

MORNING STAR AND CATHOLIC MESSENGER. NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1898.

The Concert.

How many of our readers have heard the world-renowned twelfth mass of Mozart? Those who have heard it need no advice to go again where they can enjoy the same musical feast.

It is reasonable to presume from the preparations and facilities for this performance, that this wonderful mass has never been rendered on this continent, in a style superior to that which we may expect on this occasion.

The soloists are Miss D—d (soprano) and Madame D—n (alto) of the St. Louis Cathedral; Messrs. Meteye, A. Davis, and Tracy, (tenors), and Messrs. Bremer and Wheeler, (bass).

We are requested by Mr. LaHache to say that the last rehearsal, with full orchestra, will be held in the hall to-morrow (Monday) evening at six o'clock precisely, without postponement on account of the weather.

We would recommend our friends to go early if they wish to have the selection of seats, for there will assuredly be a large audience in attendance. There will be first, the friends and lovers of good music, then the friends and admirers of the performers, next the friends of those many and respectable gentlemen who are on the committee of arrangements, then the friends and patrons of orphans, who are a numerous body in this city, the friends of the Sisters of Charity, and their name is legion, and lastly the friends of humanity who have heard of the distress, the scanty food of the children and Sisters in the noble institution of St. Elizabeth, which is the beneficiary of this entertainment.

In the name, then, of enjoyment, as well as of compassion for misfortune, let each one make a little exertion, perhaps a little sacrifice, and let the grand hall of St. Alphonsus be well filled. Remember, next Wednesday evening, at half past seven. There are a few tickets at this office for disposal.

Northern Pictorials.

This nuisance is increasing. Not only is the demand for this filthy literature, with its still grosser illustrations, becoming more extensive, but the audacity of the vendors in placing their wares before the public is getting more reckless.

New Orleans society must have lost some of its conservative elements during or since the war. Public indecency would never have been tolerated formerly as it is now. Then the "model artists" were suppressed by the police, now the "Black Crook" is presented with far more sensual attractiveness, and draws overflowing houses for months consecutively.

It is not Puritanism to suppress public immorality. Puritanism goes a step farther than that, and tries to control private morals. Worse still, it assumes many public practices to be immoral, upon which the community are divided in opinion.

Not much, however, can be expected in this line, of a city government which licenses the exhibition of the "Black Crook," and the decent portion of the public ought to protect itself. If respectable booksellers will persist in pandering to a corrupt and prurient taste, they ought to know, at least that it will be at the sacrifice of decent

patronage. No bookseller ought to keep works for general readers, the perusal of which, or the sight of the illustrations of which, could bring a blush to the cheek of modesty. Let them make up their minds to sacrifice one set or the other of their patrons.

This evil, though an imported one, has finally grown to such proportions, that the good of society requires some action to be taken. These Northern ephemera, more or less gross, always worthless, find their way into the inmost household and the school-room; they float around every where, their disgusting obscenity obtrudes itself on the innocence of children and the modesty of ladies, if they dare to look right or left in passing along the street.

There is but one way at present of fighting the evil. Touch the pockets of these accommodating booksellers by a scrupulous and conscientious refusal to deal with them. Let them be tabooed.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK.

The sheriff of the parish, Mr. W. G. Avery, has addressed a memorial to the Council, setting forth that owing to conflicting opinions of the city's legal counsel and the judgment of the Third District Court, great obstruction is placed in the way of collecting taxes.

COUNCIL.—The business transacted by both boards was unimportant. Mr. J. W. Zacharie, appointed by Gen. Buchanan, took his seat at the Board of Aldermen, and Mr. Thomas H. Shields, by the same authority, took his seat at the Assistant Board.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.—On Thursday last, there was a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the public schools, to take cognizance of the report of the attendance of colored children in the Bayou Road school.

DAMAGES.—We have another evidence of the evils arising from incompetent or unfaithful administrators, in the damages which the experts appointed by the Canal Carondelet Company and the City, have awarded against the latter. The sum which the city is called upon to pay is \$25,000.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.—It understood that Mayor Heath has taken preliminary steps to recover \$100,000 from the General Government for the destruction of the Toure Almshouse, destroyed while occupied by United States soldiers. He likewise intends presenting a claim for about \$9000 expended in providing for the insane asylum, that which they occupied in the Parish Prison having been taken possession of by the military.

