MORNING STAR AND CATHOLIC MESSENGER

NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1868.

The Manchac Mania.

This brilliant project has been urged with such zeal and pertinacity in St. Louis and Louisville, and has obtained so favorable a hearing in some quarters, that even one of our most respectable city cotemporaries has been aroused into dignifying it with a serious protest. Follies of that sort might be allowed to exhibit their own puerility until an awakening sense of the ridiculous should hasten the return of reason. If, however, charity should prompt an expostulation for the sake of the victims, themselves, it ought to be made with an air of parental condescension, not of ill-concealed uneasiness.

If the enterprising Mobilians want Mississippi steamers to have a free passage into Lake Borgne on their way to Mobile bay, why spend three millions of dollars, as they propose, to open a doubtful and dangerous route, when fifty thousand dollars and a dredging machine would cut a passage from the river into the same lake at a point some ten to twenty miles below the city.

Secondly—What rate of insurance would be charged on the frail hulls of our high pressure steamers going forth, loaded to the guards with cotton, to encounter the billows and tempests of the Gulf and Sound?

Thirdly—Why carry the cotton to Mobile at all, to be brought back to the rear of this city by our lake steamers? In the cotton season, nearly every train that comes from the lake, and nearly every boat from Mobile, that comes up the New Canal, brings cotton from that port to this for shipment.

Fourthly—If steamboats can go alongside the big ships anchored in lower Mobile bay, and transfer freight directly and to advantage, why do not the Alabama river boats do so now? Why go to all the expense and delay of reshipment in lighters, to be carried to the lower bay? It can hardly enter into the calculation of a practical man to suppose that business will ever be carried on in that summary style—dispensing with commission merchants, factors, ship brokers, agents, etc., and supplying the whole machinery of commerce through the agency of the captains and mates. The captains would not like to turn from a professional investigation into the weather in order to sample cotton, neither would the mate drop his marlin-spike to hunt up advances on consignments, even at two and a half per cent.

Fifthly—If steamboats will go along side of ships in a tempestous bay to transfer cargo, why don't they do so here in the river at our levee, where every facility for such a system exists that can possibly be imagined?

Sixthly and lastly—If our friends of the oyster-shell city will just wait four or five years until New Orleans shall have been built up in continuous streets back to the lake, we shall probably relieve them of the three million Manchac necessity by opening that or some other route ourselves, for Mississippi steamers, into Pontchartrain, for the benefit of our lake front.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK.

CITY COUNCIL.—We were greatly apprehensive that a repitition of former disreputable disagreements was about to visit the new municipal government,—at least in one of its branches; but the good sense of the Board has spared us that humiliation, and now we are happy to say that the best spirit prevails in all departments, and hope soon to reap the benefit of the judgment and patriotism of the gentlemen having in charge our city affairs.

DISCREDITABLE.—Permitting the body of a murdered man to remain from nine o'clock at night till the same hour next morning within the vestibule of a restaurant, is not at all creditable to the official who permitted this shameful exposure; and, if we may judge from the reports in circulation, the subsequent proceedings in the premises are scarcely to be accounted for on the ordinary grounds of a judicial examination.

INQUEST.—At eight o'clock on Friday night, the jury of inquest brought in a verdict of wilful murder against the notary who caused the death of Major Manney. One of the jurors was for implicating Col. Luckett, as accessory. The coroner committed Col. Luckett to the Parish Prison, subject to the decision of the courts.

BEVERAGES.—People say that good claret is a more cooling drink, and more appropriate for a summer breakfast than coffee. The trouble sometimes, however, is to find a good article. If our readers will call at the store of Mr. Rebentisch, 72 Tchoupitoulas street, and examine the stock of wines, liquors, etc., which they will find advertised this morning, they may get something that they can rely on.

Delightful music can be heard by attending the grand Catholic festival to be given by the St. Joseph Pic-Nic Association at the Oakland Riding Park.

EDITORIAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Surratt is now to be tried for conspiracy only.

Geo. Francis Train was hissed at Liverpool recently.

