

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

THE NEW YORK EXCISE RAIDS—INCREASED VIGILANCE OF THE POLICE.

Nearly All the Saloons Closed—Formal Charges Sent to the Police Commissioners Against the Gov. Robinson.

New York, Dec. 23.—Supt. Walling summoned the captain of police to headquarters last night, and repeated the instructions relative to the enforcement of the excise law. He informed them that the commanding officer of each precinct would be held strictly responsible for the proper enforcement of the law. The members of the steamboat squad were directed to patrol the precincts in citizens' attire, and report all officers guilty of dereliction of duty.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Early Consideration of the Mexican Border Question.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Mexican border question will be thoroughly discussed in the House on Monday afternoon.

MAKING NEWS.

Porter, Dec. 23.—Arrived: American ship Sloop, in ballast, to master; Spanish steamship Juanita, Olanza master, at 9 a. m.; from Havana, to master; from Liverpool, 40 tons salt, to master; from Liverpool, 40 tons salt, to master. Wind east, light. No departure.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

At Christmas play, and make good cheer. For Christmas comes but once a year.

Dwell with us now awhile, oh, spirit of Epiphany for Christmas cheer is the theme that to engage our pen. The task we are about to essay is too solemn and momentous to be begun with a pious invocation, after the manner of those with which the "grand old masters" were wont to commend themselves to the "heavenly mess" when they tuned their immortal harps and burst forth in lofty song.

As none of the "tuneful nine" were noted as housewives, and as our theme is philosophical rather than poetical, we prefer to invoke the spirit of the old sage, whose creed was comprehended in the injunction—"eat, drink and be merry, for to-morrow we die." For the nonce let us all say to souls, as Luke the Evangelist said: "And I will say to my soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry."

In order to aid our readers in carrying out this commendable purpose, we have put ourselves to considerable trouble—a most pleasurable trouble it was though—to get up various menus, adapted to all sorts of tastes and purses. While engaged in this pleasant task we confound to:

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CUSTOM-HOUSE TOPICS.

THE SPECIAL DEPUTY AND SPECIAL TREASURY AGENT AS A REFORMER.

Figures Won't Fib, But There Was No General Election This Year.

The question of economy in the administration of the affairs of the office of the Collector of Customs having been raised by one of the city papers, Special Deputy Agent and Special Deputy Collector Anderson undertakes to explain that his administration, which includes Judge King's, of course, shows a large reduction in expenses as compared with those of 1876.

The article that stirred the Special Deputy up intimated strongly that the pay roll expense had been largely increased, which, the Special Treasury Agent says, is not the case, although there is some increase, owing to an increase in business since the report of the Custom-House Commission was made.

Another minor item which seems to have disturbed the Special Treasury Agent, is the statement that his Custom-House has indicted any of the officials of the department of justice in the other end (diagonally) of the building. This minor item was the importation of a box of mineral water, pop, or something of the kind, which the law says there shall be no duty levied. It seems, however, that in "passing" through the system laid down by law, the total Custom-House fees on the pop amounted to \$1.15 and he paid a fee of \$7, which the importer thought rather steep.

It is considered hardly equitable that the new Special Deputy and Acting Collector should be connected with those in flagrant error as soon after having assumed the Collector's mantle, but he will be seen by the furnished figures given above, he is

equal to the emergency, and is willing to tackle anything when an explanation is wanted for his economic administration of the customs office, and talks much more freely on that question than upon returning Board matters.

SUNDAY AT THE RANGES.

The Gobbler Contest—Two Were Captured and One Flew East.

Notwithstanding the prevailing weather yesterday the attendance at the Crescent City Rifle Park yesterday was larger, in fact, than for months, owing to the fact that the military organizations are taking a deep interest in target practice, and second that there

was several turkey gobblers to be competed for. In the contest between members for the three Christmas gobblers Dr. Howe, as will be seen, won the first choice, J. M. Henderson the second and up to sundown those who had tied in the twenties were scouring the swamps and range for the third, which by some unforeseen accident got loose, cleared the fence and started for kingdom come.

