

MORNING STAR AND CATHOLIC MESSENGER'S NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1868.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Board of Aldermen.—There was a regular meeting of this Board on Tuesday night last. A resolution from the Lower Board authorizing the sale of certain property in the parish of St. Bernard, was referred to the Finance Committee. The Controller was authorized to warrant on the Treasurer for the payment of \$500 due to H. N. Ogden for legal services. The office of Powder Magazine Keeper was abolished. A resolution was introduced providing for the redemption of city money, by issuing bonds to the amount of \$3,000,000, to bear date December 1st, 1868, payable twenty-five years after date, and to bear 7-30 per cent. interest. The bonds not to be disposed of at less than par. A tax of one quarter of one per cent. to be levied upon all real estate, personal property and licenses paid into the Treasury; this tax to be specially appropriated for the payment of the bonds when due and the interest thereon. A special tax of five per cent. to be levied after the 1st of January, 1869, on all city notes not paid into the Treasury before that date—the bonds to be free from taxation. Provision is made that the Mayor shall issue a proclamation to the qualified voters of this city, after the expiration of ten days, to vote for or against the ordinance. The ordinance was adopted, after some discussion.

Board of Assistant Aldermen.—The Board met pursuant to adjournment. The Treasurer's report for the week ending October 31, showed receipts, \$476,198 42; expenditures, \$30,009 06, and a balance on hand of \$386,289 36; also for the week ending November 7, which shows receipts, \$580,544 08; expenditures, \$128,004 26 and a balance on hand of \$452,539 82. The Mayor transmitted to the Board a report from the Superintendent of the Water Works. Reports from the Street Commissioner, Surveyor and Controller were received and appropriately referred. The Finance Committee reported adversely on claims for damages caused by the late flood.

THE CITY.—Since people have acquiesced in the election results, no substitute has been found to occupy thought. The panic at the North excited but little attention, although there was some talk about an increase of funds to move Southern crops, which have turned out better than was anticipated. The weather during the first part of the week was unseasonably sultry, but on Tuesday an east wind brought out overcoats in the day and blankets at night. This agitation of the blood seemed to stimulate business, and now something like brisk trade is being carried on. There seems to be a determination to make the most of the situation, if application, energy and enterprise, can conduce to that end.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD.—Some feeling was manifested at the last meeting of this Board, growing out of a resolution offered by Mr. W. H. Rogers, to prevent direct communication from the teachers of the schools with the Board, and directing that all communications shall be made through the Superintendent. The discussion was sharp, one member broadly asserting that the vaunted Public Schools of the city of New Orleans were used to promote the personal interests of certain directors and their relations.

ACCIDENTS.—Mr. Charles Porter was thrown from his buggy on Wednesday last, at the corner of Canal and Claiborne sts., his head coming in contact with the stones and inflicting rather serious wounds. On the same day a little girl fell from the gallery of her father's house in Poydras Fields street, injuring her spine so severely that it is thought she will be a cripple for life.

BRAZILIAN PEBBLE SPECTACLES.—Milton has been charged with cruelty in compelling his daughters to read Latin to him—which they did not understand—for a prolonged time at a sitting. But Milton was blind and—a genius, and therefore not amenable to ordinary rules. Had the Brazilian Spectacles been invented in his day, the author of Paradise Lost might have preserved his sight and his reputation for humanity.

Sir Isaac Newton's discoveries in optics have paved the way for improvements, culminating in new applications of that science that have proved highly efficacious in ameliorating affections arising from abnormal conditions of the optic nerves. The adaptation of the Brazilian stones to remedy decayed or originally defective sight, have done wonders in this direction; and we can personally testify to the excellence of these glasses, having procured a pair some eight years ago of Mr. Kernaghan—and if we can't see as deep into a millstone as some we know of, we can at least say that we can't be accused of using a glass too much.

