

NEWS BY MAIL.

CITY AFFAIRS.

AN INTERVIEW WITH EX-GOV. BROWN.

What the Commission Will Do.

A representative of the DEMOCRAT, yesterday afternoon, had the pleasure of greeting in our midst ex-Gov. Brown, of Tennessee, who visits us as a member of the Hayes Commission, selected to look into the status of Louisiana affairs.

Gov. Brown is a man of more than ordinary stature, endowed by nature with a countenance at once winning and attractive. With a peculiarly pleasant smile and strong magnetic eyes, he at once draws towards him any one who may come under their influence.

Judging from his looks he is a man of fifty years of age, with a constitution such as the old pioneers of Tennessee might envy, and a heavy moustache and beard that would be the Golden Fleece to many of our young men.

When the reporter was ushered in, this afternoon of Tennessee came forward and with true Southern geniality shook hands with that cordiality that only comes from the heart.

Reporter-Governor, I am sorry to disturb you, but you must appreciate that the people of Louisiana feel a very strong interest in your mission, and it is for this reason I dropped in upon you to inquire whether any definite plan of action had been agreed upon.

Gov. Brown-None at all, sir. You can readily understand my position, not having had an opportunity as yet to confer with the members of the Commission.

Rep.-Has any yet any rule been made relative to the taking of evidence about the late election?

Gov. Brown-None at all, sir. As I said before we have not conferred as yet, but there is one thing I can very frankly tell you, and that is this: We come down here only to get facts. Facts are what we want. Nothing else.

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aided. No more does one hear, "We will certainly be recognized," "Packard will be all right," etc. It is now, "Well, we will place our case before the Commission and submit to their decision."

PLAY HELL WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, and particularly President Hayes. All the campaign telegrams he will bring forth, and other alleged damaging documents, and as he claims, he will send Hayes up Salt River.

All this is about the poorest attempt at bulldozing ever attempted, and only shows that even a whipped gubernatorial candidate will sometimes turn and snarl.

The Legislature, or rather the crowd that play at the part in the St. Louis Hotel, were honored yesterday with a visit from Hon. S. S. Cox, ex-Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Cox, after being invited to a seat with the presiding officer, made a short speech, thanking the body for its courtesies, and his remarks were received with considerable applause.

Outside the appearance of ex-Speaker Cox there was little or nothing to ripple the mirror surface of the legislative stream.

The Commission, the Commission, was all the talk, and like the opponents of the boy at the fair who wanted to climb a good fair sapling, his opponents cried for more grease to let him slide down easier.

It seems there will be at last some relief for the Charity Hospital. Gov. Nichols, as ex officio President of the new Board of Administrators, Thursday morning filed an intervention in the suit of Allen Jumel vs. State National Bank, on behalf of the Charity Hospital, claiming the sum of \$10,000 deposited there as one installment of the Lottery Company's annuity.

The board also applied for a writ of injunction against Jos. H. Oglesby, President of the Louisiana State National Bank, enjoining him from paying over another \$10,000—the January installment from the Lottery Company. The writ was issued, and is in the hands of the sheriff.

These twenty thousand dollars will be a boon to the Charity Hospital just now, as its treasury is very low and its supplies scant.

MEMORIAL DAY. "They will march no more through the starry night. To rush on the foe at the dawn of light, Nor experience again that fierce delight That heroes in battle feel. Their bivouac fires are all gone out, And the sun and the joyous shout, The yell, and assault on the strong redoubt, With the clashing of angry steel."

The first sight that meets the eye of the visitor upon entering Greenwood Cemetery is the Confederate monument, with its white marble soldier standing guard over the memories of the past.

The soldier stands on the topmost pedestal, a representative of the bravery and devotion of a whole people, the best of whom have fallen and are now mingled with dust in premature graves.

Lower, right in front, on the granite slab, stands the heroic bust of Robert E. Lee. Behind the hero of Shiloh, a blasted hope of the young Confederacy, shines Sidney Johnston, one of the earliest martyrs of the "Lost Cause."

On the right is the figure of the immortal Stonewall Jackson, and on the left Gen. Polk recalls to our minds how the church can be militant and offer a willing sacrifice upon the altar of patriotism.

The monument, thus hallowed by all the memories that the heart holds dear, was plausibly and artistically decorated yesterday by the Ladies' Benevolent Association, whose glory it is to have raised the funds and erected the magnificent mausoleum that emblemizes the idea of the past.

Other votive offerings from many sources contributed to adorn with flowery tributes this memento of bygone days.

The front, between the two rows of granite steps and beneath the bust of Gen. R. E. Lee, was a perfect bed of flowers, especially one large plateau, resplendent with brilliant colors, (such as suit the memory of the entombed heroes), and redolent with perfume, attracted universal admiration. It was a tribute from the Washington Artillery Association.

