

A Dispute Over a Bill.

Two of the city papers have undertaken to prove, by evidence not strictly regular, that a bill passed the General Assembly last session, without difficulty, but has been withheld by the Secretary of the Senate without authority.

Now, there happens to be some testimony in this case which we think worthy of credit, and which it would be well to examine carefully before taking it for granted that the Democratic politicians have triumphantly proved a negative.

We copy from the weekly journal of the Senate, of March 2, page No. 22:

On motion of Senator Robertson the Senate took up the report of the Committee on Finance on House bill No. 82, entitled an act to remit penalties to delinquent taxpayers, reported favorably by said committee.

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Senator Chabourn, by unanimous consent, offered the following amendment: "Insert before enacting clause, 'Provided that at the same time said delinquent taxpayers pay their current taxes.'"

On motion of Senator Breux the bill, as amended, finally passed, its title adopted, and the bill was ordered sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Here we have three Senators who had their attention called to the bill while on its passage through the Senate: Senator Robertson, who called it up; Senator Chabourn, who moved the amendment; and Senator Breux, who moved the suspension of the constitutional rule to put it on its third reading, and, finally, after the adoption of Mr. Chabourn's amendment, its final adoption. In addition to the authority of the Senate journal, Senator Chabourn yesterday informed our reporter that Senator Robertson accepted his amendment, and would so state if any doubter will take the trouble to write or telegraph him.

The bill having been amended was, of course, sent to the Committee on Enrollment and Engrossing to be engrossed, and was duly reported by Senator Masciot on the eve of adjournment, as will be seen on page 32 of the same journal.

Senator Masciot, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLING AND ENGROSSING, New Orleans, March 2, 1876.

Your Committee on Enrolling and Engrossing bills beg leave to report as duly engrossed the following:

Amendments to House bill No. 82, an act to remit penalties to delinquent taxpayers. Very respectfully,

J. A. MASCIOT, Chairman.

Senator Robertson offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be, and they are hereby tendered to the Hon. C. C. Antoine, Lieutenant Governor of the State, for the able and impartial manner in which he has uniformly presided over the deliberations of this Senate."

Senator White moved to adjourn sine die. The Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, at a hour of twelve o'clock midnight, declared that the Senate stood adjourned sine die.

It was actually a few minutes past twelve when the Senate adjourned, and it is nearly certain that the House had adjourned before the Committee on Enrollment returned the bill to the Senate. We have the evidence of Senator Masciot that the bill was in the possession of his committee and the engrossing clerks from the time of its passage till the very moment of the adjournment of the Senate. Perhaps the Democrats are prepared to dispute his testimony. They seem to deny everything that does favor their sensations.

Here is a case where the Democrats took sixty days to pass a bill which they claim to be of the first importance to taxpayers, and which they pretend nobody of any consequence opposed. They paused in their great work on this measure to quarrel with the Senate, and to conspire against the Governor, until no more than sixty seconds remained to the Secretary of the Senate, amid the press and hurry of other business to take it back to the House. They seek to make their accusations of the Secretary of the Senate a cloak to hide their own shortcomings, and condone their neglect of two months by making it appear that Mr. Bechtel neglected to run the risk of breaking his neck to make time with a bill on which the Democratic members had been soldiering all winter.

Further, it is by no means certain that Governor Kellogg would sign the bill if it had been properly passed. It was conceived and nurtured in the interests of the State, and those who are bound to defend the State's lawful revenues if possible. It was designed to check and embarrass the whole financial policy of the State, and is clearly unconstitutional in this, that it favors one class—and the worst—of creditors at the expense of those who pay promptly.

We do not think it worth the while of any party to try and prove the bill was passed regularly, as we do not believe it possible that the Governor would approve it under any circumstances.

Delegate Meetings.

Senator Burch is chairman of the committee to provide transportation for the Louisiana delegates to the National Convention of Colored Men, to be held at Nashville shortly. He has called a meeting of his fellow delegates to complete preliminary arrangements at three o'clock Monday afternoon, at Lieutenant Governor Antoine's office, in the State House.