The king of Belgium reviewed Farragut's fleet at Ostend.

The Parisians expend $5,000,000 annually on flowers.

Gov. Humphrey, of Mississippi, has been removed from office.

The Galveston *News* denies the existence of yellow fever in that city.

A confessional has been established in Trinity Church, New York.

Auber, the composer, is now in his eighty-ninth year, and quite active.

The East and West will soon come into collision on the financial question.

Louis Blanc writes eulogistically of Gen. Napier, the conqueror of Abyssinia.

Gen. Grant has confirmed Gen. Buchanan's proceedings regarding State officials.

Aiken, South Carolina, is to have a woman's educational association college.

It is reported that the Pope will issue a general amnesty to political offenders.

Ten million pounds sterling were expended on paupers in Great Britain last year.

Three and a half millions in specie left the port of New York last week for Europe.

Jews, it is said, live longer than others, in the proportion of thirty-seven to twenty-six.

Prairie wolves are very troublesome in Illinois. We have wolves nearer home than Illinois.

A robe of Alençon lace exhibited at the Paris Exposition is estimated as worth $40,000.

The Sultan has presented Napoleon with a cannon, sent by Francis I to the governor of Cyprus.

Horace Greeley is to be the Republican candidate for governor at the next New York election.

On the 14th inst. Houston was the scene of an incipient negro riot. It was met by prompt action.

A man named Coleman Pope, seventy years old, committed suicide in Indianapolis, a few days ago.

A colored man in Newport, R. I., voted twice for fun, and was fined one hundred dollars for his joke.

Montgomery Blair is spoken of as the probable successor of Reverdy Johnson in the United States Senate.

Wendell Phillips accuses the Masons of complicity in rescuing the President from conviction in the late trial.

Senator Saulsbury stands a chance of expulsion from the United States Senate on account of habitual drunkenness.

A clerical agent in England advertises that he has one hundred church livings for sale, at prices from £250 to £500.

William Chambers, the eminent Edinburgh publisher, is writing his auto-biography, to be published in the fall.

A petition signed by twenty-two thousand persons has been presented to the British Parliament in favor of woman's rights.

The Emperor Napoleon has had his photograph taken by the magnesium light. Some light on his dark policy would be acceptable.

Fifteen years ago, a man left Gardner, Maine, with $800, which he invested in Chicago lots. He now pays a tax on three million dollars.

A convention of border States colored men is to be held in Baltimore on the 4th of August. They complain of the Chicago platform as partial.

Boats will convey passengers to the grand Catholic festival at Oakland Riding Park, starting at the Magnolia bridge, New Basin, free of charge.

THE CATHOLIC WORLD.—We are again placed under obligations to Mr. P. F. Gogarty, Catholic bookseller and stationer, No. 151 Camp street, for the July number of this valuable magazine. This issue, like its predecessors, is replete with interesting and instructive reading, as a glance at its contents will prove.

Contents: A Plea for Liberty of Conscience—Benediction—Nellie Netterville; or, One of the Transplanted—Science and Faith—St. Mary Magdalen—Glimpses of Tuscany: I. The Duomo—The Condition and Prospects of Catholics in England—Sketches drawn from the Abbe Lagrange's Life of St. Paula—To the Count de Montalembert—The Legend of Glastonbury—The Sun—An Italian Girl of our Day—The Sanitary and Moral Condition of New York City—Wild Flowers—Faith and Poetry of the Bretons—Sayings of the Fathers of the Desert.

Desirable boarding, in a pleasant and convenient location, near the Garden District, may be secured by referring to the card of W. in another column.

CHEAP.—Ladies are invited to look among our new advertisements until they find Braselman & Co.'s announcement. They must be trying to get together enough money to lay in their fall stock early this year, to judge from the inducements held out in point of prices.

FISHERMEN, ATTENTION.—All those who go down into the waters of the lake for crabs, croakers, or mullet, and those who bob for trout beneath the shadows of the thousand-year live-oaks, on tranquil, dreamy bayous, are commended to the assistance of Mr. Auguste Theze, at No. 56 Bourbon street, whose advertisement appears elsewhere.

