on the crop of -

Table with columns: Product, Quantity, Value. Lists items like Sugar, Rice, Cotton, etc.

THE GAS CASE DECIDED. Judge Hawkins yesterday delivered his opinion and decree in the case of the Crescent City Gas Company against the old one, which will be found published in our court column. It will be observed that all the rulings are in favor of the old company, the act of 1860 held to be constitutional, the right of the city to buy the property postponed for twenty years, and the exclusive rights claimed by the company chartered by the act of 1870 declared nugatory. This decision, like others in important cases, appears to give great satisfaction to one side, while it is a matter of great disappointment to the other.

It was contended on the one hand that the old company acquired no right under the act of 1860 which all citizens will not possess at the expiration of the present charter, since with the cessation of the monopoly all are permitted to make and vend gas. The legislative affirmation of this right in one person or corporation could not, therefore, deprive the same power from afterward conferring it exclusively upon another. But those who thus construed the law failed to convince the judge, and unless they can obtain a reversal in the Supreme Court, will be compelled to take their places with the general competitors. Doubtless they will first pursue all legal remedies, and these failing, next decide whether to erect works and give the old corporation a tussle, or abandon the field. The new company is said to be in possession of large means, and composed of determined men, who will not yield without a struggle.

On the other hand, the old company has enjoyed a valuable monopoly for forty years, which they find too good a thing to give up. If the law of 1860 remains as it is now seems to be, since the Superior Court has affirmed its validity, it will, in all probability, enable the company to continue practically a monopoly for sixty years, which at first was only designed to last for forty. Selling gas at three dollars per thousand feet for instant cash and four dollars in cases where the collectors are required to call again, with money on deposit without interest from each consumer equal to an estimated supply for two months, has proved to be very profitable. It has given the old company a solid reputation for wealth, and enabled it to spare a liberal donation now and then for charitable and patriotic purposes. We hear the company did a very handsome thing in assisting some of our citizens who had business in Washington during the winter of 1873. But it never felt such a wagger. The interest on its involuntary deposits would reimburse it for such a trifle in a short time.

It is a matter of regret that our Republican Legislature of 1870 could not frame an important law, with all the information at its command, that would not hold water better than this charter of the Crescent City Gas Company does. But they made a signal failure, which seems to have deceived a number of Northern capital-

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AMUSEMENTS. ACADEMY OF MUSIC. Monday, March 2, 1874. BIDWELL'S COMEDY AND VARIETY COMPANY. EVERY NIGHT AND SATURDAY NOON.

EXCURSION. MUSIC AND DANCING. The elegant steamer P. W. STRADER, with a fine band of music, will leave the foot of Canal street on TUESDAY, April 21, at 2 P. M., on an excursion to the river, under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

OPERA HOUSE. OPERA HOUSE. Tuesday, April 21, 1874. CHARLES VI, Grand Opera in five acts. OPERA HOUSE. Tuesday, April 21, 1874. CHARLES VI, Grand Opera in five acts.

GRAND FAIR. TO BE GIVEN BY THE ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, on Saturday, April 26, at the residence of Madame C. Hyde, No. 257 Bienville street, between Baronne and Dryades streets, from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock.

GRAND COMPLIMENTARY SACRED CONCERT. TENDERED TO PROFESSOR G. COLLIGNON, AT THE Church of the Immaculate Conception, on Wednesday, April 22, 1874.

LOTTERIES. LOUISIANA STATE SINGLE NUMBER LOTTERY. Capital Prize, \$20,000. LOUISIANA STATE LOTTERY COMPANY.

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