The change of seasons makes no difference at the store of those enterprising young merchants, Paul Gelpi & Brother, No. 41 Deane street, where there is always a large supply of the famous George Goulet champagne, than which no more delicious drink was ever granted to thirsty mortals. Try a bumper. It is a sovereign panacea for all the cares of life.

The Jockey Club Races.

The spring races on the Louisiana Jockey Club course promise to be of unusual interest. The opening day will be Saturday, April 15, and racing will be continued thereafter on the eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second days of April. Great preparations are being made for the meeting. Painters and whitewashers have been busy about the stables and fences, and the grounds of the club are being put in the most attractive condition. A large number of horses have already arrived and commenced work, and the officers of the club have great reason to congratulate themselves on the list of entries that have been made for the three and four year old stakes. For the "Pickwick stakes" there are fourteen entries, including Harry Hill, Mediator, Malmisto and Harry Edwards. The Louisiana stakes, two mile heats for four year olds, show now eight excellent entries, and will bring to the front a better lot of horses than usually face the starter for such an event, among which will be found Ascension, Volcano, Mollie B., Millionaire, Nannie F. and Pompey's Pillar, all clever performers, and all sure to start, with the possible exception of the first named horse. In the contest for the "Fortune stakes," the three-year-olds that ran for the "Pickwick" purse will probably meet again, when the winner of the previous race will carry a penalty of seven pounds.

The owners and horses already on the grounds are:

John A. Davis, of St. Louis, with General Harney, Athlete, Fredericktown, Lillie Belle, Dr. Hewitt and Banker.

Mike Welsh, of St. Louis, with Captain Hutchinson, Port Leonard, Verdigris, Main sail, and an unnamed colt by imported Pheton.

E. J. Rowett, of Illinois, with Cousin Vic, Jennie Rowett, Charley Rowett and Harry Edwards.

C. Peine, of Vicksburg, with Kilburn, Volcano and Blondell.

F. O. Minor, of New Orleans, with Falmost, Sweet Bay and Nannie F.

H. Van Liewa, with Pompey Smash, Pompey's Pillar and an unnamed two year old. Green Morris, of Missouri, with Estlander and Altan.

A. M. Burton, of Tennessee, with Survivor and a three year old.

J. F. Wilson, of South Carolina, with Jack Trigg and Tom O'Neil.

William Brady, of Peoria, with George Rice and Mollie B.

Tom McGinnis, of Augusta, Georgia, with Vandal.

John Frank, of Kentucky, with Harry Hill.

T. A. Gay, of Texas, with Ella Harper, Sam Harper, and Corlender.

The programme for racing is varied in form, to meet the wishes of all, and embraces all character of racing, from the three quarter mile dash to the old fashioned rubber of four mile heats. The spring meeting has always been better attended and more successful for a variety of reasons, among which are the balmy air and sunshine that drifts over the course in April, and the new spring bonnets that go to the races as certainly as to church.

Strangers coming to New Orleans will do well to time their visits so as to take in the races.

Mr. Davis and the Mexican Veterans.

We are indebted to Mr. J. B. Chandler, secretary of the Louisiana Associated Veterans of the Mexican War, for a pamphlet copy of the address recently delivered before the association by Mr. Jefferson Davis. The address is a short but very readable document. It gives a brief glance of the progress of the war against Mexico, and the orator refers with commendable pride to the stirring scenes in which he was a participant. He remembers Buena Vista with all the vividness of a gallant soldier who was there, and did his whole duty, and who carried from that field of glory a painful but honorable wound. Mr. Davis notices, as a fact not creditable to the character of the republic for gratitude, that our brave countrymen who were warring on that day have remained unpensioned for more than a quarter of a century. There is little doubt that an act of Congress giving pensions to the surviving soldiers of the Mexican war would be popular in every section of the country.