The following are the scores made: Dr. Geo. Howe, 5 4 4 5 4-22; Dudley Selph, 5 4 4 4 4-22; J. M. Henderson, 4 4 4 4 4-21; James Piffant, 4 4 4 4 4-21; A. Villarubia, 4 4 4 4 4-20; C. C. Lewis, Jr., 4 4 4 4 4-20; B. S. Leathers, 4 4 4 4 4-20; Chas. F. Trust, 4 4 4 4 4-20; H. Dupre, 4 4 4 4 4-20; Col. John Glyn, Jr., 4 4 4 4 4-19; Thos. G. Gentry, 4 4 4 4 4-19; E. Bergery, 4 4 4 4 4-19; Geo. W. Charleston, 4 4 4 4 4-19.

WASHINGTON ARTILLERY RIFLE CLUB. This club was represented by quite a number of its members. The leading scores out of a possible 50, at 200 yards, off hand and with military rifle (no sighting shots), being as follows: Dudley Selph, 4 4 4 4 4-44; C. C. Lewis, Jr., 4 4 4 4 4-44; B. S. Leathers, 4 4 4 4 4-44; H. Dupre, 3 3 3 3 3-44; P. Michel, 3 3 3 3 3-44; George W. Charleston, 3 3 3 3 3-44; C. C. Lewis, Jr., 5 0 3 4 0 3-23.

LOUISIANA FIELD ARTILLERY. The third competition by the Louisiana Field Artillery team for the gold badge took place yesterday at Frogmoor, and was won by Private B. De Roux, as will be seen by the leading scores made at the 200-yard target, five shots off hand, with the military rifle: B. De Roux, 3 4 4 5 3-19; R. F. Schmitt, 3 4 4 5 3-18; E. M. Hebert, 4 4 4 5 3-18; J. B. Leveque, 4 4 4 5 3-18; E. Bergey, 4 4 4 5 3-17; M. Leamont, 4 4 4 5 3-15.

TROPICAL FRIGIDITY.

The Late Improvements in the Manufacture of Ice Here.

Yesterday noon quite a number of the stockholders of the Louisiana Ice Manufactory assembled at the works, for the purpose of inspecting the operation of the new adaptation of the Carre process in freezing large blocks, weighing over 100 pounds.

The new process, which is the idea of Mr. A. Michaelis, the chief ice maker of the establishment, differs from the old in this: By the old process, blocks about two inches in thickness were frozen, and then several of them were placed beneath an hydraulic press and tamped into one solid block; by the new, a huge crystalline mass, weighing 108 pounds, is turned out as clear as glass and as firm as adamant.

With the small blocks it requires about three hours to complete the work, and in the larger ones twenty-four hours are required, but the saving in labor and the production of a finer quality of ice more than amply compensates for the difference in time. The Carre process of refrigeration is now too well known to need amplification. The principle upon which it is based is the vaporization of liquid ammoniacal gas, which vapor absorbs all heat surrounding the vessel in which it is kept. In order to increase the effect of this agent, the molds or trays are immersed in a strong solution of brine, which is constantly agitated.

For the large blocks molds about fifteen inches square and about thirty-six inches long are used. These are filled with the clearest distilled water and immersed in the brine, being at the same time surrounded by a coil of pipes containing the ammonia gas. The congelating commences almost at once and inside of twenty-four hours is completed.

Yesterday there was exhibited a handsome display of effects in the shape of vegetables, flowers, fruits and fish frozen within these blocks. The crystalline diamond like rays that were reflected added much to the beauty of the already beautiful bouquets within their icy boundaries. The success already attained is so marked the company proposes at once to adopt the new congelating process, and we will have pure transparent ice from our own factory.

After the interesting process had been examined, a bonfire spread awaited the stockholders and their invited guests, and for some time Krupp and next summer we will have pure transparent ice from our own factory.

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MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

NEEDING ATTENTION.