The ludicrous mule race, where the last mule wins, will take place on the fourth of July, at the picnic at Oakland Riding Park. "Where's your mule?"

[Communicated.]

LETTER FROM TEXAS.

GALVESTON, June 20, 1868.

Editor Morning Star and Catholic Messenger:

Sir—The first week in June our dear Convent chapel was the scene of three beautiful and imposing ceremonies: first, on the 4th our worthy bishop conferred the sacrament of confirmation on thirteen persons, eleven of whom were our loved companions. The others were adults recently converted. Second, on the 6th took place the beautiful ceremonies of which I am going to speak. But how can I give full vent to my feelings when even angels can scarcely admire sufficiently the sublimity of such actions, viz: the ordination of two young clergymen, Augustin Mary Joseph Peter Behr and Joseph Genolin, and the solemn profession of Miss Josephine Viendrier, (in religion, Madam St. Claude.) On this day, these virgins have pronounced the vows which irrevocably unite them to their God, whom their hearts so long desired to possess as their sole inheritance. What happiness, what joy must have filled their souls as they knelt before the altar, and felt the moment fast approaching when they were to bid adieu forever to beloved parents, and renounce the false pleasures and vanities of the world, to serve, with undivided hearts, their beloved Redeemer, for whom they so willingly sacrificed the noblest part of themselves—their will!

The young priests, whose duty is to go forth and announce the gospel of a God crucified, administer the sacraments, and lead souls by word and example, within the pale of the true Church, will be powerfully succored by the prayers and mortifications of our well-beloved teacher, whose days are to be hidden in Christ, within the precincts of her cloistered home where she can also participate in the zealous efforts of the missionaries of our poor Texas by her instructions and example.

Oh! what happiness do they now enjoy; Jesus is their portion, they live only for Him and for His glory. They have but one occupation, the fulfillment of the Divine Will...

O! yes, they have, indeed, chosen the "better part," for it is preferable to carry the cross of Jesus and follow Him during our earthly pilgrimage than to hearken to the voice of flesh and blood, which would only deprive us of possessing Him in eternity.

[Communicated.]

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE EXAMINATION.

'Mid the plethora of school examinations held during the past week, none has presented more points of interest than the one in question. It was at first feared that the good Brothers in charge had overshot the mark in selecting so large an auditorium as the National Theatre; but the result proved the correctness of their judgment: for, although the attendance on the first evening (Monday) was sufficient to fill every desirable seat in the body of the edifice, the concourse of Tuesday night was greater by several hundreds, obliging a large number of spectators to seek seats in the upper tiers.

It were a "twice told tale" to describe the lively appearance of the stage, with its row after row of bright-eyed, eager youths, of all scholastic classes, from the A-B-C-darians of Belles-Lettres to the graver students of Pliny and Xenophon, and the profound disciples of Euclid.

The happy appropriateness of the stage scenery, however, with its classic groves and temples, guarded by the mysterious sphynx, struck more than one observer by its fitness to the occasion. The audience consisted simply of men, women, and children, just as all other audiences; and yet it was different.

The majority, without being "spell-bound," "soul-enraptured," and all that, as common audiences like to be, enjoyed, nevertheless, a higher satisfaction in their heartfelt sympathy with the youthful actors—a sympathy known only to the hearts of parents, brothers, and sisters. Scattered through the crowd of spectators were spots of extra radiance, where little groups of happy faces surrounded the form of some venerable pastor, whose satisfaction seemed unbounded at witnessing a theatre devoted to *such a purpose*. It was, surely, a strange thing to see so many pious priests in *such a place*.

Unintentionally, this frame-work of the surroundings has already overlapped the space originally intended for the picture—the account of the exhibition itself. But the Brothers have only themselves to blame if they made the whole affair so interesting as to render an entire description impracticable.

For the rest, only the prominent points can be noted. The erect bearing, perfect drill, neat uniforms, and highly polished instruments of the cadet brass band, won universal admiration; which was increased by the accuracy of their musical performances.