SAVE YOUR MONEY.—The Workingmen's Bank, No. 91 Canal street, pays interest on deposits semi-annually, and no better advice could be given to a man than to put his money in such an institution, where his savings will be constantly earning money for him. This bank has a wide reputation for excellent management, and is one of the most thriving institutions of the kind in our city. All who have deposits to make, and desire a safe and paying place to put them, should open an account with the Workingmen's Bank, and continue to increase it from time to time.

READY.—The popular dry goods house of M. L. Byrne & Co., No. 163 Canal street, is ready to receive its numerous friends and customers, and will open on Monday and Tuesday a full line of seasonable goods, which our readers who consult their own interests should not fail to see. They have just received ladies' and gentlemen's gauze merino undershirts, Balbriggan hose, from fifteen cents to \$1 per pair; serge silk parasols, percales, D.Hays' mosquito net, and numerous other articles too numerous to mention, and all at bottom prices.

FROM AUCTIONS.—Those who wish to secure bargains, and at the same time carefully select goods they buy should call at the Crescent store, No. 17 Bourbon street, where new articles are received daily from auctions, embracing grenadines, linen lawns, bargees, hosiery, domestic goods, carpets and all dry goods required for family or plantation use. The stock is all fresh and will be sold at remarkably low prices for cash.

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Newest styles in French millinery at Mme. Rosa Reynold's, No. 9 Chartres street. Opening Thursday, March 30, instant.

The Centennial.

The following courteous invitation has been received by Governor Kellogg: To His Excellency William P. Kellogg, Governor of the State of Louisiana. Sir:—The commission representing the State of Maryland at the coming celebration of the centennial anniversary of American independence, at Philadelphia, propose, with the means appropriated by the Legislature, to erect a building on the centennial grounds, which, besides containing a collection of objects of interest connected with Maryland, will be a place to which the citizens of the State may resort on their visits to the exhibition, and feel themselves at home.

It is believed that Maryland is the only Southern State which will have such an edifice, and the object in addressing you is to tender, through you, if it meets your approbation, an invitation to the good people of your State and the representative of your press, the same hospitality that will be afforded to the people of Maryland.

The commission propose, while the flag of the United States floats over the building, to hang within it the State flag of Maryland, and would be most gratified if you would contribute the flag of your State to bear it company.

The flag of Maryland, which is the coat of arms of Lord Baltimore, will be four feet long by three wide; and for the sake of uniformity, it is suggested that other State flags, on the occasion, shall be of the same dimensions. With great respect, your most obedient servant.

JOHN H. B. LATROBE, SAMUEL M. SHOTEMAKER, Commissioners.

Baltimore, March 21, 1876.

To this Governor Kellogg replied, thanking the State of Maryland, and the gentlemen composing the commission representing it, for the courtesy thus tendered, and expressing his belief that it would be largely taken advantage of by the citizens of Louisiana visiting the centennial.

Destruction of a Church.

We regret to learn that the recently erected edifice of the First Shiloh Baptist Church, on Perdido street, near Rochambeau, was blown down and destroyed in the violent gale on Sunday. This is a very severe loss to the young congregation, which has just succeeded by close saving and careful management in putting together money enough to build their little church. The pastor, Elder H. Green, is a zealous young worker for the interests of his congregation, who has given his services freely without reward or hope of pecuniary reward. We fear the members will hardly be able to begin anew the work, unless they receive substantial assistance of their friends in the other churches which passed through the storm unharmed. The full extent of the loss is not known, though it is to be hoped some of the materials can be saved out of the wreck.

The Louisiana Savings Bank.

In publishing the official report of the condition of this staunch financial institution, we take occasion to call the special attention of the public, depositors as well as stockholders, to the figures presented by the cashier. His assets are not only solid, but, as the French would say, *mobile*—that is, either cash or easily convertible. President Palmer has devoted his entire attention to the discharge of his duties, and by untiring energy, unquestionable fair dealing and a very accommodating, though at the same time firm and equitable policy, succeeded in putting the bank in the first rank of our financial institutions. The savings department does a very large and profitable business, and commands unreserved credit and confidence. For the details and items of resources and liabilities, we need only to refer to the exhibit of Cashier Walton, which may be found in another column.