The dams of the tail races of the Orleans canal and Carrollton Avenue canal are in a precarious condition and needing immediate attention by the city authorities, so we are informed by Mr. Sam'l Burchfield, the Beaville street draining machine contractor, who has notified the city authorities of the fact. The lake is said to be very high at this time, and should a break occur at either of the points referred to there would be a submerging of a large portion of the city. Administrator McCaffrey will in all probability attend to the matter to-day.

THE DISCHARGING OF FIRE ARMS.

Chief of Police Boylan again warns the people against indulging in the dangerous practice of discharging guns or pistols within the city limits, and reiterates his determination to arrest all persons violating the city ordinances on the subject, and to confiscate the weapons used in doing so.

RELIGIOUS.

An Interesting Ceremony in St. Alphonsus Church.

Sunday morning the spacious and beautiful church of St. Alphonsus was crowded by the faithful who came, not only from all parts of the city, but from other States as well; some from Chatswa, Miss., and others from Macon, Ga. The cause of this unusual gathering was that a newly ordained priest of God was to celebrate for the first time the holy sacrifice of the mass at this church. At a few minutes before 10 o'clock the Rev. St. Alphonsus Benedicite Society, of which Mr. R. Bourk is president, and the St. Alphonsus Total Abstinence Society, headed by our popular young friend, Mr. D. H. Buckley, marched from their hall to the pastoral residence, for the purpose of receiving the young minister and accompanying him to the church.

This being done, solemn High Mass was then commenced, the celebrant being the young clergyman, Rev. O. J. Burke, Redemptorist, who was assisted by the Rev. Fathers Girardier and McKugh. After the reading of the Gospel, the Very Rev. Father Neithart, the gifted young rector of the Redemptorist Fathers, ascended the pulpit and delivered a beautiful discourse on the sublime mystery of the Eucharist, and should be declined Adj. Gen. I. W. Patton will, it is said, be called upon to act.

The officers of the assigned militia, as well as the independent commands, have held several meetings during the past few days to arrange for the celebration, and from the latest reports it is safe to say that there will be three thousand uniformed men in line on that day. Adj. Gen. Patton, some weeks ago, closed a contract with the Murphy Rifle Company for 300 of their latest pattern military rifles, and stipulated expressly that the arms should be delivered here before the 8th proximo. That number, with those on hand and those already issued, will be sufficient to arm and equip

THE SENATORIAL CONVENTION.

Elsewhere Mr. W. H. Merkel, chairman of the election committee of the Parish Committee officially calls upon the delegates elected in the Tenth and Eleventh Wards, on Saturday, to meet in convention to nominate a candidate for Senator to represent the Fourth Senatorial District in the Legislature, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Jas. B. East. The convention will meet at noon in the corner room of the Sixth Justice of the Peace, court of St. Mary and Camp streets.

MARDI GRAS.

How the Entire Carnival Week May Be Made Attractive.

The suggestion made by the DEMOCRAT that a series of prize contests be inaugurated FOR THE CARNIVAL WEEK, seems to meet with great favor among the merchants and tradesmen of the city, as well as with some of the organizations alluded to in our former article. Some of the members of the Crescent City Rifle Club have taken their part of the programme in hand, and will soon show a programme for long range shooting that will attract the throng for at least one day.

COMPETITIVE MILITARY DRILL.

now partly arranged for, would bring to the city the crack companies of quite a number of the cities in the South, and would make the third day agreeable, while for the fourth the steam fire engine contest would be something novel. To make these contests interesting, something "inviting" in the way of prizes must be offered, and were the various organizations to take hold of the matter in time there is no doubt but that ample assistance for the prizes would be rendered by merchants, tradesmen and others, and the most success could be repeated year after year, and those who come here from a distance could remain a week and be amused, whereas now the Mardi Gras procession proper is the great attraction, and but few remain longer than a few days.

CITY ECHOES.

For the larceny of a pair of rabbits, Henry Albertson was locked up in the Harbor Station.

A charge of pilfering sugar on the levee holds August Nicholson a prisoner in the Harbor Station.

L. E. Gethwey and M. A. Smith were lodged in the Central Station, charged with discharging firearms within the city limits.