The most prominent offering at the bust of Gen. Polk was a magnificent cross, made entirely of white roses. Gen. Johnston's bust was handsomely decorated, the principal ornament being a splendid basket of choice flowers.

Stonewall Jackson was not forgotten, the funeral and complimentary flowers literally encircled him.

Among other offerings was an anchor of white roses encircled with a wreath of the same flowers.

The great mound around and about the monument was a perfect bed of loose roses and rose leaves, with intermingling bouquets.

In short, the whole was a fitting homage paid to glorious memories and an appropriate tribute to the departed dead.

The Washington Artillery was not unmindful of its gallant Capt. C. H. Slocomb. The tomb of this splendid soldier and eminent citizen in the Metairie Ridge Cemetery was most appropriately decorated, and a pillar, adorned with a crown of white roses, paid due tribute to the gallant citizen soldier.

During the whole afternoon crowds of people visited the cemetery and paid devotion to the cold remains of the lost friends of the "Lost Cause."

THE COMMISSION HERE. St. Charles Hotel the Headquarters. Last evening, by the Mobile train, Gen. J. R. Hawley, of Connecticut, John M. Harlan, Wayne McVeigh and C. B. Lawrence arrived at the St. Charles Hotel, thus completing the Commission sent to investigate (?) Louisiana.

WHERE IS DIBBLE? An Injunction Issued. Suit was filed in the Fifth District Court by the State of Louisiana on the relation of Attorney General Ogden against H. C. Dibble, A. J. Dumont, C. H. Glendon, J. C. Hartzell, E. Heath, B. L. Lynch, J. A. Massicot, W. G. McConnell, H. L. Rey, T. B. Stamps, T. G. Tracey, Paul Trevigne, Rufus Waples,

C. W. Boothby and J. V. Calhoun, members of the old Board of School Directors, asking for an injunction to restrain them from interfering in any manner whatsoever with the new board.

The petition sets forth that the above defendant's claim still to be the legal board, and it is feared they might attempt to interfere in the management of the schools, now in full possession of the Nichols directors.

The writ was granted.

SHOT IN THE ACT. A Burglar who Attempted to Rob. At 3 o'clock Thursday morning Mr. Chas. H. Schenck discovered a burglar in his gallery, evidently attempting to effect an entrance through the window.

The gentleman secured his revolver, which was under his pillow, and quietly left his bed, and just as he was in the act of launching the thief into eternity his wife begged him to spare his life.

Mr. Schenck lowered his revolver and fired, shooting the thief in the thigh. The would-be burglar, as soon as the ball touched him, leaped over the gallery into the street and succeeded in making his escape.

The gallery was examined and traces of blood were found, showing that Mr. Schenck had not fired in vain.

Another Arrival. We have learned that Mr. Hutchinson, who voted for Hayes and Packard, and even wrote a pamphlet endorsing these candidates, has arrived in this city as one of the unofficial advisory counsel of the Commission.

Mr. Hutchinson is a lawyer from Ohio, who has been a resident of New Orleans for several years. Since the election he has passed a considerable portion of his time in Washington, working in the interest of peace in Louisiana and the permanent establishment of the Nichols government.

It may be well to add that Mr. Hutchinson is a strong personal friend of President Hayes.

Fire. About half-past 9 o'clock Wednesday night a fire was discovered in the kitchen of the premises No. 75 St. Phillip street.

The inmates were aroused, and, with the assistance of Officer Collins, the flames were extinguished with a damage of only \$20. No alarm was sounded.

Our Brethren of the Press. If the Commission effects nothing else, it will at least have brought back to our city some of the distinguished Western and Northern journalists whose presence enlivened us during the sojourn of the Congressional Committee.

We welcome again to our clubs, rotundas, and chatting-places generally, the following journalistic gentlemen, who have arrived in advance of the Commission, viz: Messrs. Patterson, of the Chicago Tribune; Finnerty, of the Chicago Times; Smalley, of the New York Tribune; and Richardson, of the Baltimore Sun.

St. Charles Avenue. One of the finest thoroughfares in our city is St. Charles avenue. The city administration is now making strenuous efforts to put it in perfect order from the New Orleans starting place to Carrollton, and the property holders all along the route are subscribing liberally towards the wished for consummation.

We hear that the Carrollton Railroad Company has undertaken to complete one whole square at its own expense, and that, in addition, with its usual liberality, it will subscribe largely towards the completion of the work.

If properly put in order this would be one of the pleasantest drives that could be desired. We think that the insurance companies have an interest in seeing that this road is placed in working order, if it were only as a facility for the prompt passage of the fire department's steam engines. We are happy to see that there is now a good basis for depending upon a fine driving road from New Orleans to Carrollton.

