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[Special to the N. O. Democrat.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1875.

The President, with heads of departments, are in Philadelphia on a visit to the Centennial grounds.

On Tuesday Speaker Kerr will announce the committees, and Congress will then adjourn to the 5th of January.

The Louisiana question has not been finally settled yet, but will come up again and be thoroughly ventilated when the expected memorial of the State Convention is presented to Congress. The Louisiana delegation will then be heard from. Pinchback's chances are not encouraging, and he threatens to resign.

The Judgeship is still in doubt. Billings' name is said to have been sent in with the belief that it will be rejected. Geo. S. Lacey is West's next favorite, and he will be probably confirmed. Minister Foster has been mentioned as one whose appointment would give general satisfaction.

An investigation of the New Orleans whisky ring is agitated. It is said that Kellogg, Casey, West, Herron, Cockrell, Stockdale and some New Orleans gentlemen are implicated. To protect the growth a convenient United States judge is indispensable. Williamson tore his mission in disgust.

Documents from New Orleans have been placed in the hands of a Republican Senator, showing West's, Cockrell's and Lacey's administration of the Department of Improvements and office of City Attorney, also Herron and West's transactions as United States Marshal and Deputy. Rich exposures may be looked for and somebody will squeal.

Pierrepont is indignant at Loan's order relative to Barrett. He believes it was instigated by Kellogg and Packard, and has asked for satisfactory explanations from Packard, or his resignation. Barrett has forwarded order and charges of intimidation against both Packard and Kellogg. Packard, in a dispatch, threatens to resign unless Barrett is removed. Pierrepont refuses to be dictated to, and will make it warm for the Boys.

For the Southern and Atlantic Telegraph Company, corner Carondelet and Gravier streets. John B. Lafitte, President; E. Lelour, Manager.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Gen. Babcock expected to arrive at St. Louis to-day to plead to the indictment against him. His case will probably be carried to the United States Circuit Court, January term.

The President and nearly all the Cabinet having gone to Philadelphia, there has been a plentiful lack of items at the White House and departments to-day. Few Congressmen remain in the city, quite a number having returned to their homes in view of the fact that no business is to be done, when the House meets on Monday to adjourn for the holidays. It is not certain the Speaker will announce the committees that day, as he is still engaged in revising the list. A midsummer dullness and a midwinter temperature prevails here. It is by no means certain, some predict, that Senator Other Mr. Ferry will be chosen as presiding officer of the Senate. The resolution offered by Mr. Edmunds yesterday providing for an election, looks simply to be final determination of the question as to whether Vice President Wilson having died," N. Ferry is lawfully President of the Senate pro tem.

Mr. Edmunds, speaking for himself, said he had no doubt that he was, and this is probably the opinion of the majority of the Senate.

There are some, however, who believe that Mr. Anthony, by reason of his long service, has superior claims to the position. Be this as it may, there is scarcely a reason to doubt that the moment Mr. Wilson died Mr. Ferry became invested under the Constitution with the functions of Vice President of the United States, and that of the functions he cannot be divested except by impeachment. To put the case still plainer, had the President of the United States died the day following the decease of the Vice President, it would have devolved upon Mr. Ferry to at once qualify and entered upon the discharge of the duties of Chief Executive of the United States.

It has been asserted that the Senate has the right to change its presiding officer pro tem.; and the exercise of that power, when that office has lawfully inherited the office of Vice President, is of very doubtful propriety, to say the least.

An amendment to the Constitution on this point would be preferable to any precedent which the Senate may make on the 7th of January, since precedents are frequently disregarded.

The following were the balances in the Treasury at the close of business to-day: Currency, $9,544,14; special deposit of legal tenders for the redemption of certificates of deposit, 45,460,000; gold, $59,206,263; including coin certificates, $21,447,000; outstanding legal tenders, $327,471,272.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The weather, which for some days past has been quite mild, has again suddenly turned cold, and the thermometer this morning is down to fifteen degrees above zero. Scarcely any snow has fallen thus far this season.

The velocipede race for long distance, championship and $500, between A. P. Messenger and W. E. Haring, was begun at the Rink last evening. Both contestants started precisely at 9 o'clock and will finish at 9 o'clock to-night.

Messenger completed twenty miles at thirty-nine minutes past 10 o'clock, and Harding completed the same distance at forty-seven minutes past 10 o'clock, when both rested for a short time.