We have great pleasure in referring to the list of new advertisers in to-day's issue.—We trust this is but an earnest of what is to follow. We notice that our Catholic contemporaries at the North and West enjoy a large share of advertising patronage, and we are sure our columns offer equal advantages. Let our friends follow up this auspicious beginning of the business season, and we will soon give their favors the benefit of an unsurpassed circulation.

Persons desiring a roomy and central residence will do well to read an advertisement in another column headed, "House to Rent," the reference being to Robinson & Alston, Commercial Place, or to D. P. Scanlan, at the Morning Star office.

At a meeting of the New Orleans Bar on the 9th inst., resolutions were passed honoring the memory of Judges Rost, Buchanan and E. W. Moise.

A COLLECTION.

To editors of the Morning Star and Catholic Messenger: Dear Sirs.—In Sunday's Times, Nov. 8th, under the ordinary notice of Mr. Hays, appeared a letter purporting to be from his late residence. In it the writer described very beautifully the disease with which the young man was affected—the remedies which had been skillfully applied to arrest its progress—its result in death, and the cause which, in the writer's mind, produced such a consequence. The tone of the letter reminds me of a little boy detected in some mischief, who, seeing his mother approach, and fearing a castigation, screams and jumps and protests that he did not do it; it was his little sister.—"It wasn't me, it was my sister." Did the professional gentleman fear that his mother—the public, had a rod in pickle for him, that he thought it necessary to justify himself in advance? The tone of his letter would seem to warrant the conclusion. After a sickness of four years, the young man was growing rapidly better, under skillful treatment of course. A last effort must be made to put his cure beyond question. Learned and skillful surgeons are called in; the writer of the letter I should presume among the number. A most masterly operation is performed; the young man must recover. He is improving rapidly. Did he recover? No, he did not. Ah! but it was not the doctor's fault. When was it known that an operation of that kind had ever failed; especially performed by such skillful gentlemen? It must be the fault of some one else. "It wasn't me, it was my sister." That is it, it was the Sisters. The young man had to be removed up stairs—the room was damp; he could not have a fire; he was attacked with pneumonia and died. A beautiful case made out; "that it was not me, it was my sister." The present writer owes a great debt of gratitude to the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu, and to the worthy gentleman who attends them as visiting physician. In fact he owes his life, after God, to the tender care of the Sisters and the skillful treatment of Dr. Boyer during a violent attack of yellow fever last year. As may be imagined, he was not particularly pleased at the insinuations thrown out against the Sisters and their institution in the aforementioned letter. He thought it would bear a little investigation. He did investigate it, in such a way, however as to create no suspicion of his intent. The result is before you. The young man was removed to the second story, but as the writer of the letter had him improving steadily from March until September, when the operation was performed, and from that event until the overflow he must have then been quite robust, and could not suffer much from removal. But the dampness. If the writer of the letter wished to establish his death by dampness he should have kept him on the first floor; for any one who has ever been in the Hotel Dieu and has seen its lofty and spacious corridors, its commodious, well-ventilated rooms—the equal of which it is difficult to find in any other hospital, will be very slow to credit him, that there can be much dampness in the second floor of the Hotel Dieu. The great charge of want of fire during the overflow is equally without foundation. I found, on inquiry, that the young man had a fire in his room constantly, night and day; and that so far from improving after the operation was performed, he sank gradually, but steadily, until he died. So much for the justice of him who styles himself "Justitia." It is too much, perhaps, considering the little pride that is in us all, to ask a physician to acknowledge that he has been mistaken in the remedies that he applies to a disease; but it is not too much to ask him not to compromise the character of innocent persons by attributing to them the cause of his failure. He certainly is badly off, who is under the necessity of establishing a character by defaming others, or of excusing for unsuccessful practice by shifting the responsibility where it does not belong. He who is mean enough to do so, will find, as in the present case, that he is a loser by his experiment. Honorable men always cry down such trickery.

The Hotel Dieu has established a character for itself second to no other hospital in the country. It numbers among its friends and patrons many of the most respectable of all classes and conditions. It is one of the institutions of our city of which all feel proud, and we must be excused if we watch with jealousy over its interests. We would, then, respectfully ask Mr. "Justitia" to hunt up some other cause for the failure of his experiment, as we are by no means prepared to accept the present one. A FRIEND OF TRUTH.