As far as we have been able to ascertain only two thousand dollars are needed to secure the completion of the work, and such a paltry sum assuredly should not stand in the way of so desirable an end.

Board of Flour Inspectors. At 12 o'clock m., on Thursday, the new Board of Flour Inspectors, composed of G. Bouigny, H. Judson, E. Durrie, J. W. Quin and F. Hathorn, called upon the old board, at their office 35 Poydras street, to take possession.

The gentlemen composing the old board retired before their successors with gentlemanly grace, and a bold though smiling front. The board then proceeded to an organization by electing G. Bouigny as president, and E. S. Ross, secretary. The board then adjourned—ready to begin business under the new organization.

Brevities. Mr. Wm. M. Conner, recently the business manager of Lawrence Barrett, is in the city. We have reason to suspect that Mr. Conner is prospecting in the theatrical line for next season.

Pool selling for the fall races will begin to-night at Hawkins' club-room. The celebrated Cartcart will officiate as pool seller.

The Varieties Theatre company, under the management of our old-time acquaintance, Mr. John Crickard, will travel professionally to Brooklyn, N. Y., stopping at the principal cities on their way. "Samson" will be the play which they will present on the tour, which will last about six weeks.

The Jackson Railroad will resume on Sunday next, the 8th instant, their Sunday excursions to McComb City and intermediate points. Now is the chance for those who want to breathe pure air and get rid, for a day, of business troubles and week day cares.

It was quite a compliment that was paid to Mr. G. Bouigny by the newly appointed Board of Flour Inspectors, to re-elect him as President.

CITY AND POLICE ITEMS. ROBBERY A CARPENTER SHOP.—Between 11 and 12 o'clock Wednesday night the carpenter shop of Mr. E. Rousselet, situated at the corner of Ursuline and Marais streets, was entered by thieves who stole and carried away two tool chests, valued at \$200 and marked "E. R." The thieves effected an entrance by means of a jimmy.

BREGLARY.—Between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday thieves entered the residence of Mrs. Houghton, at the corner of Jena and Perrier streets, and during the absence of the family succeeded in stealing and carrying away jewelry and silverware valued at \$100. The burglars made their escape, leaving no clue to their identity.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING.—Wednesday evening a boy named Louis Casanave, accidentally fell into the river, off the head of Toulouse street, and would have been drowned had it not been for the timely aid of Mr. Killela. He was

taken to his residence, No. 236 Marais street.

THE COURTS. Superior Criminal Court. HARBAS COURTS.

State ex rel., Theo. A. Briggs vs. Criminal Sheriff.—Relator claims to be illegally held for a debt, having not paid a \$5 fine. Writ refused and relator remanded.

INFORMATIONS. Carrying concealed weapons.—J. J. Willis, M. B. DuBuisson, Wm. Johnson and Richard Porter.

MOTION. Manslaughter.—Elias Gibson. Motion for bail filed.

NOLLE PROSEQUI. Robbery.—Margaret Colinde. Robbery.—Lizzie Dixon.

ACQUITTED. First District Court. NOLLE PROSEQUI.

Assault with intent to commit rape.—Geo. Pelegrini and Mrs. L. Ecker. Obtaining money under false pretenses.—Carlos L. DuChoin.

INFORMATIONS. Larceny.—Felix Laroce. Assault and battery.—James E. Davis. Assault and battery.—Minnie Jackson. Assault and battery.—James Norton.

BEER SALOON.—Succession of Franz Ziegler.—To be sold this day at 11 o'clock at No. 145 Gravier street, by Messrs. Montgomery. For full particulars see advertisement.

I. C. Levi, 108 Canal street, announces in another column that, on account of the meeting which is to take place at Lafayette Square today, the auction, which was to have taken place at his store, will be postponed until to-morrow.

AMUSEMENTS. POPP'S BENEFIT.—The benefit of Mr. Charles Pope at the Varieties last evening was well attended. The tragedy of "Samson" was performed with Mr. Pope as Samson and Miss Rosa Rand as Delilah, and was a creditable affair.

The performance closed with the comedy of the "Old Guard," which was played by amateurs principally. After the close of "Samson" Mr. Pope was called to the front and made a neat speech, thanking the people of New Orleans for the kindness that they had ever shown, and expressed his hope that when he returned among them peace and prosperity would reign again.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—At the Academy of Music to-night Mr. John Thompson takes his benefit, and will appear in an entirely new play to our public, entitled "Moses, the Old Clothes Man," the beneficiary appearing in the title role, a character which he will doubtless support very ably, if we may judge from sketches in the same line in which we have seen him. Mr. Thompson closes his engagement on Saturday night. At the matinee on Saturday he will also play "Moses."