A Herald cable special from London says the Peruvian legation in this city announces the suspension of payment on the coupons of bonds of the Republic due first next January. The result of this announcement is a rupture of the Peruvian contract with the "Societe Generale." The Lima government is unable to meet the money crisis, which it says is only temporary. The *Pall Mall Gazette* writing editorially on the subject says the time therefore has come for bondholders to write for protection of their interest. The default of payment on coupons afford a formal pretext for forming an association, for this purpose commission must negotiate directly with the Peruvian government for the management of the guano pledged to them.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A special from Savannah, Ga., says: Nick Thompson, negro, who killed Capt. James A. Hunter, at Quitman, in October 1874, was hung in Savannah yesterday morning. Gov. Smith refused to reprieve him.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Weather to-day intensely cold, with piercing wind. All the ponds in the vicinity are frozen, and the skating season is now opened. Central Park lake, however, is not yet in a fit condition for skaters, but the ball will undoubtedly open in a few days should the present spell of Arctic weather continue.

Five steamers sailed for Europe to-day: The England, Baltic, Bolivia, Oder and City of Richmond. They carried a large cargoe, but fewer passengers than at any time during the year; ninety-three cabin and 450 steerage passengers sailed for Europe to-day.

A velocipede race between Harding and Messenger, at the Rink, attracted a large crowd at 1 p. m. Harding had accomplished 188 miles, Messenger 186.

Charles O'Conor is gradually but steadily improving. He eats better, is quite cheerful and rests well.

MISCELLANEOUS.

AUGUSTA, Ga. Dec. 18.—The race between Basil Duke, trotter, and pacing mare Lucy, billed for to-day at Augusta race track, was witnessed by a couple of hundred persons. The stakes were $1000 on the mare against $750 on the horse, Lucy to pace to a ninety pound wagon and Duke to a fifty pound sulky. The track being heavy gave the horse a decided advantage, and the crowd was surprised to see the horse win the first heat; but Lucy changed the aspect of things by taking the pole on the first quarter in the second heat, and keeping it, winning the second and third heats. In the fourth heat Duke again got ahead and won the heat. At this point it was so late they concluded to postpone the fifth heat until Monday, when the first fight of the main between Georgia and Tennessee takes place at the race track. On Tuesday and Wednesday there will be ten fights each day. There were a good many scratch fights to-day; none worth reporting.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The Common Council have made arrangements with the contractors of the various departments, who have agreed to take on a number of men at sixty cents a day. This, with a number of men to be employed on the mountain work, etc., will, it is believed, give work to about 2000 men. This will yet leave several thousand men in a starving condition, and the end yet.

Everything is quiet here at present. During the night the armory was strongly guarded. The police are still under arms, ready for any emergency. Disturbance is feared to-morrow. The weather is extremely cold.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 18.—Messrs. Greene and Cranston, one of the leading banking houses of this city, suspended to-day.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 18.—For several years the people of Macon and Putnam counties in this State have been subject to the depredations of a regularly organized band of robbers, who styled themselves "Friendly Brothers" or "Red Legs," and who had their headquarters in the mountains, six miles from Winfield, the county seat of Putnam. Last week a person introduced himself to the band, pledged himself friendly to the cause, and procured evidence of their complicity in a large number of robberies and other crimes. This information was communicated to the citizens of Winfield, who organized a company and started in pursuit of the robbers, nineteen of whom were captured and lodged in jail. The captain and several of the band escaped, but are being pursued.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—The Scott House at Forest, Ohio, was destroyed by fire yesterday, with its contents. Loss heavy; no insurance.

The murder of Webb, the colored man, at London, Ohio, Thursday night, has been pretty well fastened on Geo. Barnes. An officer is in search of him. He is supposed to have gone to Springfield or Urbana.

This was the coldest morning of the season; the thermometer indicated 6 degrees above zero.

James Donoughe's tannery, on Bridgwater street, was burned yesterday. Loss $4000; no insurance.

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—The failure of D. A. Ross & Co., lumber dealers in this city, is announced. The firm's liabilities are estimated at $500,000; their assets are reported to be about $400,000.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—A fire broke out this morning in the establishment of J. C. Cauldwell & Son, 130 West Second street, and gutted the building. Firm's loss about $6000 on stock. The building, belonging to Pold & Henry, was damaged to the extent of $5000.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—A dispatch received at the Merchants' Exchange states that the brig Julia H. Dallingham, of Boston, Capt. Emerson, from Gonez for Marseilles, was wrecked on the 5th of December near Mount Rugginose, and all but two of the crew were lost. A part of her cargo will be saved.

J. N. Goldsmith & Co.'s naval stores have failed. Liabilities $120,000, including $20,000 in indorsed paper. The nominal assets are $30,000, of which $11,000 is in cash.