J. B. Selover, a card writer by occupation, was immersed in the Central Station, charged with having willfully and maliciously destroyed the door of Jose Martinez' residence.

Julia Narey, who chases a red flannel shirt up and down a washboard for a living, was run into the Central Station, charged by J. B. McCormick with the larceny of a shoulder of mutton.

Mary McCormick, alias Mrs. A. Kneef, was locked up in the Central Station, charged with being drunk and having property in her possession unappropriately to be stolen.

Douglas Arents and George Williams were arrested by Elisha McDonogh, Factors and Hennessey, and lodged in the Third Precinct Station, charged with picking pockets.

Fanny Kerney, Annie Clark and Katie Thompson, alias Biddy Miah, were lodged in the Central Station, charged with having robbed J. F. Linden of \$1.10.

Louis Johnson was arrested and locked up in the Second Precinct Station, charged from information received, with having killed D. H. Alexander, at Pass Manchac on January 4, 1877, and also with having a fugitive from justice.

The detectives are now very busy trying to find out who stole the cake of soap that had only been used once out of the office of the Chief of Police, also who it was that carried off the opera Business is brisk.

Shot By Mistake. John Taylor, colored, aged fourteen years, employed at Mr. John Burke's residence, 475 Magazine street, on Saturday evening was shot and severely wounded in the left thigh by S. M. Carter, Dr. J. Beard, president; H. N. Soria, first vice president; H. H. Haskins, second vice president; L. A. Jung, recording secretary; P. Mallard, Jr., assistant recording secretary; Geo. Kuller, financial secretary; E. Vonderbrugg, treasurer; G. Krumm, shooting master; J. Cook, W. Mitchell, Jr., and J. J. Pittman, assistant shooting masters; Capt. A. C. Smith, M. Wintler and Capt. M. Conroy, directors.

AMUSEMENTS.

DANIEL DRUCE.

Gilbert's latest London success will be produced to-morrow at the matinee at the Varieties Theatre for the first time in this city, introducing Manager Hall as an actor to our public. Mr. Hall will appear in the leading part—the title role—Miss Mary Davenport playing that of Dolly Druce. Mr. Hall has the reputation of being a graceful and correct actor, which, combined with a pure and sympathetic voice, promises well for his debut. The announcement of his first appearance on a New Orleans stage has naturally excited much curiosity, and we have every reason to believe that there will be no disappointment on the part of the frequenters of the polite theatre managed by Mr. Hall.

Although there will be no performance this evening, the magnificent vestibule of the theatre will be brilliantly illuminated to give the young folks an opportunity to admire the splendid exhibition of toys which are to be given away at the matinee to-morrow to the victors to the Varieties, among which will be seen the miniature equipage of "Santa Claus," consisting of a handsome carriage drawn by the trained goats "Dunder" and "Blitz," which will be drawn for at New Year's matinee.

"Dolly Druce," the principal gift at the matinee to-morrow, will remain on exhibition at Danziger's. Every child who visits the Varieties on Christmas and on New Year's gets a present, and besides a ticket entitling the owner to a chance in Dolly Druce or the goat team. Kit will be on hand to superintend the distribution of the toys.

HURRY DUFFY. The pantomime will be kept on the boards during the holidays. Toy matinee on Christmas and on New Year's Day.

CAL WAGNER'S MINSTRELS. are billed for next Sunday night at the St. Charles Theatre. Of course this signifies another grand gift matinee on New Year at the Old Drury.

OPERA HOUSE. The Durande French Dramatic Company will appear at the Opera House for the first time this evening in Fol Mercurio's exquisite comedy of "No Alliance."

THE PAPPENHEIM TROUPE left this city yesterday evening by rail for Memphis, leaving behind them many delightful memories. They were to produce "Lohegrun" to-night in Memphis, but it may be that the opera will have to be postponed, owing to the failure of Miss Griminger to reach the train this evening. Miss Griminger, it will be remembered, sings the important role of Ortrud in "Lohegrun."

PENNSYLVANIA STATE TROOPS.