CORNER OF CANAL AND DAUPHINE STREETS. The season is fast approaching, and even now is, when thoughts of cooling beverages will haunt us with a pertinacity not to be denied. Soda, mead, aye, and ice-cream, loom up in imagination, which sensible people hasten to realize in fact.

EDITORIAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

"Gama," the *Figaro's* Paris correspondent, describes a dinner given on Good Friday, by St. Louis to a set of atheists, and calls it simply "disgraceful." Would the epithet be applied to the managers of a paper who reported the blasphemous details?

The Emperor of Brazil, it is said, is about to abdicate.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago have written a threatening letter to Senator Grimes.

Cincinnati expects to have a population of three hundred thousand in a few years, exclusive of porters.

Ten persons of New York are worth one-tenth of the property in the city. How much of it worth do they possess?

The famous manufactory of Sevres was established by Madame de Pompadour.

Affairs in San Domingo are becoming mixed. At the consulate have been menaced by Bahave, they have called in the aid of their naval forces.

The news of the President's acquittal has been favorably received in England.

Gen. Breckinridge has returned from the Holy Land to his own distracted country, which is in much need of holiness.

An association has been formed in California for protection against prevalent bankruptcies. Better guard against frauds before bankruptcy.

Lucy Stone, at a late anniversary meeting, denounced the recent Republicans for not adopting the Woman's Rights platform.

At the Peace Society meeting last week, in New York, the speeches were quite warlike. Greeley, in a letter, feared the war sentiment was chronic.

According to "anniversary" statistics, two Jews were converted to Protestantism last year, at a cost of \$50,000. There must have been fat pickings in the wake of the Hebrew race.

The New York canals are open; and so are its sluices of immoral literature.

Forty thousand workmen are on a strike in England.

The Catholic young men of Concord, N. H., have established a temperance society, which, in a short time, numbered sixty.

In a hail storm at Arlington, Md., lately, stones, weighing from two to ten pounds, fell.

According to a writer in the *Northern Monthly*, the introduction of tobacco is a blessing, as it checks intemperance. What next?

Nelson's allusions to the Butler guano case was a Black transaction.

Napoleon is sick—by telegraph.

There are endowed schools in England, where the beneficiaries are the schoolmaster and one pupil.

Twenty-three pictures of Prince Demidoff's collection lately sold in Paris for nearly a million and a half of francs.

The *Times* has seen a cobbler's stool over one hundred years old. Wonder if that stool comprised his awl when he breathed his last.

The real amount donated by Mr. Peabody was \$10,000—and that to one of the Roman charities—not to the Pope.

A porter of the Mobile Battle House has been arrested for cruelty to newsboys. That porter should be kept bottled up.

Strauss gets \$50,000 in gold for a four months' tour in the United States. Strauss tell which way the gold goes.

Accounts from Port Louis, Mauritius, describe a fatal fever prevailing there, which carried off eighteen hundred persons in one month.

Preparations are being made in Baltimore for the great international singing festival next month.

Capt. Bonaparte is visiting his grandmother in Baltimore.

Gen. O'Neill, president of the Fenian Brotherhood, has visited Colt's arms factory in Hartford, lately, and, it is reported, made contracts.

A curious story is related of a French Count, lately returned to Paris, who visited Venezuela, became a clerk, discovered a deposit of pure gold in an enclosure of stone, and now the Count counts his wealth equal to Ceresus.

An expressman on the Hudson river railroad was lately gagged by two men, the safe key taken from his pocket, and got safely off the train, after robbing the safe of \$80,000.

Mrs. Frances Lord Bond desires to succeed Mr. Adams at the Court of St. James. Court costume requiring knee breeches, will she be bound to conform?

A few days ago an attempt was made to smuggle a boat load of whisky across the Niagara, but instead it went over the Falls. No doubt the spectators on the banks were in low spirits at the catastrophe.

Forty-two persons were recently fined in Newington, England, for using unjust weights, scales, and measures.

The deposition of Bishop Colenso has been prohibited by the British authorities.

A German named Gable, while digging a well in Utica, was buried six feet by the materials caving in. He braced himself against the sides until rescued. This turning himself into a gable-end saved his life.