SARATOGA, Dec. 18.—Slater Jewell, aged 98 years and 11 months, died last night. He and his wife were the oldest married couple in this county. Mrs. Jewell will be 98 years old in January.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 18.—A wooden block of tenement houses, occupied at present only by the owner, Patrick Johnson, was partly consumed by fire this morning. Incendiary arrangements had been made to start a fire in each of the unoccupied houses. Loss $6000. The weather was so intensely cold that the firemen were covered with ice, and the hose froze as soon as the water was shut off.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—The new tonnage added to the lake marine in 1875 consists of two side steamers, thirteen propellers, fourteen schooners and two barges, aggregating 18,780 tons and valued at £1,479,000. The decrease from last year is 54,518 tons valued at $2,368,690.

KEARNEY JUNCTION, Neb., Dec. 18.—Last night the jury empanneled in the case of Jordan P. Smith, indicted for the murder of Milton M. Collins, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. A motion for a new trial was argued by counsel and overruled, and the prisoner was sentenced to be hanged on the 4th day of April, 1876. The case has excited considerable interest here.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 18.—The river in the past twenty-four hours has fallen six inches, leaving four feet six inches in the channel. The rivers are falling above the city, and cold weather is slightly interfering with navigation. The boats on the Ohio, however, will be able to run for some time yet.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 18.—During the past week a number of daring attempts have been made by scoundrels to burn the village of Astoria, and so persistent had they become in their endeavors to carry out their plot, that to insure protection residents were compelled to form a vigilance committee and nightly station themselves at various points of the village. The villains are not now to be found.

GALVESTON, Dec. 18.—A party of Mexicans crossed the river below San Felipe yesterday, and stole 800 head of cattle and sixty horses. Citizens are organizing and will pursue them.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—This morning, at 9½ o'clock, the Centennial Congressional delegation, the President and party, and the Justices of the Supreme Court, and other distinguished visitors, were driven to the Centennial grounds, and inspected the various buildings. All the strangers expressed the greatest surprise at the nearness of the work to completion. At 10 o'clock they all assembled in Horticultural Hall, which had been turned into a grand banqueting hall. John C. Bullott, of Philadelphia, presided. President Grant occupied a seat at the main table, together with Bishop Simpson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court, Secretaries Bristow, New and Robeson, Vice President Hamlin, Geo. W. Childs, and others. The hall was beautifully decorated, and Hazel's bands played the grand Centennial reception march as the guests took their seats.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—Meetings of general freight agents and representatives of trunk lines with representatives of roads running out of Boston, which have been held several days this week, have resulted in no agreement on freight rate troubles thus far, and conference will be resumed Monday.

GALVESTON, Dec. 14.—Advices from Matamoros states that at the municipal election there Saturday fighting occurred. Morgan and Fuentez, candidates for mayor, were wounded. Three men and one boy were killed. Senor Fuentez, Cortina's candidate for mayor, was elected. The city is now quiet.

SOUTHWEST PASS, Dec. 18, 6 p. m.—Barometer 30:60. Wind, northeast, light. Weather cloudy and cool.

Arrived: Steamship Geo. W. Elder at 2 this a. m., Read, master, from New York, to C. A. Whitney & Co.; British ship Adolphus, Rose, master, 65 days from Liverpool, in ballast, to Hall & Vaughn; British ship Andrew Lovett, Durkee, master, 62 days from Liverpool, in ballast, to Haynes & Co.; Spanish bark Felisa, Auge, master, 16 days from Havana, in ballast, to Chas. Green.

Sailed steamship City of Havana.

PASS-A-L'OUTRE, Dec. 18, 6 p. m.—Wind N. E., light. Weather cloudy and cold. Arrived—At 2:30 p. m., steamship Tappahannock, Pendleton, master, from Havana and Florida ports, to I. K. Roberts. No departures.

Advices from Red River were falling at Fulton and Shreveport.

[By Telegraph.]

BAYOU SARA, Dec. 17, 1875.

To BURDEAU & WAYNE: Dean arrived here at 8 o'clock a. m., ahead of Howard and Pargoud.

W. B. MILLER, Master.

BAYOU SARA, Dec. 17, 1875.

To Bell & Mongo: The James Howard passed the Thompson Dean underway the first hour out.

B. R. PEGRAM, Master.

VICKSBURG, Dec. 16.

To J. Wood & Co., 104 Carondelet street: Steamer Bismark will arrive Saturday evening.

JNO. SPANE, Master.

NATCHITOCHES, Dec. 18

To Jos. A. Aiken: Thirty-two inches in Boyces and falling.

T. W. SCOVILL,
Master R. T. Bryarly.

WEATHER REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—For Sunday—In the South Atlantic and Gulf States stationary or falling barometer, warmer southerly winds and increasing cloudiness, and possibly rain in Western Texas.

FOREIGN NEWS.

RAGUSA, Dec. 18.—A conference of the Christian representatives of Bosnia was held at Jamaica yesterday for the purpose of discussing the present aspect of the conflict with the Porte, and of agreeing upon a plan for united action. Eighty representatives were present. It was unanimously resolved to continue the conflict till the Turks were expelled from the territory.