Their Cost to the Commonwealth During the War.

[New York Times.] PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The report of the Adjutant General of the State National Guard, James W. Latta, will be issued in a few days. The amount of money required to pay the soldiers who were called out to quell the labor riots last July is nearly \$200,000, provided the Legislature should be induced to allow full pay for the fractional month over fifteen days. Should the troops be paid for actual service only, \$225,000 will be required. The feeding of the militia will cost about \$110,000, and the entire expenses incident to the campaign nearly \$300,000. The bills for the transportation of troops have not all reached the Adjutant General's Department. The charges of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company are over \$13,000. They transported a number of State and United States troops who were called to Reading to protect the property of the company. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has not yet put in their bill for transporting troops, but it is understood to flow full pay for the fractional month over fifteen days. The Pennsylvania Railroad officials hold that it was the duty of the government to protect their property, and hence that they should be paid for transporting the troops.

WHAT HE SAYS OF HAMPTON.

[Washington Special to the Boston Herald.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Patterson says: "I am satisfied that the Radical party has changed a great deal, and I might get a fair trial; but there is a class of politicians there who are strongly opposed to Butler, and they fight me because I supported him. They will hurt me if they can on that account. Wade Hampton did not want Butler elected. He would like to vacate his present seat to get one in the United States Senate. He thinks he could get there just at this time, but I don't intend to give him a chance if I can help it. I shall not go there for the present, but I intend going to Pennsylvania, where I will rest during the recess and recuperate my health."

KELLOGG.

[Mindon Democrat.] The most obnoxious man to the people of Louisiana that the Radical party ever gave prominence to is the man whose name heads this article. The great leaders of the United States Senate have outraged all decency by voting this scurvy political bummer a Senator from Louisiana for six years. But we are assured by the New Orleans DEMOCRAT that while he was being voted a seat as Senator by a Radical Senate, Attorney General Ogden was engaged in preparing information for a Grand Jury to substantiate the title of that eminent carpet-bagger to a cell in the Louisiana Penitentiary. Nothing would please the people of this State more than to have Kellogg serve them six years in the penitentiary instead of having him misrepresent them in what was once a respectable body. We would like to see Kellogg, Wells, Anderson, Cassanave, and a good many others that have been plundering and robbing the State, under Col. James, with a convict jacket on, building railroads. Wouldn't it be serving them right?

GEN. TWIGGS' SWORDS.

[Washington Correspondent Courier-Journal.] In traversing the Treasury Department the three swords presented Gen. Twiggs by the State of Texas, the citizens of Augusta and the United States Congress, for gallantry in the Mexican war, were shown to me. They are ornamented with diamonds, emeralds, pearls, and richly chased, and are valued, intrinsically, at \$25,000. I asked how they came there, and learned that they were taken from a bank vault in New Orleans by Gen. Butler and forwarded to the government. I am told the heirs of the veteran soldier have made no effort to recover them, but surely, with a sense of restoring justice, these tributes to the valor of a great soldier will not be withheld from those who prize themselves in the memory of his gallant deeds.

UP IN A BALLOON.

Children, take notice! The Parian Bazaar, 131 Canal street, till issue today, to all children who visit their establishment, a beautiful balloon, for which nothing is charged. Don't fail to be on hand early. Remember the place—Victor Nippert's, 131 Canal street.

Mr. Wm. E. Chandler is trying to spoil the effect of the "settlement" between Gordon and Conking. He publishes a card, claiming that Senator Conking "walked that which should be charged. Don't fail to be on hand early. Remember the place—Victor Nippert's, 131 Canal street.