WITH THE NEWS.—The conclusion of this article will be found on the sixth page. The deductions of the author are widely different from those of a Philadelphia contemporary, who estimates the loss to Catholics of 200,000 children in one city alone, per year. The writer in Putnam says, on the contrary, that Catholics are increasing rapidly. He says: "And as for the matter of the numerical increase of Catholic membership, it is gaining on that of the total population of the country at the rate of about twelve per cent. per annum, compounded at that. Consider what such facts mean and point to, you who thought that Garibaldi was going to finish the papacy a few months ago—you who believe that it is dying of a complication of printing presses, steam engines, and submarine cables!"

SEWING MACHINES.—Every body sews now-a-days. People are not so extravagant or prone to idleness as before the war, but that is no reason why the pride they take in their new-born industry should make the ladies work more than is necessary. One good sewing machine would save them an immense amount of time. But the question is where to get a perfectly reliable machine. Mr. McNulty, No. 7 Camp street, assures us that he warrants every Singer Machine which he sells to give complete satisfaction, and that he will take them back within a reasonable time if not satisfactory.—His advertisement in another column is worth reading.

CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS IN JAPAN.—We published some time ago a short paragraph in relation to the persecution of the Christians in Japan. The following we find in the *Eastern Journal*, and though it adds but little to our previous knowledge on this painful subject, we give it, awaiting fuller details with great anxiety. The correspondent says: While enjoying the beauties of this coast, we met a Japanese steamer, the Sir Harry Parkes, bearing the flag of the full moon—the national ensign. This steamer sailed from Nagasaki three weeks ago, with four hundred native Christians on board, who had been arrested, thrown into prison, taken on board of this steamer, and carried off to no one knows whither. There are stories that they have been taken to sea and thrown overboard; but the more probable supposition is that they have been taken to the mines, away north, on the island of Yesso. It is virtually a sentence of slave martyrdom. They will be worked hard, poorly fed, and subject to cruel treatment. The only indictment against them is that they are Christians.

What a vitality there is in a religious idea! Some of these people are but recent converts to Christianity, but through the three hundred years which have elapsed since the expulsion of the Jesuits, Christianity has lived in this Japanese Empire. Persecution has failed to root it out. One of our passengers is the Catholic prelate of Japan, on his way to Yokohama, to see the French ambassador in regard to the persecution. He informs me that there are probably one hundred thousand Christians in the Empire. He is already in communication with twenty thousand. They have held their faith in secret, have met in the mountains, in caves and dens, maintained rude forms of prayer and ceremonies of worship. The present persecution is instigated by the priests of Buddha. One of them last year came to Nagasaki, called upon Mr. Verbeck, a Dutchman, who is trading in Nagasaki, stayed with him awhile, obtained some information in regard to Christianity, and then disappeared.—Not long since a pamphlet was published, inciting hostility to the new religion. Mr. Verbeck at once recognized it as the production of the priest who had been under his instruction. It is the priests of Buddha who have stirred up the government to commence this relentless persecution.

DR. ALLEN, DENTIST.—The preservation of the teeth when sound, their restoration when defective, and the supply of new sets, when nature has exhausted her powers, is a matter deserving serious attention. Dr. Allen has had long experience and much success in all these operations, and we are assured by those who ought to know that his clients are loud in their praise of his manipulations. See his advertisement.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. de Hart, whose card appears elsewhere, is one of our oldest and most successful dentists. He has removed from his former location to a more central position, 167 Canal street.