Miss Mary Anderson closed her engagement at the Varieties Theatre last night, and considering the business of the week, the handsome benefit of Friday night and the crowded matinee of yesterday, she has every reason to be proud of her success. On Monday evening the management will produce Robertson's fine military drama called "Ours."

At the St. Charles Theatre the spectacular drama of "Around the World in Eighty Days" has been very successful, and it will be continued another week, closing the season of Mr. DeBar's management.

On the twenty-first of April a concert and dance will be given at St. Patrick's Hall by the Royal Guards, which organization, composed principally of the young gentlemen of the High Schools, is to remain permanent.

Republican State Conventions.

The Parish Executive Committee, parish of Orleans, have issued a call for the different wards to elect delegates to the State Convention, which is to meet on the thirtieth of May. These elections for delegates will be held on Monday, the first day of May.

The thermometer at Louis Frigero's, No. 50 Chartres street, stood as follows March 25: At 8 A. M., 53°; at 2 P. M., 69°; at 6 P. M., 65°. Lowest point during the night of March 24, 59°. Rain during the day of March 24, one and one-tenth inches.

Religious Notices.

At Ames Methodist Episcopal Church there will be preaching to-day by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Adams, at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Entrance for the present on Callopo street.

A sermon will be preached at St. Paul's Church this evening at half past seven o'clock, by the Rev. H. H. Waters, addressed especially to young ladies. The subject of the discourse will be "The sin of keeping young men away from church on Sunday evening."

List of passengers per steamship City of Mexico, hence for Mexican ports: Mrs. Sturible, L. Sturible, Miss M. Brown, Mrs. H. Lipper, Master J. Lipper, Miss C. T. Lipper, Mrs. P. T. Canales, Mrs. L. Trevino, A. Perry, C. T. Bauer, T. W. W. P. Dessens, Mrs. E. Dessens, Master L. Dessens, C. Tatham, L. Quintero, C. Ferraris, B. Flerez, J. Mestres, Mrs. K. Mestres, Miss T. Mestres.

For neuralgia, cramp and all nervous affections, use florine, the recent discovery from the cotton plant. For sale by Vogel & Tuma.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

WHY WE LAUGH. By Samuel S. Cox. Published by Harper & Brothers, New York. For sale by George Ellis & Brother, No. 82 Camp street, New Orleans.

A portion of the contents of this volume has appeared in Harper's Magazine, illustrating American humor. It is the cream of good things worked over for dessert. In or out of Congress, Mr. Cox is always a witty and funny man; if he loses his temper in debate, he never loses a good story that will serve him in a magazine article, and in American literature he is well known as a spy and entertaining writer.

ROBINSON CRASO'S MONEY. By David A. Wells. Published by Harper & Brothers, New York. For sale by George Ellis & Brother, No. 82 Camp street, New Orleans.

This is a humorous legend in the form of a romance, written on the hard money side of the currency question. It takes a colony at the beginning, and shows the possible uses and abuses of money, as the population of the imaginary country increases.

The book is capably illustrated by Nast, and with the jocular fiction the author has mingled many wise thoughts.

CARTER QUARTERMAN. A novel. By William Hay. Published by Harper & Brothers, New York. For sale by George Ellis & Brother, No. 82 Camp street, New Orleans.

The Rev. Mr. Baker is a writer of great strength and originality, as his stories "The New Timothy" and "Moss Evans" will attest. "Carter Quarterman" is written as a biographical romance of a Virginia boy, and his experience, whether real or not, is rich with incidents, and graphically told.

THE SQUIR'S LEGACY. A novel. By Mary Cecil Hay. Published by Harper & Brothers, New York. For sale by George Ellis & Brother, No. 82 Camp street, New Orleans.

Miss Hay, in writing "Old Myddleton" gained for herself an honorable place among the better class of modern novelists. "The Squir's Legacy" is an easy going story of English life, well written and entertaining.