On Sunday the "Streets of New York," and on Monday Mr. Power, the leading man of the Academy company, takes his benefit in Lester Wallace's beautiful play of "Rosedale." We trust that our theater-going public will, on that evening, show their appreciation of this worthy actor by giving him a full house.

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House bill to repeal articles 1221, 1222 and 1223 of the Civil Code, and sections 383 and 393 of the Revised Statutes, imposing a tax of ten per cent on succession of foreign heirs before allowing the property to go to them.

Mr. Jones said that the existence of the laws prevented the investment of foreign capital in this State.

Mr. Voorhies offered an amendment providing that the repeal do not apply to successions opened prior to the passage of this act. As amended the bill passed finally.

House bill No. 302, to authorize the city of New Orleans to revise her budget of expenditures. Passed finally.

House bill No. 283, to reimburse \$75,000 to the city advanced for police purposes. Reported unfavorably upon by the Committee on Appropriations.

Messrs. Adige and Jones, of Orleans, explained that the police force of New Orleans usually amounted to 450 or 500 men, that since the 9th of January a force of fifteen to seventeen hundred men had been employed as police to assist in maintaining the government.

The bill was recommitted to the Committee on Claims for further inquiry into the matter.

Senate bill No. 139, to determine the fees of notaries public, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

House bill No. 297, to authorize the Police Jury of East Baton Rouge to fund the debt of the parish. The bill was passed finally, and a motion to reconsider was denied.

House bill No. 319, to authorize certain parishes to levy an annual tax, not exceeding fourteen and a half mills, for parochial purposes. The bill applies to the parishes of Bienville, Caldwell, Claiborne, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Lafayette, Landry, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Avoyelles, and West. The bill was passed finally.

Senate bill 108, relating to the donation of lands by the United States Government for the establishment of an agricultural college, and to provide for the surrender of the east wing of the Louisiana University to the Medical Faculty of Louisiana.

Mr. Berry, of Orleans, opposing the bill, related that several agricultural colleges belonged to the State and was affected to the Law Faculty and literary purposes; that at the outbreak of the war the Medical Faculty had been placed in charge of the centre or main building, converted into a military hospital, which they not only retained, but they now occupy the eastern wing, which was being used by the Agricultural and Mechanical School, thereby depriving many pupils of education. He charged that the Medical Faculty were already minor that building as offices and even sleeping rooms.

On the final passage of the bill the yeas and nays were called; yeas 47, nays 13, sixty members voting and no quorum. Ultimately the bill was passed finally by a viva voce vote.

Senate bill No. 137, relating to the usurpation of office. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 240, to amend an act to regulate the public schools of the State. Considerable debate was created on the question whether the State Superintendent of Public Instruction should be required to visit the schools in each parish at least once in every year. Dr. Ryland, of West Feliciana, and Judge Bridger, of Caldwell, arguing forcibly in favor of the necessity of such official visits.

The House adjourned on the pending proposition at half-past 4 o'clock.

SOUTH CAROLINA. The Taxes Paid to the Hampton Government—Only \$12,000 for the Expenses of the Legislature.

[N. Y. Tribune.] The Hampton Legislature, not having a quorum in the Senate, passed no tax bill, but adopted a resolution requesting the people to pay to such persons as the Governor may appoint a sum equal to one-fourth of their last year's taxes, and promising that such payments should be credited them when the regular tax levy was made. Gov. Hampton thought he would not need so much money, and asked by proclamation for only 10 per cent of last year's tax. The people responded almost with unanimity. Some did not pay, but they were few in number, and their refusal to comply was compensated for by others paying more than their quota, so that Hampton got in rather more than one-tenth of the total tax of 1876.

Up to the 2d of this month he had obtained for these voluntary payments \$120,141. He has now a balance on hand of nearly \$80,000, after paying all demands except county officers' salaries and the school fund. His Legislature cost only \$12,000. Republican Legislatures have cost about \$200,000 annually. All the judges of the State courts except three have drawn their salaries from him. Even Judge Wright of the Supreme Court, who now refuses to recognize his government, drew upon Controller General Hagood, who acts as Treasurer, for a month's salary. The draft with the judge's signature was shown me to-day.

The Chamberlain government has not collected a dollar of taxes. Its Legislature passed a tax bill, but injunctions from the courts stopped its enforcement. The officials are, to quote the words of one of them, "living on faith." Chamberlain's legislators did not have to go away entirely empty handed, however, for Corbin paid them \$200 a piece when they elected him to the Senate. He cashed some sort of warrants to that amount for all the men who voted for him. It is alleged he used money for this purpose which belonged to the State as royalty due from a phosphate mining company of which he is president.

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