

AMUSEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE--OPERA HOUSE

Thursday, November 19, 1874.

Second night of Verdi's Grand Opera, in four acts.

RIGOLETTO.

Performance begins at 7 P. M. no 12

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.

Engagement for eight nights of the wonderful

and their eccentric Comedy Company.

This Evening.

The Goblin Operatic Spectacle, entitled

Mr. The Pretty Laurence of Luizen.

Characters by the MAILLONS and company.

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FRIDAY--Last night of the Mailtons at twelve

o'clock.

In preparation--The new sensation FARRAGO.

no 12

VARIETIES THEATRE.

Director--JOHN E. O'NESS

Business Manager--THEODORE HAMILTON

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To-night positively last performance of Tom

Taylor's new and successful play of

CLANCARY.

Or WEDDED AND WOOD.

Friday and Saturday Nights--Bolo's five act

comedy of ROAD TO RUIN.

no 12

Friday Matinee--The HEART.

The Returning Board.

The president called the board to order

yesterday punctually at eleven o'clock, and

Messrs. Anderson, Wells, Casanave and

Kenner were present.

After the minutes of the previous day

were read and approved, Mr. T. T. Al-

lain, of West Baton Rouge, appeared before

the board in search of information. He

said it was rumored that the returns of that

parish were not in the hands of the Return-

ing Board, and that they were being manip-

ulated in the interest of certain parties.

He desired to be informed whether the

returns of the election in West Baton Rouge

return in the hands of the Returning Board?

President Wells asked the secretary for

the desired information, and that function-

ary produced his receipt book and showed

that the returns of West Baton Rouge had

been in the hands of the Returning Board

since the fifth of November.

Mr. Anderson here arose and said that as

information had been asked for in regard to

the St. James returns, and excitement

existed about them, he moved that they be

brought before the board at once.

This motion being put and carried, the

returns of St. James parish, deposited in

the safe of the Secretary of State, were

sent for.

Mr. Arroyo, a member of the board, here

appeared and took his seat.

The returns of St. James parish being

brought before the board, they were opened

and were about to be examined, when Mr.

Arroyo arose and stated that he deemed it

a duty, before going further, to state that he

did not feel justified in remaining as a

member unless there was another Conserva-

tive Democrat chosen upon the board. He

said the responsibilities were very grave and

he did not wish to encounter them alone.

He would give the board twenty-

four hours to determine what course it

would take in the premises. In the mean-

time he would continue to act as a member

of the board.

President Wells observed that the board

could not elect another member from the

Conservative-Democratic party unless there

was a vacancy on the board.

Mr. Arroyo repeated that he would give

the board twenty-four hours to determine

whether it was possible to have another

Conservative Democrat on the board; and

unless it could be done he did not feel at

liberty to remain, and would insist on the

acceptance of his resignation. He said at

the time he consented to become a member

of the board he did so under peculiar cir-

cumstances, and with a view only of sub-

servicing the public interest. Since that

time he had had an opportunity of consult-

ing his political friends, and as many of them

were of the opinion that he could do but

little good on the board as at present con-

stituted, he had respect enough for them to

insist upon the appointment of another

Democrat on the board before consenting

to remain a member of it to the end of its

labors.

The board then resumed the examination

of the St. James returns. In doing this it

was discovered that the vote for justice of

the peace, in some instances were given at

large in the parish, when it should have

been confined to the district in which the

candidate for that office was running.

Mr. Zacharie desired to know whether

the board would decide to count the votes

that had been given a candidate by voters

living outside of his district. As it was

possible that the same thing may have been

done in other parishes, he would like to

know what course the board designed

taking in the matter.

Mr. Arroyo thought the board would be

compelled to take the course pointed out by

the law.

His view not being dissented from, the

board proceeded with the investigation of

the St. James returns.

At the conclusion of the examination of

the returns of poll No. 7, from St. James

parish, Mr. Zacharie arose, and protested

against their being received as correct, and

charged that they had been criminally

charges of a criminal nature therein con-

tained.

Mr. Zacharie here arose and said that he

had made no charge of a criminal nature

against the Secretary of State.

Mr. Lowell then notified the board that

he objected to its ruling and desired to in-

troduce testimony.

This closed the investigation of the St.

James returns for the present.

Three packages that had been in the

hands of the Returning Board several days,

but not being properly indorsed on the

envelope so as to indicate where they came

from, had not been touched, were opened,

and proved to be the returns from Caddo,

Jackson and Natchitoches. The statement

of the supervisor of election in Caddo, ac-

companying the returns from that parish,

was read. It disclosed the fact that many

sworn statements of intimidation and vio-

lence in that parish on the day of election

accompany the returns.

After opening and ascertaining where the

three packages in question came from, the

board returned to the canvass of the city

returns. This work commenced with the

fifth ward and was concluded at four

o'clock, when, on motion, the board took

a recess until six o'clock in the evening.

The board met punctually at six o'clock

and resumed its work. The canvass of the

returns of the sixth and seventh wards of

the city was completed, and constituted the

labor of the evening. The board adjourned

at ten o'clock to meet again this morning at

eleven.

It is now thought the board will get

through with the canvass of the city returns

before Saturday.

Outrage Babble.

A communication from Rev. James Hay-

ward, pastor of Mount Zion Church, of the

Methodist Episcopal denomination, on Jack-

son street, calls our attention to an article

which appeared in the *Free Press* on the

ninth instant, which states that two broth-

ers were forcibly put out of the church and

beaten for the reason that they had voted

the Conservative ticket. So far as politics

are concerned the statements are untrue.

The disturbance raised in the church on the

Sunday night in question was made by sev-

eral colored men who were strangers to the

officers of the church. They were put out

because they were disorderly, and for no

other reason. Disturbance of church meet-

ings by the ungodly are not uncommon

and at any other time it is probable the

event would never have been noticed, save

by the police; certainly it could not have

been tortured into the semblance of a po-

litical outrage. Mr. Hayward is a hard

working preacher, and no politician, and

his words are worthy of belief.

Sale of the New Orleans, Mobile and

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The first section, comprising seventy miles,

west, to Donaldsonville, was sold to Frank

M. Ames for \$225,000. The second section,

or that portion of the road completed be-

yond Donaldsonville, was sold to the same

party for \$12,500. There were several other

bidders, among them Mr. William S. Pike,

whose highest bid was \$300,000 for the first

section.

The Rivers.

During the past week the Red river has

fallen two feet at Shreveport. The Arkan-

sas and Missouri have remained nearly

unchanged. The Cumberland river has

risen eight and a half feet at

Nashville since Tuesday. The Missis-

sippi has fallen from six to sixteen inches

between Memphis and New Orleans, but

has risen nine inches at St. Paul, and from

nine to thirteen between Le Claire and

Warsaw; only slight changes have occurred