REAL ESTATE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.—No movement for years has met with such general approbation and acceptance as that lately inaugurated by the property owners of New Orleans for mutual protection. One sentiment pervades all classes—that more efficiency, intelligence and probity must be infused into the administration of municipal affairs. The steps already taken give promise of good results, and from the well-known character of the gentlemen at the head of the undertaking, the full accomplishment of the object sought by the organization may be safely anticipated. See advertisement.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOUIS GRUNEWALD'S MUSIC STORE AND PIANO FORTE WAREHOUSES, No. 129 CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS. Sole Agent for the Celebrated STEINWAY & SON'S PIANOS. MASON & HAMLIN'S ORGANS. Both of which houses have received first prizes at the late Paris Exhibition.

These instruments are considered the best ever manufactured, and the public is respectfully invited to examine the same before purchasing. Also on hand, a large stock of Pleyel and other low priced Pianos, which will be sold at prices to suit the times. mh2 17

A LECTURE BY THOS. J. SEMMES, Esq., FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, will be delivered at ST. ALPHONSUS HALL, on MONDAY EVENING, November 23, 1868, at 7 o'clock. Subject—"Reason and Authority." Tickets 50 cents each. To be had at the Book Stores, and at the Hall on the evening of the Lecture. n15 21

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIBERNIAN DEMOCRATIC CLUB, held on the 10th inst., it was resolved that the Club adjourn sine die. The members of the Club, and all others willing to form a Benevolent Association, will meet on SUNDAY, 15th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., at the School-house on Marigny street, between Gretna and Casacalvo streets. By order of the Committee. n15

HIBERNIAN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION. An adjourned meeting of the above Association will be held at the Hall of the Christian Brothers, on Fouquier street, between St. Joseph and Julia, on Monday evening, 10th inst., at half past 7 o'clock. n15 16 MICHAEL O'CONNOR, Secretary.

SINGER'S CELEBRATED NEW FAMILY SEWING MACHINE. The best Sewing Machine ever offered to the public. It does all the work of the hand, and is the only Machine ever invented that embraces with the Lock-Stitch, and on account of its adjustable foot has a greater range of work than any other. It is used almost exclusively by all the Lady Milliners and all the Convents of this city, and it has the greatest circulation of any Machine in the world. I warrant every Machine I sell to give satisfaction, and after a fair trial to return the money if it does not do so. JOHN MCNULTY, 7 Camp street, New Orleans. Wholesale and Retail Agency for Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, and Alabama, and agent for George Clark's Celebrated NEW THREAD. Sewing Machine Twist and Flax Thread, of the best quality, on Dress Makers, Tailors and Saddlers, constantly on hand. n15 3m

DR. J. W. ALLEN, DENTIST. Can be consulted at his office, 145 Canal street, corner of Bourbon. Dr. Allen will be assisted by Dr. FLOUGH, Jr., and Dr. COCHRANE, both skillful in the Dental art. All who desire good operations, or desirable and beautiful Artificial work, will call as above. All the most approved means for painless operations will be used. Painless dentistry inserted the same day their teeth are extracted. Will please call before 10 a. m. n15 1m MISS MCAULLEY,

161.....CANAL STREET.....161. Begs leave to inform her numerous patrons that she is now opening a new and complete line of Ladies and Most Varied Assortments of MILLINERY GOODS in the city. In addition to which she offers great inducements in CLOAKS, having a very large stock; Fashionably Made, and of Rich Material, which can be sold at Very Low Prices, ranging from \$15 to \$25, and \$30. Special care is given to the DRESS MAKING DEPARTMENT. All orders promptly attended to. n15 1m

OFFICE OF THE REAL ESTATE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION. Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange Building. At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on Monday evening, November 9, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the Committee on Laws, Finance, and Taxation are hereby instructed to employ counsel to contest the legality of the Act of the last Legislature imposing the one per cent. special State tax. Members upon whom notice of this tax has been served are invited to exhibit the same at this office immediately. Members who have signed the Book are requested to call and get their certificates of membership. (Office hours from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. By order of the Board. n15 6 SAM'L FLOWER, Secretary.