The general self-possession of the pupils under examination, and whilst delivering their speeches, was also very remarkable; and quite beyond all praise were the clearness and precision of language used by many in their mathematical demonstrations; while their rapidity of calculation and figuring on the black-boards elicited frequent applause. Several of these youths are bound to *figure* largely in the world in future.

As a whole, the exhibition was a decided success, and fully maintained the high reputation of the Christian Brothers as solid and thorough instructors of youth. But, it has been gently suggested: first, that hereafter the boys be made to recite original compositions instead of the old hackneyed compositions of former ages, which, however meritorious, become tiresome by repetition; and secondly, that the examination be shortened, in view of the lateness of the hour at which the exercises are held.

Should the common schools of the city become paralyzed, as is threatened, it is a consolation for our citizens to be able to fall back upon such noble institutions as the Christian Brothers' College of St. Mary.

VIDETTE.

Fame is like a river, narrowest where its birth-place is; and broadest afar off.

[Communicated.]

TRIP TO MANDEVILLE.

On last Sunday, the St. Aloysius Literary Association of St. Joseph parish, celebrated their seventh anniversary. We were one of the fortunate few who received a polite invitation to attend the celebration. The members of the association and their invited guests were notified to attend mass at the Jesuits' Church at a quarter to five, and after having done so, they proceeded down to the Pontchartrain railroad depot, and thence as fast as steam could take them, to the fine steamer Camelia, which left the wharf at seven o'clock, for Mandeville, where the celebration was to take place.

The weather was delightful, and to those pent up within a crowded city for weeks, during this warm season, the refreshing lake breeze was pleasant indeed. We arrived at Mandeville about nine o'clock, and put up at Frangois's hotel, where, having rested, the greater number of the excursionists went to take a bath; but, as the water was very shallow at the particular bath house furnised them, it was not as pleasant as one might wish. Time was whiled away very agreeably in the shade of the large oaks which fill the garden of the hotel, until at two o'clock in the afternoon a most bounteous repast was served. Redfish, sheephead, croakers, tenderloin trout, spring chicken, and other delicacies, and, of course, someting good to wash them down.

Toasts were in order; the president of the association, the association itself, the invited guests, and the other usual sentiments offered on such occasions, were given and responded to. We are happy to say that some of the remarks made were even more practical and worthy of emphatic indorsement than is usual on such occasions. They were to the effect that some means should be devised of more closely uniting the young Catholics of the different parishes of the city. For instance, that a reading room might be established in some central locality, and to which the members of *all Catholic societies* would be admitted. By this means, young men who do not now belong to religious associations, might be induced to join them.

At five o'clock the Camelia returned from Covington; and after a most satisfactory, and, we may say, novel mode of doing honor to their anniversary, the St. Aloysians returned to await the coming of their next feast, certain that they cannot celebrate it more innocently or more pleasantly than they did on the 21st of June, 1868.

SCRIBE.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OUR TWO-BIT COUNTER
Has again been
REPLENISHED FROM OUR HIGHER PRICED STOCK,
in order to facilitate our
GREAT CLEARANCE SALE
—OF—
DRESS GOODS.
J. A. BRASELMAN & CO.,
586 and 588.....MAGAZINE STREET.....586 and 588
Corner of St. Andrew street. je28

AUGUSTE THEZE—MANUFACTURER AND dealer in all kinds of Fishing Articles, Seines of all descriptions, Cast Nets, Drag Nets, Crab Nets, Fish Hooks, Lines, etc., No. 56 Bourbon street, between Bienville and Conti streets, New Orleans.
AUGUSTE THEZE obtained, at the late Fair, two Diplomas—the highest awards—one for the best Fishing Seine, and the other for the best Cast Net. je28 1m

C. REBENTISCH,
DEALER IN
Wines, Liquors, Brandies, Cordials, Bitters, Champagne, Preserves, etc., etc.,
72.....Tchoupitoulas street.....72
(Between Poydras and Lafayette streets.)
je28 1m NEW ORLEANS.