The green sauce every good housekeeper can make is a most savory and delicious one. It is made of the following ingredients: One pound of green peppers and tomatoes. The dressing for the sauce is made by boiling onions with such herbs as it may be desired to flavor with, and then squeezing them in a cloth, the rich, creamy sauce extracted being poured over a dish and the chops laid in it. The cauliflower, cold and dressed as an ordinary salad, with oil, etc. This is a very expensive breakfast only as to the wine, but these constitute the main feature. For such people as have no care for expenses, we will now give the menu of an elegant dinner given a few days since at Victor's Restaurant, and a better we could not suggest:

SUPPER. Potage a la Reine. Sherry—Old Topaz. Hors d'oeuvres. Bouche Salpicon; Anchovy Salad; Celery; Olives. Tenderloin of Plover, a la Orly; Snapper, Sauce Verte; Latour Blanche. ENTREES. Filet of Beef, Pique a la Perigoux; Sweet Bread, en sautois a la Jardiniere. RUMORS. VEGETABLES. Cauliflower, Sauce Blanche; Asparagus; Green Peas. Roast Turkey. Maitre d'Hotel. Mallard Duck, flanked with small game; Lettuce, Burgundy. DESSERT. Charlotte Russe; Cheese and Jelly; Fruit; Nuts; Chateau Yquem; Cognac.

The recipes for these dishes will be given persons desiring them. We would give some of them now, but our space forbids, as we have diners to give for other people than the rich, who alone can afford such repasts. We will, however, elucidate some of the professional "jar" which chefs and restaurateurs delight to mystify people not less than lawyers and doctors and other scientists. Flounders a la Orly, in plain English, means fried with tomato sauce and Madeira sauce, the dressing for the sweet bread a la jardiniere cannot be so easily described; it is a sauce compounded of cauliflower, asparagus, green peas and such delicate vegetables and herbs. Next week we shall give recipes for seven of the various sauces: onionnais, green, white, etc.; so we will pass over these now.

We will now give a dinner for people of means, but who are not utterly reckless in regard to expense:

SUPPER. Oyster. Boiled Red Fish, a la Hollandaise. Roast Turkey. ENTREES. Vol-au-vent of Chicken, White Sauce. Venison Steak; Jelly; Vin Ordinaire. Cauliflower with Parmesan Cheese. Roast Turkey, a la St. Julien. Rum Omelet; Cheese and Jelly; Fruit. Coffee. Chartreuse.

In this menu there is one dish we wish to specially commend—the cauliflower with cheese. The dressing is made of cream and grated Parmesan cheese, and poured over the vegetable warm. It is very hard that any one has to count up the cost for a Christmas dinner, but this is the very large majority of us have to do, and so we have another dinner that the poorest of us may indulge in:

SUPPER. Beef broth. Baked sheephead, tomato sauce. Porter house steak, mashed potatoes. Roast Turkey. Salad. Rum omelet. Nuts, fruit, cake, custard. Coffee.

But after all good health and cheerful spirits, backed by a keen appetite, are the very best of sauces, and with these many a humble meal will be made a feast on Christmas day. With these we shall care but little for "Sauce, roasts and a la like trash, and a little short o' down right waste."

Many such feasts are now passing through our fancy and filling us with a feeling far more kindly and humane than any that have been aroused by the contemplation of these more elegant spreads. "Toby's" peeping in "Meg's" basket and guessing what is in his pet has brought him. "There's nothing," said Toby, "more regular in its coming round than dinner time, and nothing less regular in its coming round than dinner. That's the great difference between 'em. It's took me a long time to find it out. I wonder whether it would be worth any gentleman's while, now, to say that observed for the papers?" We think it is, Toby, so we put it in. In the meanwhile "Toby's" dinner comes, and we see him lifting the lid of "Meg's" basket to get a smell to aid him in guessing at its contents.

"Ah! It's very nice," says Toby. "It ain't—I suppose 'em 'n't polonias?"

"No—'n't." After another whiff, "It's a mellow under polonias. It's too decided for trotters, Liver? No, there's a mildness about it that don't answer to liver. Trotter? No. It ain't faint enough, and nothing less regular in its coming round than dinner. That's the great difference between 'em. It's took me a long time to find it out. I wonder whether it would be worth any gentleman's while, now, to say that observed for the papers?" We think it is, Toby, so we put it in. In the meanwhile "Toby's" dinner comes, and we see him lifting the lid of "Meg's" basket to get a smell to aid him in guessing at its contents.

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