CRESCENT GROCERY. GRAVIER STREET, CORNER OF RAMPART. WILLIAM HART, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FAMILY GROCER. Dealer in Choice Wines, Liquors, and Teas. C's and Country orders solicited, and punctually attended to. Goods delivered in all parts of the city free of charge. Choice GOSHEN BUTTER always on hand. n15 3m

J. McCAFFREY & CO. DEALERS IN GRAIN, CORN MEAL AND HAY. 30.....POYDRAS STREET.....30 Corner of Fulton. n15 3m

DOCTOR BERTHELOT, Office No. 170 Canal street. Office hours from 9 to 10 A. M., from 12 to 3, and from 6 to 7 P. M. Residence No. 91 Prytanais street, New Orleans. n15 3m

J. A. DE HART, DENTIST. 167.....CANAL STREET.....167 Next door to Lopez's Confectionery. n15 3m

D. M. C. HUGHES, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 34.....ST. PETER STREET.....34 NEW ORLEANS. n15

BLACKMAN'S MUSIC STORE, 104.....CANAL STREET.....104 NEW ORLEANS. (Directly Opposite Christ Church.) Depot for

Wm. Knabe & Co.'s Baltimore PIANOS. Groversteer, Fuller & Co.'s PIANOS. Geo. A. Prince & Co.'s Automatic ORGANS, Edwards' Baltimore ORGANS. And for the SHEET MUSIC Publications of the "Correspondance Musicale," La Haye, Holland. n15 3

A CARD. 110.....CANAL STREET.....110 NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 7, 1868. A rumor having reached the undersigned that the Store opened by him for the sale of BOYS' CLOTHING and MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS is in some way connected with an older establishment, he takes this method of informing his friends and the public that the only persons interested in his business, either directly or indirectly, are his patrons, and his constant endeavor will be to make their interest his by giving good interest for their money. All reports contrary to the above are untrue, and without the slightest foundation. B. T. WALSHE, n15 11 No. 110 Canal, near St. Charles street.

THE ONLY TRUE AND PERFECT HAIR COLOR. THE MYSTERY; or TURNER'S HAIR TINT. A Harmless, Beautiful, and Permanent Hair Dye. This is built upon preparation. No washing is required either before or after using. It can be applied with the utmost ease, and produces any required shade, from the lightest to the deepest black, the natural hair being so perfectly assumed as to defy detection. By its use all the troubles and annoyances of other Hair Dyes is avoided, as it is cleanly in its application, deliciously perfumed, free from all deleterious ingredients, and certain in its effects. PRICE ONE DOLLAR A BOX. For sale wholesale and retail by BALL, LYONS & CO., WHEELOCK, FINLAY & CO., Wholesale Druggists, New Orleans, and by Druggists everywhere. A sample box sent free by mail on receipt of price, by the proprietor, JAMES TURNER, Chemist, 63 1/2 Magazine street, New Orleans. n15 1m

IMPORTANT NOTICE. To all who value their Sight, and wish to improve it. KERNAGHAN & CO., 11.....CAMP STREET.....11. Beg leave to offer to those in need of Lenses, their GENUINE BRAZILIAN PEBBLE SPECTACLES, warranted to preserve the eyes unimpaired to extreme old age. "Their construction," says a celebrated writer on optics, "is in accordance with the philosophy of nature, in the form concavo-convex mirror," and their transparency is so perfect that the wearer can only perceive he has them on by the improvement in his sight. The advantages of our improved Brazilian Pebble Spectacles have been fully tested by the most scientific men of both Europe and America, and approved as the best spectacles now known for the preservation of the injured vision. KERNAGHAN & CO., For sale only by n15 3m Opticians, No. 11 Camp street.

HOUSE FOR RENT.—The two story frame house 83 1/2 Grand street, between Franklin and Basin streets, containing eight rooms, hydrant and large closets, rent from the first of December. Apply to ROBINSON & ALSTON, 22 Commercial Place, or to D. P. SCANLAN, Morning Star Office. n15 1m E. CONERY, E. CONERY, JR. E. CONERY & SON. WHOLESALE GROCERS, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, AND DEALERS IN WESTERN PRODUCE, 60.....MAGAZINE STREET.....60 New Orleans.