SEA AND STONES. By Mrs. C. A. Wardell. Published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia. For sale by R. G. Eyrich, No. 130 Canal street, New Orleans.

This novel comes as a sequel to "Miriam's Memoirs," by the same author, and it is as full of incident as the most sensation-thirsty reader can desire, describing the burning of a steamer in midocean, the escape of the heroine on a raft, and her subsequent confinement in a lunatic asylum.

The publishers say "no description can do justice to the ingenuity of plot and the dexterity with which its tangled threads are unraveled by the practiced author," and very few book reviewers will attempt to task.

BERRY'S BRIGHT IDEA. By Harriet Beecher Stowe. Published by J. B. Ford & Co., New York.

This little volume contains, besides the story giving the title, the home tale of "Deacon Pitkin's Farm," and also Mrs. Stowe's holiday story, called "The First Christmas of New England." The book is one for home reading, and the stories are healthy for little folks.

SPREAD THE NEWS.—The Singer Manufacturing Company, No. 91 Canal street, have just received 10,000 E. Butterick & Co.'s catalogues of spring fashions, which they are giving away, and will mail free to any address. This will be glorious news to the ladies, and they should send as early as possible to get a catalogue, and learn what the latest fashions are, and not be behind time in selecting their spring patterns. They need not be told that the Singer Manufacturing Company are a reliable firm, for it is a well known fact that what they offer the public can always be accepted as "good as gold."

THE CUP THAT CHEERS.—F. Hollander, No. 59 Customhouse street, fully appreciates the fact that only the best liquors should be drunk at this time, and offers for sale a fine lot of Rhine wine, French and native wines, and excellent Jamaica and Santa Cruz rum, all of which should satisfy the most fastidious. Housekeepers and dealers can here also find preserved fruits and other delicacies. Mr. Hollander is a merchant whose high standing is a full guarantee for all he sells, and those who deal with him will be sure to be pleased, both with his goods and prices.

OPENING DAY.—Mme. S. Libertine, No. 200 Canal street, has just received her stock of spring goods, selected personally and with great care, and will on Tuesday and Wednesday, the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth instant, hold her grand opening, when her numerous customers and the public are respectfully invited to call and examine the elegant styles. Her long experience and excellent taste are ample guarantees that those who visit her fashion parlors will be well pleased with the beautiful goods displayed. She has the latest styles for military and dress making, and ladies will do well to remember her opening days.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.—Our readers will find at Mr. W. D. Matthews, No. 598 Magazine street, a superior assortment of standard works, school and miscellaneous books, pocket-books, games, fine stationery and fancy goods. He has the latest hymnals for the use of the Episcopal Church, and will sell at New York publishers' prices. The Upper City Circulating Library has all the new books, and the terms of subscription are very liberal.

FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.—The ladies are all preparing for the Easter holidays, and should not forget that that enterprising young merchant, Mr. Auguste Marx, No. 383 Dryades street, between Thalia and Erato streets, has a splendid stock of new spring silks, plain and plaid grey lines, black grenadines, cashmeres, handkerchiefs, collars, and fancy goods, all of which he is selling at remarkably low prices.

Sodine is guaranteed to cure the most obstinate case of chills and fever. M. B. Morrison & Co., agents.

An entertainment under the auspices of the ladies of the New Orleans Association of Spiritualists will take place at Minerva Hall, in honor of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the advent of modern spiritualism, on Friday evening, March 31. Music, speaking, social conversation and refreshments will be the programme.

COURT RECORD.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1876.

United States Circuit Court. Present—Hon. W. B. Woods, circuit judge.

Jacob Mussina vs. A. A. Maginnis et al.—Dismissed.

State vs. Charles Clinton, New Orleans Mutual Insurance Company—Injunction issued restraining seizure on certain property named, the value not to exceed \$2000.

Illinois Central Railroad et al. vs. New Orleans, St. Louis and Chicago Railroad—On motion of James B. Alexander, receiver, on the master's report, the receiver is authorized to accept of the Illinois Central for a loan of \$250,000 for payment of iron rails furnished and the interest on second mortgage bonds recognized by the mortgagee of trust filed, and in case of refusal, then to borrow the same on the best terms possible, and report to the court.