TO RENT—ON VERY MODERATE TERMS, one of the most pleasantly situated rooms in the upper part of the First District; southern exposure, convenient to cars and good table. References exchanged. Address, W., Times office. je28 1m

N. W. HAYS. P. Q. TUNSTALL. J. P. TUNSTALL.
HAYS, TUNSTALL & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
—IN—
Western Produce, Hermetically Sealed Goods, Fruits, and General Merchandise.
Particular attention paid to Cottonbagging Business, Purchasing, and Forwarding.
34.....NEW LEVEE STREET.....34
NEW ORLEANS.
Connection of Russell, Hays & Co., St. Louis, Mo.
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BAKED TEA, (GREEN AND BLACK,) $1 25, $1 50 finest, $1 50 per lb., warranted equal to any Tea sold in this city at prices twenty-five per cent. higher. Imperial, $1 25, $1 40; finest, $1 60 per lb.; Oolong, $1, $1 20; finest, $1 40 per lb.; Japan and English Breakfast, $1 25; finest, $1 50 per lb. A trial of our Teas will insure your custom.
J. W. PLATT & CO.,
Corner Camp and Poydras streets.

BAKERIES AND BREADSTUFFS.

"MARGARET,"—(MARGARET HAUGHERY,)
BREAD AND CRACKERS BAKER,
No. 76 New Levee, near Poydras street, New Orleans.
Keeps constantly on hand a large assortment of Bread, Cream Biscuits, and Crackers of every description; all made by machinery, at lowest market prices. mhl 1y

CAHILL & COFFEY—
JACKSON CORN MILL AND FEED STORE,
Nos. 793 Levee and 35 Water streets, Fourth District,
NEW ORLEANS,
DEALERS IN
Hay Corn, Oats, Bran, Flour, Potatoes, Oil Cake, Rock Salt, etc., and Manufacturers of Self-Rising Flour.
Also have constantly on hand, a superior quality of fresh-ground Corn Meal, Oat Meal, Hominy, Grits, Chicken and Cow Feed, Corn Bran, etc.
All orders promptly filled and shipped, and goods delivered in any part of the city, free of drayage.
We sell cheap for Cash. Give us a call and convince yourselves. ap22 1y

AMUSEMENTS.

MOZART'S TWELFTH MASS.
Will be performed, with the approbation of the Most Rev. Archbishop Odin, by the Combined Church Choirs, accompanied with a full Orchestra and Organ, in St. Patrick's Church.
MOZART'S TWELFTH MASS,
ON MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 29, 1868, AT 7½ O'CLOCK.
Messrs. LaHache and Cellignon.....Directors.
Mr. Kirschenheuter.....Organist.
The proceeds to be forwarded to the Sovereign Pontiff, in aid of his present necessities.
TICKETS—$1 each, to be obtained at the Presbyteries of all the Catholic Churches, also, at LaHache's Piano Store, No. 17 Baronne street.
JOHN DEEVES, President.
JOHN HENDERSON, Vice President.
For Church Parish Delegates.
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Grand Catholic Festival and Re-Union
—OF—
THE ST. JOSEPH'S PIC-NIC ASSOCIATION
—ON—
SATURDAY, FOURTH OF JULY,
—AND—
THE AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1868,
—AT THE—
OAKLAND RIDING PARK.

Boats will ply regularly from Magnolia Bridge, New Basin, to the Grounds, conveying visitors to and from the Festival, free of charge.
Tickets of Admission—Fifty Cents. Children, under ten years of age, free.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY.
Saturday, Fourth of July.