Gen. Paulovitch, the national Governor of Herzegovena, will visit the capitals and ask the powers to accord belligerent recognition to the Herzegovinian government.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 18.—The steamship Idaho, from New York for Liverpool, arrived here at 5 a. m. to-day, and proceeded. The steamship Nevada sailed from Liverpool for New York at noon yesterday. The steamship Algeria, of the Cunard line, from New York, arrived here at 6 a. m.

ROCHE'S POINT, Ireland, Dec. 18, 6 p. m.—The steamer Ville de Brest is now entering Queenstown harbor with steamer L'Amerique in tow.

HAVRE, Dec. 18.—Steamship France, of the General Transatlantic Line, sailed from this port for New York at 1 p. m. to-day.

The Foreign Telegraph.

The jury, after deliberating three hours, rendered a verdict that the victims came to their death by exposure or drowning, and that the primary cause of the wreck was that the captain, in consequence of the state of the weather, lost his reckoning, but no criminal act is attributed to him. The jury adds that it is to be regretted that the Deutschland had not the best known appliances for ascertaining the distance traveled, that her boat lowering apparatus was not of the best, and that an experienced pilot was not in charge.

They concluded by declaring that great credit was due to the captain and crew of the tug Liverpool.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—In the Assembly today, M. Fourcand, deputy for the Gironde, and a member of the Left, was the only person elected Senator. All the other candidates failed to obtain the requisite majority. It is believed that several Legitimists and Bonapartists abstained from voting to-day, fearing the success of the Extreme Republicans.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The French Geographical Society has elected Gen. Andrew A. Humphreys, Chief of the Corps of Engineers of the United States army, a corresponding member.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—In the Reichstag today clauses of the bill for the amendment of the penal code, directed against offenses similar to Von Arnim's, passed a second hearing.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Dec. 14.—Reinforcements, 30,000 strong, have arrived here.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 14.—The Austrian Embassador asked the grand vizier on Saturday to suspend hostilities and open negotiations in the insurgent district.

Some of the Ministers are urging the Sultan to reject the programme of reform emanating from the Northern powers, and in justification of such rejection to refer them to the plan of reform which the porte itself intends to promulgate to-morrow.

The items of Foreign News above stated are taken from the Northern papers of the 14th.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Cotton quiet; middling Orleans 13⅝; middling Alabama 13 7-16; middling uplands 13 5-16; strict low middling upland 13⅜; low middling upland 12⅞; strict good ordinary upland 12⅝; good ordinary upland 12⅜; ordinary upland 11.

Exchange quiet; exchange bankers, 3 days, 4.89½; do. 60 days, 4.85½. Exchange—commercial, 60 days, 4.87. Futures easy; January 13 7-32@13¼, February 13 7-16, March 13 11-16, April 13⅞@13 15-16, May 14@14 3-16, December 13 5-32@13 3-16. Gold 114⅛. Good middling 13 11-16; middling fair 14⅜; fair 15⅜.

Visible supply 2,548,217; American, 1,772,717. Visible supply same time last year, 2,640,948; American, 1,691,418.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Sales for future delivery, 3500; January, 13 7-32@13¼; February, 13 13-32@13 7-16; March, 13 21-32@13 11-16; April, 13 19-32@13 15-16; May, 14 3-32@14⅛; June, 14 9-32@14 11-32; July, 14 15-32@14 17-32; August, 14 19-32@14⅝; Dec. 13 5-32@13 3-16. Gold 114.

Futures easy; January 13 3-16@13 7-32, February 13⅛@13 13-32, March 13⅜@13 21-32, April 13⅞@13 29-32, May 14 1-16@14 5-32, June 14⅛@14 5-16, July 14 13-32@14 17-32, August 14 17-32@14 19-32, December 13⅛@13 5-32. Gold 113⅞.

Sales to-day, 144 bales; sales last evening, 343 bales; sales for export, 203 bales; for consumption, 264 bales; sales for speculation, 40 bales; sales to arrive, included in the above, 299 bales; sales for future delivery, 12,300 bales.

2 P. M.—Futures closed weak. Sales for future delivery, 19,500; January 13 5-32@13 3-16, February 13 11-32@13⅛, March 13 19-32@13⅜, April 13 27-32, May 14 1-32@14 11-16, June 14⅛, July 14 13-32@14 7-16, August 14 15-32@14 17-32, December 13⅛c. Gold 113⅞. Gold closed at 113⅞.

Net receipts 1696; gross 8591; stock 124,213.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—12:15 p. m.—Futures easy; January 13 3-16@13 7-32, February 13 3-32, March 13⅜@13 2-32, April 13⅞@13 29-32, May 14 1-16@14 3-32, June 14 5-32. Gold 114. Sales for future delivery 8200.

