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Congress met last Monday and is yet in session.

Louisiana's political problem will be solved before another week has passed over our heads, unless some very unexpected events occur in the meantime to create new complications.

Hon. Alex. Boardman, who was the Fusion candidate for Congress from the Fourth District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. James McCleary, has been admitted to a seat in Congress.

Four thousand troops arrived in the city of New Orleans Thursday from different points, some coming from as far as Louisville. Perhaps this indicates that the Government intends to enforce the decisions of the federal courts with regard to the State election, and perhaps it doesn't. Time will tell.

Some one in New Orleans had either the ignorance or knavery to telegraph to the New York Times that Governor Warmoth was about to be arrested and prosecuted as a defaulter to the Government, the dispatch alleging that he collected a tax for the Government while holding the position of Assistant Supervising Treasury Agent in Texas in 1867, and accounted for only a part of his collections. The Governor proves by official records, attested by the Judge and Clerk of the U. S. District Court of Texas, that he held the position of Treasury Agent but a few months in the year 1865, not 1867, and that his accounts, rendered when he resigned the office were ascertained to be correct in every particular, and were accepted and approved by the Government authorities.

THE HORSE DISEASE.

The dreaded epizootic has passed its worst stage in the Southern metropolis and the number of horses and mules to be seen upon the streets is daily increasing. It will be but a few days ere the customary bustle, and confusion, and noise of the business portions of the city will again prevail and affairs generally assume their wonted course and aspect. The disease has been of a very mild nature, very few deaths occurring, and those for want of proper care and treatment. The recovered quadrupeds will find plenty of work for several weeks in clearing the levee of the immense amount of freight that has accumulated thereupon until it is difficult for the steamboats that are arriving every day to find place for depositing their loads. Business has suffered to a great extent by this delay in the transportation of freight, but those affected have cause for congratulation that the delay was not of longer duration.

The epizootic is making its appearance in various portions of the State, but in such mild form that we do not anticipate much inconvenience to planters to result from it. There have been two cases of the disease in the immediate vicinity of Donaldsonville for nearly a week, and we have yet to hear of any additional animals being afflicted. And yet the disease is a contagious one.

The Phrenological Journal for December is a capital number of this most excellent monthly, and a worthy completion of its fifty-fifth volume. Let us note a few of the topics considered: William B. Astor, the noted millionaire, with a fine portrait; Ancient Human Crania; Man as an Inhabitant of Two Worlds; Expressions—the conclusion of this most valuable series of essays; Some Familiar Views of Society; The Pretty Man, and the Doll-Faced Woman; Mr. Froude in America; How the Organs of the Brain were Discovered; William H. Seward, with a splendid portrait; On the Formation of Character; "The One-Eyed Conductor," again; "Fanny Fern"; Origin of Metalliferous deposits; Freckles and Beauty; Christian and Infidel, etc. 30 cts for the number; \$3 a year. Now is the time to send your subscription to S. R. Wells, 269 Broadway, New York.

OUR POLITICAL TROUBLES.

The Beginning of the End.

UNCLE SAM SETS HIS FOOT DOWN.

Kellogg Wins the Chancery Suit.

Bovee Again Secretary of State.

Order of the Supreme Court Disregarded.

U. S. Troops in Possession of the State House.

The quarrel between Louisiana politicians over the election returns is fast drawing to a close, and the strong arm of the General Government is the power which is settling the dispute.

In recording the exciting and important events of the past few days in New Orleans, the proper incident to be first mentioned is the decision of the Supreme Court that Hon. Geo. E. Bovee was improperly removed from office and should be reinstated. An agreement was made between Gen. Herron and Mr. Bovee that the judgment should go into immediate effect, and an order issued by the court reinstating the latter at once. Mr. Bovee took possession of the office Thursday, but was ejected by the police, acting under direction of Governor Warmoth very probably, in direct violation of the order of the Supreme Court.