A cotton speculator in Boston made \$120,000 by buying at fourteen and selling at twenty-nine cents.

Prairie wolves are so bold in Illinois that they lately attacked a man at work in the woods.

A man in Illinois killed twenty-eight hundred wild ducks since 20th February.

A severe storm passed over Havana on the 21st inst., causing the loss of several lives, and much damage to the shipping in port.

The prisoners of Richmond jail have revolted—or rather their stomachs have—against the fare furnished.

J. J. Roe, the head pork dealer in St. Louis, returns an income of forty thousand dollars. He can sing Clara Fisher's song, "Oh, lightly may the boat row."

The Bishop of Havana will not return, having been appointed to the See of Segovia.

It is estimated that there are over two thousand million rats and other rodents in France, doing damage to the amount of twenty million francs annually. Our "d. e. e." asks if the "rodents" above alluded to "are any kin to carpet-baggers."

A third party, it is said, will soon be formed. The Chase, in that event, will be an exciting one.

A hail storm passed over Ouachita, on the 20th, exceeding in severity any former visitation of the kind.

The Indians have renewed hostilities in the neighborhood of Chalk Bluff—murdering white men near Bosman City. Gen. Sherman has started in pursuit.

The Connecticut musician who offers to teach whistling "in six easy lessons," has now an opportunity of teaching Wade and his cabinet how to whistle a new tune—with several bars to it.

Senator Henderson, of Missouri, who voted against the "eleventh article," and been roundly abused, has sought consolation in matrimony, being about to wed Miss Foote, of New York. He showed good judgment in the Senate, but this alliance will strengthen his understanding.

A boy in Auburn State prison lately committed suicide after having undergone the terrible punishment of the "shower bath," than which nothing more torturing can be imagined. Oh, those humane Northern pietists!

The bridge connecting France and England is making some progress toward realization. Wonder if it will have any effect in abridging the immense distance between the mental thoughts and feelings of the two nationalities?

An atrocious case of cruelty has lately come before the Brooklyn courts. A little boy, about nine years old, was punished for an imaginary offense, by the matrons of a Protestant Asylum throwing oil of vitriol on the tenderest part of the body. The details are horrible.

At the grand banquet given by the Irish Lord Lieutenant to the Prince of Wales, Cardinal Cullen, the Archbishop of Armagh, and the President of Maynooth College were present. What would George III, and his conscience-keeper, Lord Kenyon, say to this? Truly, the world moves!

A mountebank in London attracts large crowds by throwing up a potato some feet in the air, and catching it on his forehead—smashing the potato into pieces. We know people who perform a potato feat by throwing it into an aperture between forehead and chin, and mashing it into a pulp.

A German physician has invented a light which enables doctors to view the interior of the human body. Pooh! new, indeed! Don't we hear people say every day, "I see through him as plain as lightning."

Although denied, it is true that Chief Justice Chase called upon the President after the vote on impeachment.

The ship *Colconda* left Savannah for Liberia, last week, with four hundred and fifty-one negro emigrants.

In the name of the Prophet, agh! But where? They've been announced, but have escaped our vision.

Napoleon lately rewarded a workman with a gold watch and chain, who had his own stolen while rescuing a drowning man.

Home, the spiritualist, has been condemned by an English court, to refund Mrs. Lyons £50,000, obtained by fraud. A lioness has invaded that snug little home.

The United States Senate resents the interference of the House with its privileges and dignity.

N. B. Judd declines an appointment as West Point visitor, in an insulting letter to the President. The appointment never was made. Judd makes a Judd of himself.

Mr. Cooper testified before the impeachment committee that he was offered \$40,000 to secure five votes for acquittal, by a brother-in-law of Senator Pomeroy.

Mr. George Ellis, No. 7 Old Levee street, opposite the postoffice, has obligingly furnished us with *Littell's Living Age* for May 15, *Waverly Magazine*, *Harper's Weekly* and *Basar*, and *Every Saturday*. His ample counters and shelves are crowded with literature in all its protean shapes.

It is reported that the council of Roman Catholic bishops, now in session at Quebec, have chosen Bishop Lynch, of Toronto, to be archbishop of the province, subject to final confirmation by the Pope. It is also announced that Father Dowd, of Montreal, will be appointed coadjutor bishop of this diocese, in place of Bishop Lynch.

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