12:40 p. m.—Spot cotton closed easier; middling Orleans 13½, middling Alabama 13 7-16, middling uplands 13 5-16, strict middling upland 13⅜, low middling upland 12⅞, strict good ordinary 12⅝, good ordinary upland 12⅜, ordinary upland 11.

Flour closed stronger for low grades, very steady for others. Southern is firm but quiet on low, but steady for high grades. Barley neglected and weak. Oats in fair demand and steady. Rye firm but quiet. Corn firmly held though new is hardly so firm; old is most saleable. Mess pork dull and lower. Beef quiet and steady. Cut meats quiet but steady; dressed hogs better. Lard dull but steady. Whisky easier at 118⅛.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—Net receipts none; gross 103; export coastwise 128; sales 318; stock 12,439. Market quiet; middling 12⅞@13c, low ordinary 12⅛@12⅝c, good ordinary 12¾c.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 18.—Net receipts 4790; gross 490; export to Great Britain 2203; sales 1783; stock 93,127. Market quiet; middlings 12¾c, low middlings 12⅛c, good ordinary 11¾c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 18.—Net receipts 3150; export to great Britain 898; sales 1000; stock 63,977. Market quiet; middlings 13⅛c, low middling 12⅝@12¾c, good ordinary 11⅝@11¾c.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 18.—Receipts 821 bales; exported coastwise 1169; sales 467; stock 6965. Market quiet; middlings 12¾; low middling 12⅛; good ordinary nominal.

NORFOLK, Dec. 19.—Net receipts 2128 bales; exported coastwise 332 bales; sales 504; stock 28,282. Market quiet; middlings 12⅞.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 18.—Net receipts 416 bales; gross 903; exported to Great Britain 273. Market quiet; middlings 13⅛; low middlings 13; good ordinary 12⅜.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 18.—Stock 7800.

PORT ROYAL, Dec. 18.—Stock 900.

GALVESTON, Dec. 18.—Net receipts, 2681; exports, coastwise, 368; sales, 621; stock, 89,347. Cotton market dull; middlings, 12¾; low middling, 12¼; good ordinary, 11½. Receipts at Indianola for the week, 637; exports, coastwise, 637 bales.

Receipts at Nashville for the week, 3499; shipments, 2681; sales 2599; stock, 4247 bales. Market steady. Middling, 12 13-16; low middling, 11½.

GALVESTON, Dec. 18.—Receipts 3722 bales. Exports—Great Britain 36,272; France 1035; exports coastwise 1417. Sales 2387. Stock 80,064. Market firm; middling 12¾; low middling 12½, good ordinary 11⅞. Receipts at all ports to-day 24,292. Exports—Great Britain 6916; France 9346; Continent 7500. Stock at all points 718,453.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—Lard quiet and easy; prime steam rendered in moderate demand 12¾@13c, kettle rendered 13.14@13.33. Mess pork quiet; prime city $20@20 50 per bbl. Hogs firm quiet; common $6 80@6 90, fair to good packing $6 77@7 25, choice heavy at $7 35. Whisky steady; fair demand at $1 11.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18—12:30 p. m.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 7d, Orleans 7¾d. Sales to-day 700 bales, of which 1000 bales are for export and speculation. Receipts 10,800 bales, of which 2700 were American. Arrivals weak and 1-32d cheaper.

2 P. M.—Cotton unchanged. Sales American 3400.

HAVRE, Dec. 18.—Demand good, offerings light. Tres ordinaire and Orleans on the spot 85c; middling Orleans afloat 85c.

AMUSEMENTS.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Last night the Buffalo Bill Scout Troupe closed their spirited engagement at the old Drury, and to-night the newspapers will have a benefit for their horse, which, we trust, will be well patronized. This cold weather is very severe on those poor waifs, and benevolent hearts ought to be now opened to them and render timely assistance. Lotta—charming, dear, sweet little pet—comes to-morrow, and the public will need nothing more than the notice of her arrival to attract it to the St. Charles, for among New Orleans theatre goers this bewitching little star has always been a favorite. The St. Charles was tolerable well attended last evening, considering the extremely cold weather.