Yesterday the decision of Judge Durell was rendered in the suit of Kellogg vs. Warmoth et al, and proved to be a complete judgment for plaintiff, declaring the Lynch-Longstreet Board of Returning officers the only competent body to canvass and compile the election returns. The judge issued an injunction prohibiting interference with the board, and an order to the U. S. Marshal to take charge of the State House and prevent the unlawful assemblage of any body claiming to be a General Assembly by virtue of the recent proclamation of a Board of Canvassers appointed by Governor Warmoth under the amended election law of 1872 which he promulgated last week. The Marshal applied to commanding Gen. Emory for troops to aid him in carrying out the order of the judge of the Circuit Court, and two companies were promptly placed under his orders, one of these having a battery of artillery. The State House was taken possession of by the Marshal yesterday, and will probably remain under the guard of troops until the new administration of the State Government is installed. Mr. Bovee appeared in the Secretary of State's office yesterday and assumed possession, and he will doubtless remain there until either P. G. Dealonde or S. Armistead is duly commissioned and qualified as his successor.

Great excitement has of course resulted in the city from these stirring events, and much indignation is expressed by the friends of the Fusion State ticket. The interference of Uncle Sam with his boys in blue is loudly denounced on the one hand, and warmly applauded on the other, according to the political sympathies of the thousands of people discussing the situation daily in New Orleans. The effect upon the State securities has been to render them more firm. State warrants increased in value yesterday two and a half per cent.

There is to be an indignation meeting of citizens in Lafayette Square tonight to protest against the proceedings of yesterday, and it is thought that some of the more hot-headed orators will advocate armed resistance of the decrees of the federal court. It is sincerely to be hoped that wiser counsel will prevail, however, for no matter what temporary supremacy might be gained by a mob, federal authority would be ultimately triumphant, and the result would be an aggravation of our present evils.

The city papers inform us that an informal meeting of the Fusionists declared by the Returning Board appointed by Gov. Warmoth to have been elected members of the General Assembly will be held at Lyceum Hall to-day, their purpose being to determine upon what course of action to pursue in the extraordinary situation of affairs prevailing.

Judging by present lights, we predict that Wm. Pitt Kellogg will be next Governor of Louisiana, and that both houses of the General Assembly will be constituted with Republican majorities.

We neither jubilate or weep. In common with a large portion of the people of the State who supported the Fusion ticket, we consider the ending of the disgraceful broil among the politicians at the State Capital a consummation more devoutly to be wished than the triumph of either political party, feeling that in any

event reform in the State Government will ensue, for the simple reason that there is little left to steal and that the dominant party will find it necessary to give the tax burdened people honest and economical government in order to perpetuate itself in power.

"COUP D'ETAT" NUMBER TWO.

It has been evident from the commencement of the imbroglio in regard to the right of canvassing and promulgating the returns of the recent election, that Governor Warmoth was fully determined to exhaust every possible resource afforded him by his autocratic position as Governor to sustain the attitude he assumed in the conflict, and to prevent the interference of the federal authorities which has been sought by Mr. Kellogg and his Republican supporters. The Governor ousted his own appointee from the office of Secretary of State to compass his ends, and followed this stretch of Executive authority, when pushed to the wall by the injunctions of the U. S. District Court, by signing and promulgating a bill passed by the General Assembly last session amending the State election law. Gov. Warmoth by this second coup d'etat to become master of the situation, and it has only been due to the determination and ability of his opponents, and the interference of federal judicial authority backed by armed force, that the well laid plan has not reached successful culmination. The amended bill requires the formation of a Board of Returning Officers in a manner different from that prescribed by the old law, hence its legal promulgation would quash the former Returning Board, and the Governor, assuming the legality of his proceeding and the validity of the new law, appointed a Board of Canvassers by virtue of the statute which invests him with power to fill all official vacancies.

We lay no claim to any thing like an extended knowledge of law, and hence could not, perhaps, successfully question the validity of the Governor's coup d'etat in a legal point of view if we felt disposed to attempt it; but it does not appear to us good common sense that an election can be held under one law and its result determined under another, which provides an entirely different method of conducting an election. The very title of the new bill, which declares it to be an act to regulate the conduct of elections, would, in our estimation, prevent its provisions relating to the manner of declaring the result of an election from being applied in any case where the said election was not held and conducted according to its requirements.

