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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

By CHARLES THEATRE: "The Black Crook." ACADEMY OF MUSIC: "Frank Mayo in 'Davy Crockett'."

Our subscribers will confer a favor upon us by reporting at this office every failure in the delivery to their address of the DEMOCRAT, as we are particularly desirous of achieving absolute exactitude and punctuality.

The DEMOCRAT does not claim the largest circulation in the Southwest, (though we think it likely that its circulation is larger than some of those whose circulations are the largest.)

THE VACANCY IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES. We publish in another column an article from the New York Sun relative to the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The fact that the duty of filling this vacancy will devolve upon President Tilden, who is indebted for his election to the earnest support which he received from the Southern States, makes it opportune at this moment for us to put forward the claim of the South to recognition on the Supreme Bench.

The injustice and sectionalism which characterize the present composition of that august tribunal, and the unprecedented spectacle of a National Supreme Court, composed exclusively of Northern and Western men, are calculated to weaken the influence of, and the respect which should be entertained for, the highest court in the land.

The jurisdiction of the Federal Courts has been so much enlarged since the war, and the efforts of the dominant party, during the process of reconstruction, to "preserve the fruits" of that war, have given rise to so much political legislation which injuriously affects the South and must receive its final interpretation in the Supreme Court of the United States.

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The peculiar system of our jurisprudence, so widely different from that of the Northern and Western States, where the common law still prevails in most of its fundamental principles and technical features, makes the presence on the bench of the Supreme Court of one of our civil law jurists almost absolutely indispensable to the just and proper determination of appeals from our Federal courts and writs of error to the Supreme Court of the State.

Supreme Court of the United States. Already in legal circles some prominent lawyers are referred to as being, in the opinion of the bar, eminently worthy of the high honor of an appointment to a seat in that court.

Either of the gentlemen named would adorn the position, and the selection of any one of them would give assurance to the country of a desire on the part of the incoming administration to restore the former non-partisan character of the Supreme Court of the United States.

THE BATTLE.

The Times misunderstands the situation. Yesterday morning that journal issued a proclamation to the Democrats and Conservatives, calling upon them to lay down their arms, disperse, return to their business avocations and occupy their leisure with the pageants of the festival week.

As for our part, we see no sign of existing peace. We cannot understand that it is possible for free born men to ignore, as the Times advises, the political exigencies of the situation.

A powerful and wicked conspiracy, the Times itself has told us, exists to seize the presidency by fraud; an unlawful, corrupt and ruinous combination has been striving, under the wing of that conspiracy, to obtain a mastery over this State.

If ever there was an occasion which required all the firmness, patriotism and resolution of the people, that occasion is upon us now. If ever there was a time when men should occupy themselves with politics; when they should talk, think and act politically; when it would be not only criminal, but disastrous to their interests, to ignore politics, that time is the present.

The battle is not as the Times intimates, over; we are in the very midst of the conflict. The destinies of the country can never be permanently settled, through conspiracy and treason, upon a basis of lawlessness and fraud.

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The battle between the conspirators and the constitutionalists is not ended. We are now in the very midst of it. There is no peace, and there will be none, nay, not in years, unless the American government be quieted upon a sound constitutional basis.

The banners of the enemy are flaunting before us, ours must not be lowered; his lines are unbroken, ours must remain compact and resolute; his bugles are sounding the advance, who in our ranks dares call a retreat?

THE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME.

Under the above heading we printed yesterday an article from the New York Times on a proposed visit of a number of influential Catholic gentlemen to the Eternal City to congratulate the Pope on the fiftieth anniversary of his elevation to the Episcopate.

It appears that a number of distinguished Romans, ladies and gentlemen of the latter, have issued a circular letter to the Catholic world, in which they solicit all Catholic communities, in every nation, to unite with them in celebrating the anniversary referred to, which will be on the 21st of May.

The spectacle of the members of the Catholic Church throughout the world uniting in such a demonstration of their attachment and fidelity to the sovereign Pontiff, can hardly fail to attract the attention of all peoples to the subject, and invest it with more interest than usually attend such occasions.

In order that the Father of the faithful may on that day have the consolation of being surrounded by his children, from all parts of the world, we beg that a deputation may be sent from each country as its representatives on this auspicious occasion; and that the signatures of those who took part in the offering be sent in time to have them bound in an album, to be presented to his Holiness.

We learn that our eloquent fellow-citizen, Thos. J. Semmes, Esq., in aid of this enterprise delivers a lecture at St. Patrick's Hall, on next Saturday evening, on the greatness of the Papacy in the midst of the greatest persecution.

The New Delta is the name of an eight-page Sunday paper about to be published in this city by Messrs. M. F. Bigney and E. C. Wharton. In it all questions affecting the prosperity of New Orleans and Louisiana will be freely and impartially discussed, and special features will be introduced, calculated, in the opinion of its projectors, to make it a welcome visitor to the counting-house of the merchant, the workshop of the artisan, and last, though not least, to the home circle.

We are indebted to Gen. J. Gorgas, Vice Chancellor of the University of the South, for a copy of the Calendar of that institution for 1876-77. The plan of this great institution was proposed by Leonidas Polk, Bishop of Louisiana in 1837, and though the establishment of the University was delayed by the War of the States, it is now in a flourishing condition.

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