GLOBE THEATRE.—This theatre still continues to be a popular resort, and is crowded almost nightly with the boys, who are fond of the can-can, which is extremely lively, rich, rare and racy. Next week a new company is to arrive, among whom will be the Miaco Brothers, Mr. Charles and Miss Annie Gallagher, Hennosey Brothers and Mr. John R. Weaver. Miss Albertine and Miss Mille DeVere are the chief can can danseuses, and exhibit much grace and spirit in their dancing. Mr. Charles Banks, as a negro comedian, is really very fine, and Mr. Murphy handles the bones as well and gets as much out of them as any minstrel we have seen. His imitation of two race horses running a race reminds us of a horse racer vividly. Next week Mr. Flynne will give us some female fathers.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SUICIDE.—The body of a young man named Saunders was picked up in the Thames river last week. In the pockets of his coat was found some money, a number of papers, and the following letter: "Should my body be found, which I devoutly hope it may not, I think it as well to give some explanation of what will be called a rash act. Having written to the editor of the *Family Herald*, and received such an answer as to lead me to suppose myself mad, I have made up my mind to kill myself. I might, for aught I know, go raving at any moment, and do some one else a mischief. The only thing that has hitherto restrained me from suicide, has been the fear of causing sorrow to my parents, but that may be soon got over, whereas if I were to live a lunatic, they would be always in trouble about me, and by doing this, i. e., killing myself, I end their trouble and my own. I have not written this with the hope of getting my body buried in consecrated ground, that being an affair of little moment to me, but simply in order that the cause of my death should be known."—*London Graphic.*

In consequence of the approach of the holidays all fruits have risen and oranges are quoted at a rise of $1 per barrel.

GOV. McENERY'S LETTER TO MR. McMILLAN.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 9, 1875.

Hon. W. L. McMillen, Senator elect of Louisiana:

Dear Sir—I have read, with regret, your open letter addressed to me, through the Associated Press, dated yesterday, in which you express the opinion that the struggle of the people of Louisiana, for the right of self-government, has been determined against them, and announce the withdrawal of your credentials as Senator, and tender the people of Louisiana, through me, the trust committed by them to your hands.

In my judgment, based upon all that has occurred since the inception of our difficulties, you have seriously erred in the conclusions at which you have arrived.

You address me as "Governor elect of Louisiana." If I am "Governor elect" since 1872 what estops me as the chosen Executive of the State and vests that right in a usurper? The means by which this has been accomplished are well known to the public, and they never have received, and never can receive, the approval of the American people.

In November, 1872, the government, of which I am the official head, was elected by the people of Louisiana. The result of the election was legally ascertained, and declared by the Legislature, of which we were a member, and in which there was a quorum of legally elected members of both branches. In January, 1873, I was inaugurated, and acted as Governor until I was prevented by the arm of the Federal Administration, unlawfully exercised against me through the military power of the nation. The right to act I still assert, and that right I cannot and will not surrender.

You were elected Senator by the Legislature of the State in 1873. If your credentials were valid then, they are valid now. In your letter you say, "The Senate, to this date, has held the question in abeyance." Then, why withdraw your credentials and abandon your trust while the Senate, the only power competent to judge of their validity, has never passed upon them?

But you state that other and equally competent parties have, practically and finally, determined the question, and you refer to the "Wheeler adjustment," the resolution of the Louisiana Legislature acquiescing in, but not approving the *acting* government of Mr. Kellogg, the action of the last Lower House of Congress to the same effect, and to the seating of Mr. Morey, on the 6th inst., upon credentials signed by the person who is acting as Governor of Louisana. In my judgment, your interpretation of these matters is not sound. They cannot possibly bear on the issue of the legality of the State government, because—

1. The Legislature of Louisiana of 1875 had no constitutional power to displace a State government elected by the people in 1872 and inaugurated in 1873, or to retire its claims, or to substitute for it a usurpation.

2. That Legislature did not declare the validity of the Kellogg government, but merely accepted it as the *acting* government until such time as the Federal Congress, where the question of its legality was pending, should settle it.

3. Even this resolution of sufferance, which *expressly withheld* any approval of the Kellogg government, was passed by a State Senate of which a majority were usurpers, as destitute of legal right as Mr. Kellogg himself—by the remnant of the people's House of Representatives, which House Gen. De Trobriand had expelled in January, 1875, from the legislative halls of the State, and composed, not of representatives elected by the people, but of members selected by the majority of the Wheeler Congressional Committee. Passed by a Legislature thus composed, it was signed by the usurper Antoine as Lieutenant Governor, approved by the usurper Kellogg as Governor, and promulgated by the usurping Secretary of State.

At its best, it recognizes the existence of a *de facto*, not the legality of a *de jure* government, and was passed, signed, approved and promulgated by the very usurpers whose legal status you seem to think it recognizes. What provision of our law, State or Federal, constituted this usurping government the judge of its own legality or authorizes the subversion of a *de jure* in favor of a bastard *de facto* government?