Again: The new bill expressly says that the Board of Canvassers shall be elected by the Senate. Now the question arises whether the Governor can find warrant in law for performing an act which is declared the duty of the upper house of the General Assembly. Although he is empowered to fill vacancies occurring under existing laws, we seriously doubt his authority to create and fill them when an express and different mode is prescribed by legislative enactment. It is probable that those versed in law will consider that the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Bovee vs. Herron will have some bearing upon the question of the power of the Governor to indiscriminately create and fill vacancies.

THE WOES OF WOODHULL.—It seems I did not err in guessing that the consequence of Mrs. Woodhull's last sensation would not be what she desired. That energetic and indecent woman with her worthy sister, Miss Clafin, is still immured in Ludlow street jail, and likely from present indications, to remain there for some time. The name of Mr. Beecher has not been publicly connected with her arrest, but everybody in New York knows that her scandalous attack on him was the real cause of her present misfortune. Had she left Mr. Beecher alone it is doubtful if the authorities would have taken any particular notice of her "indecent publication." Of course I mean the Federal authorities, for it is to them she owes her present opportunity for calm reflection. Both Vic. and Tennie were placed in durance vile by U. S. Deputy Marshals, while their associate, Col. Blood, was arrested by the local authorities for libel, on complaint of the ex-broker, Challis, and their other associate, the erratic and absurd Stephen Pearl Andrews, got into trouble in the same way. It is a terrible come-down for the Woodhull-Clafin-Blood-Andrews coterie since the time (not very long since) when they occupied a magnificent mansion on Murray Hill, and were frequently visited there by many of the wealthiest men in New York. And a very peculiar feature of their case is the appearance of old Clafin in court as a witness against his daughters. This, no doubt, they think is the unkindest cut of all.—Seymour.

Humility is a grace that adorns and beautifies every other grace; without it, the most splendid natural and acquired acquisitions lose their charms,

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- Aleman, Pierre Mrs.
- Bard, Dick J
- Boston, Bonnes
- Balthazar, Henri
- Batin, Mme. Felix
- Braud, O L
- Cuthbertson, W H
- Carray, Crarily
- Dias, Jean
- Dugas, August
- Edward, Levi
- Greenwood, A J
- Gonzales, Mack
- Gaufes, James A
- Hill, B F
- Harris, Miss Rachael
- Jackson, Stephen
- Jones, John
- Jackson, Andrew
- LeBlanc, Nicholas
- Louis, Raphael
- Landry, Leon U
- Landry, Mrs. Pelonisse
- McQuall, Mrs. Rich'd
- Merin, Thomas
- Narifa, Mrs. Ellen
- Parks, Mrs. Joseph
- Paster, Catharine
- Ryan, Philip
- Stephens, George
- Serriah, John Baptist
- St. Martin, Thelapshore
- Vineent, Mr.
- Wintz, Miss Pauline
- Wilks, George W
- Williams, Mildred
- Walker, Wm.
- Washington, Mrs. B
- W. LANDRY, P. M.
- Anderson, William
- Alonso, Miguel
- Alexander, Larrance
- Boon, Marshall
- Berry, Mary Jane
- Bair, R.
- Bourgeois, Emile
- Bernier, Aglaur
- Bates, Winfield
- Cheatum, Miss Nicle
- Comoux, Jules
- Chamber, Thom.
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- Davis, Wilson
- D'Alcho des Plancis Oval
- Fuentes, Mrs. A
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- Gidry, E
- Gwin, John
- Harris, C
- Henson, Mrs. Barbara
- Jones, Mrs. Harriet
- Jules, Water
- Kinrod, Richard
- Landry, James
- Lane, James
- Landry, Wm. R
- Landry, Mrs. Pelonisse
- Mason, William
- McLeran, Benj.
- Mitchel, Charles
- Neal, James G
- Packard, C C
- Pucken, Gustor
- Simon, Muller
- Shelvin, Jr. Clark
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