United States District Court. Present—Hon. E. C. Billings, district judge.

L. Stern & Brothers—Bankruptcy. Judgment dismissed. Discharge granted.

Superior District Court. Hon. B. L. Lynch presiding in the absence of Judge Hawkins.

State vs. George C. Norcross et al.—Unlawfully taking possession of a house under a tax sale. Verdict, guilty. On motion for new trial Judge Abel, in a written opinion, states the case was tried under section 818 of the Revised Statutes, relative to trespass. The ground most noticed in the opinion is that the accused had a legal right to the possession of the property mentioned in the information on which he was tried. They took possession under act No. 47, 1874, by section four, which gives the purchaser a defensible title and a conditional right of possession. That is patent. Norcross had only an inchoate title. The sixth section of the act of redemption. Norcross took possession without any legal right under this statute. He has not applied to any judge to be put in possession. The court will set aside the verdict. But the right to seize upon the property of the citizen, without the requisite order, while the right to redeem remains, would greatly endanger the public peace.

Justice Perrand, wife of George Miller, prays to be emancipated.

Tutorship of Joseph Kilat opened.

Successions of J. M. Boye and Henrietta Koeschel opened.

Spiritualism, as expounded by the eloquent trance speaker, J. Madison Allen, will be continued this (Sunday) morning and evening, at Minerva Hall, Clie street. The people are invited to come, hear and see and try the spirit.

SPRING SILKS.—Messrs. J. Levois & Jami son, No. 125 Canal street, are just in receipt of an elegant stock of spring silks and other novelties in spring dry goods, to which the attention of our readers is requested.

Another golden shower. Will fall Saturday, April 29.

Next golden drawing \$502,500 in prizes. Next golden drawing The only \$50. Compons in proportion.

Spring opening at Mme. Rosa Reynold's, No. 9 Chartres street, Thursday, thirtieth instant.

CHARMING ST. CHARLES STREET RESIDENCE AT AUCTION.—That eligible and delightfully situated two-story brick residence (adjointing the property of Carl Kohn, Esq.), No. 185 St. Charles street, between Girard and Julia streets, for account of the succession of Jodehad Waterman, and for a partition, on terms of one-fourth cash, and the balance at one, two and three years. See the advertisement for particulars. Sale by Messrs. Nash & Hodgson, auctioneers, on Wednesday, the twenty-ninth instant.

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Florida, a specific for female diseases.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON.

General McCook Again on the Witness Stand.

WASHINGTON, March 25. In the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department General McCook was recalled. He asked that his testimony be corrected so far as he said General Reynolds had acknowledged to him that he had been presented with a house. Witness said on this point: He told me that he had told General Sheridan at a visit that he had made to San Antonio that it was a present to him. I inferred that the citizen of San Antonio presented it to him, until I afterwards ascertained that it had been presented to him by army contractors.

Witness also said that he had spoken to General Ekin, the quartermaster at San Antonio, with respect to the general bad reputation of his clerk, Cheney.

Witness also stated that he had never made any statements concerning this business until one day, on the floor of the House, Governor Throckmorton asked where the report witness made in 1871 could be found? Witness replied in the War Department.

Question—Do you know why General Reynolds moved his headquarters from San Antonio to San Antonio?

Answer—Only what I heard; that the citizens of San Antonio had a meeting, and it was said \$25,000 would bring the headquarters over there.

Ku-Klux Raids.

Ex-Attorney General Williams and Controller Broadhead were examined in regard to money squandered in the alleged Ku-Klux raids in Georgia.

A Tour of Inspection.

The Committee on Appropriations have gone to Norfolk to inspect the Sailors' and Soldiers' National Asylum there.

Telegrams Forwarded Under Protest.

Telegrams under the usual protest were furnished to the committee on the subject by Captain Whitney, manager of the Western Union office.