It must also be remembered that the advocates of this adjustment declared that it referred solely to the difficulties growing out of the election of 1874, and had no reference to those of 1872; and, besides, that the Wheeler committee, in their report to Congress, declared that they had not investigated the election of 1872, and that their resolution recognizing Kellogg they based not on facts or law, but on their surmises and opinions of what the people of Louisiana were willing to accept, and of which they knew absolutely nothing. If they had sought the desires of the people, they could have found ample evidences of their stubborn and heroic resistance to two years of oppression and wrong, in the formal resolves of every parish and community in the State, and in their imposing upheaval of September 14, 1874, which swept away, as with the hand of fate, every vestige of a hated usurpation.

As to the action of Congress, I need not remind you that the House impeached Judge Durell because of the "midnight order," and seated Gen. Sheridan on the official returns, which evidence my election; that the Senate has refused to admit Mr. Pinchback, has announced that the Kellogg government was not elected, and that the declarations of the Lynch Returning Board were false and without the semblance of integrity. Logically and legally, there is but one conclusion from the findings and action of Congress, and that is *the overthrow of the usurpation.* In seating Mr. Morey, on the 6th inst., the House did not recognize Mr. Kellogg other than as acting Governor. They expressly expunged all that would imply their recognition *de jure.*

I therefore, as Governor elect of Louisiana, in the name of the people, do deny that their right to govern themselves has been lost, either by their own acquiescence or by the Wheeler adjustment of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or by any action of the Federal Congress.

On the 6th of January, 1876, a convention will be held in this city, and the people's representatives, many of them already elected and instructed, will demand of the Federal Government the overthrow of the usurpation which its Executive alone has created, and whose official head, Mr. Kellogg, has confessed his inability to maintain his position for a single day without the bayonet aid of its author.

This demand will be intensified by the appalling fact that the usurpation, through its election laws and returning board, wields the absolute power of self-perpetuation, in defiance of the popular will, and that resistance on the part of the people may jeopardize, in the next election, the peace of the State.

Regretting your course, in resigning your position as Senator, I have no option but to accept the resignation, and I will forthwith appoint your successor.

In conclusion, I would add, that for myself I will never abandon the post to which the people of Louisiana have called me. So long as I have life and strength I will continue to battle to the utmost for the inalienable right of self-government. Before the prostrate form of my stricken State I shall still hold the ægis of the Constitution, and no alien nor domestic hand shall strike at her liberties unresisted by me.

With a still unfaltering confidence in the justice and good faith of the Federal Congress and the people of the whole United States, I shall never cease to appeal to that justice and that faith until I shall have secured to Louisiana the right which alone is denied to her, and which she will never surrender, of living under the rule of the lawfully elected officers of her own sovereign choice.

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN MCENERY,
Governor of Louisiana.

THE RACES.

This week the principal attraction in amusement has been the races. The weather has been very fine, but the track was a little too heavy for any good time to be made. On yesterday evening the attendance at the closing races was very poor, and the betting not very spirited. The entries were for the

FIRST RACE.—The Howard stakes, for colts and fillies then two years old; $25 entrance, p. p., with $500 added; second horse to receive $100, and the third $50; winner of the Slocomb Stakes to carry 7 lbs. extra; one mile.

R. & J. Rowett's ch. c. Charley Rowett, by Uncle Vic, dam Mamona, by imp. Sovereign; 100 pounds; colors—orange jacket and blue cap.
R. & J. Rowett's c. c. Harry Edwards, by Uncle Vic, dam Ada Kennett, by Bonnie Laddie; 100 pounds; colors—orange jacket and blue cap.
W. Cottrill's g. c. Johnnie B., by Fireball, dam Jennie C., by Daniel Boone.
W. Cottrill's ch. c. Donaugh, by Blarney Stone, dam Lillie Ward, by Lexington.
W. Cottrill's ch. f. Lemonade, by Leamington, dam Cricket, by Daniel Boone.
W. Cottrill's b. c. Mediator, by Daniel Boone, dam Meanness, by Brown Dick; 100 pounds; colors—scarlet, white belt, scarlet cap.
John Funk's br. c. Harry Hill, by Virgil, dam Lark, by Lexington.
G. W. Stewart's ch. f. Tecalo, by Glen Athol, dam Volga, by imp. Glencoe; 97 pounds; colors—blue and blue, black sash.
G. W. Stewart's ch. c. Malmiztic, by Planet, dam Lulleme, by Lexington; 100 pounds; colors—blue and blue, black sash.
Jennings & Hunt's b. c. Crab Orchard, by Australian, dam by Scythian; 100 pounds; colors—blue jacket, white cap.
Wm. Jennings' b. c. Ashby, by Asteroid, dam Belle Brandon; 100 pounds; colors—blue jacket, white cap.
Wm. Jennings' ch. c. Patriot, by Phaeton, dam Sallie Ferrill.
Wm. Jennings' ch. c. Bengal, by Brown Dick, dam Sadowa.
Wm. A. Wyatt's ch. f. Currency, by Uncle Vic, dam Greenbacks, by Legal Tender.
Springfield & Clay's b. c. Blue Coat, ay Jack Malone, dam by Sovereign.
Isaac Glover's ch. f. Amanda Warren, by Marian, dam by Big Boston; 97 pounds; colors—black and black.