The ceremonies will be opened by His Grace, the Most Reverend Archbishop, assisted by the Clergy of the Diocese.
After which, the Declaration of Independence will be read, and an Address delivered, together with the reading of a Poem appropriate to the occasion.
The Amusements will then commence in the following order:
HURDLE RACE; Mile heats, best two in three to win. Prize—Riding Whip and Spurs.
MULE RACE; Double Team, trotting to harness, mile heats, best two in three to win. Prize—A handsome Silver Cup, engraved.
If more than three teams are entered, the entries shall be equally divided, and the winner in each division in the first heat only shall be entitled to run in the second.
Persons entering in this race must own the teams they enter.
RUNNING RACE; (Horses,) mile heats, best two in three to win. Prize—Racing Saddle and Bridle.
SCRUB RACE; (Mules,) dash of one mile, last mule to win. No interested party to ride his own mule. None but sound mules shall be allowed to be entered. Prize—Plated Spurs.
FOOT RACE; Quarter of a mile; open to all persons. Prize—Silver Medal.
FOOT RACE; Two hundred yards—for boys. Prize—Silver Medal.
SACK RACE; One hundred yards, open to all persons. Prize—Meerschaum Pipe.
HORIZONTAL BALANCE POLE. Various Prizes.
GREASY POLE. Various Prizes.
GREASY PIG. Catch 'em and Take 'em.
GRAND FOOT-BALL MATCH.

SECOND DAY.
Sunday, July 5.

TROTTING RACE; Mules to harness, mile heats, best two in three to win. Prize—A splendid Silver Pitcher, engraved, presented by the ladies of Jefferson City and Fourth District.
If more than three mules are entered, the entries shall be equally divided, and the winner in each division in the first heat only shall be entitled to run in the second.
MULE RACE; Running under saddle, mile heats, best two in three to win. Prize—Saddle and Bridle.
TROTTING RACE; Hack horses to harness, mile heats, best two in three to win. Prize—A handsome Driving Whip.
If more than three horses are entered, the entries shall be equally divided, and the winner in each division in the first heat only shall be entitled to run in the second.
FOOT RACE; Two hundred yards, open to all persons weighing one hundred and seventy-five pounds, or over. Prize—Silver Medal.
FOOT RACE; Three hundred yards, open to all persons. Prize—Silver Medal.
SACK RACE; One hundred yards, open to all persons. Prize—Meerschaum Pipe.
HORIZONTAL BALANCE POLE. Various Prizes.
GREASY POLE. Various Prizes.
GREASY PIG. Catch 'em and Take 'em.
GRAND FOOT-BALL MATCH.
When there is but one entry, no prize will be given.
Entries for any of the above races can be made with the Secretary, at the office of the Committee of Arrangements, No. 35 Poydras street.
No entries for the horse or mule races will be received after Wednesday, July first.
The Festival will close each evening at eight o'clock, punctually, at which time the last boat will leave the Grounds for the city.

STEWARDS AND COMMITTEES.
The following gentlemen have been appointed to act as Stewards and Committees during the Pic-Nic:

STEWARDS.

Michael Casey,	Hugh Fitzpatrick,
Thomas Markey,	Hugh McManus,
E. M. Houghton,	D. P. Scanlan,
Thomas O'Neill,	John Kirwan,
John T. Gibbons,	Dennis Cleary,
J. Coleman,	James Burton,
William Sheridan,	Christopher Ducey,
John Magner,	Nicholas Ferguson,
William Mahan	James O'Dowd,
Thomas Egan,	James McKoon

RACING COMMITTEE.
John Rooney, Thomas Markey,
Michael Casey.

COMMITTEE ON BOOTHS AND REFRESHMENTS.
William Hart, Thomas Byrnes, Thomas Eagan.

COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS AND AMUSEMENTS.

J. J. Finney,	J. E. O'Dowd,
William H. Byrnes,	J. M. Gleason,
James Finney,	P. P. Dumestre,

John Markey.

COMMITTEE ON BOATS AND TRANSPORTATION.

Henry McGuinn,	John Hefron,
William Lee,	John Ford.

COLLECTORS ON BOATS.

M. B. Gardner,	P. F. Curley,
John Hannon,	Patrick Bassett,

GATE KEEPERS AND POLICE.

John Power,	James Bagnel,
Thomas McArdle,	Edward Shooter,
M. J. Kernaghan,	Thomas Mahon,
P. Kane,	N. Long,
James Tierney,	Michael Feighney,
John Sinnott,	James Hays.

JOHN McCAFFREY, President.
P. A. FINNEY, Secretary. je21 2t