This dash was won by Malmiztic, with Mediator a good second. Time—1:53, the others distanced.

SECOND RACE.—Consolation Race; Club purse $300 for horses that have run and not won a race during the meeting; $225 to first, $50 to second, $25 to third; one mile.

H. Van Liew's ch. m. Laura, 4 y. o., by Red Horse, dam Fanny King, by Big Boston; 101 pounds; colors—maroon and red cap, orange sash.
L. Broadnax, ch. f. Carrie Fish, 3 y. o., by Daniel Boone, dam by Bill Cheatham; 87 pounds; colors—green and red.
F. O. Minor, b. h. Falmouth, aged, by Planet, dam Red Rose; 115 pounds; colors—blue, red cash, white cap.
M. Welch's b. g. Port Leonard, aged, by Voucher, dam Prunella; 112 pounds; colors—green.
James H. Sumner, blk. c. Starlie, 3 y. o., by West Roxbury, dam Nora Worth; 90 pounds; colors—blue, orange and green cap.
R. & J. Rowett's b. f. Jennie Rowett, by Uncle Vic, dam Mamona, by imp. Sovereign; 87 pounds; colors—orange jacket and blue cap.
W. Brady's b. f. Mollie B., 3 y. o., by Judge Leonard, dam by Lexington; 87 pounds; colors—red and blue.
W. Cottrill, ch. f. Puss Broadnax, 3 y. o., by Daniel Boone, dam Emeline; 87 pounds; colors—scarlet, white belt, scarlet cap.
J. McMahon, ch. g. Kilburn, 4 y. o., by Ringmaster, dam Ontario; 101 pounds; colors—lilac and blue.

This race resulted in an easy victory for Kilburn. Time—1:52½.

The event of the day was the

THIRD RACE.—Club purse $1000, for all ages; $800 to first, $200 to second; four mile heats.

H. Askew, b. c. Sam Harper, 4 y. o., by Rebel, dam Mary Kimbrow, by Rupee, 104 pounds; colors—black and brown.
W. Cottrill, b. c. Col. Nelligan, 4 y. o., by Harry of the West, dam Emeline; 104 pounds; colors—scarlet, white belt, scarlet cap.
Jackson & Owens' ch. c. George Graham, 3 y. o.; by Rogers; dam Sunshine; 99 pounds; colors—pink and green.
Ira E. Bride, ch. c. Oxmore, 4 y. o., by Bay Dick, dam by Oliver; 104 pounds; colors—blue, white sash.
A. Wardell's ch. c. Pompey's Pillar, 3 y. o., by Uncle Vic, dam Amanda Buford; 99 pounds; colors—red and red.
F. O. Minor, b. h. Falmouth, aged, by Planet, dam Red Rose; 115 pounds; colors—blue, red sash and white cap.

In this race Sam Harper was decidedly the favorite. It was a very spirited run between Sam Harper and George Graham. In the first heat, Col. Nelligan, Oxmore, Falmouth and Pompey's Pillar were all badly distanced. Time—Sam Harper 8:01, George Graham 8:03.

The second heat was more animated until the last quarter, when George Graham took the whip severely, but failed to accomplish the feat of passing Harper, who came under the string without whipping three lengths ahead and an easy winner of the race. Time, 8:33.

Saturday's races closed the event, and the next races will be run next spring.

POLICE ARRESTS.

Mary Rabuck was found dead in her bed, on Tchoupitoulas street, this morning.

Henry Thompson was arrested and locked up in the Fifth Precinct Station, charged with cutting and dangerously wounding R. Cunningham and John Healy. Healy was sent to the Charity Hospital.

George Morris, alias Roader, and his pal Frank Carroll, escaped convicts from the Mississippi Penitentiary, were sent back on the 5:30 train, in charge of Officer Cain.

FIRES.—The shed at the corner of Delord and Peters street, caught fire Saturday, but was extinguished without the necessity of an alarm.

A fire occurred at 7:30 a. m. Saturday in an old frame building, on St. Mary street, by Martin Roxemer, and occupied by Matilda Valter. No loss.

The fountain presented by Lotta to San Francisco has become a popular institution. Says a local paper: "As the pearly drops fall into the elegant basin, the 'Friscan thinks he hears the far-off tinklings of her banjo, and goes and fires stones at a Chinaman, to slow music.—*Orleanian.*

The son of a clergyman was delivering a college valedictory, when, in pulling out his pocket handkerchief, he pulled out a pack of