

THE SAVINGS BANKS.

THEY HAVE NOT SUSPENDED PAYMENT IN A COMMERCIAL SENSE.

Interviews with President Governor of the Citizens' Savings Bank, and with President Urquhart of the New Orleans Savings Institution.

The run on the New Orleans Savings Institution increased in magnitude yesterday. The depositors crowded the sidewalks and the porch of the bank, and although many showed anxiety in their faces, there was no departure from the decorous bearing of the previous day.

After banking hours we had the pleasure of a conversation with President Urquhart. This gentleman appeared much relieved after his heavy day's work, with the result of which he expressed himself quite satisfied.

The bank has now satisfied all the depositors who wished to avail themselves of the payment of 15 per cent. This has been accomplished without the bank borrowing money for the purpose, though assistance was freely offered by the presidents of the other banks at a meeting held yesterday evening.

It is a great pity that this senseless run could not be stopped, as the bank is now forced to realize its available assets, composed to a great extent of property and mortgage notes. A large amount of real estate will be thereby thrown upon the market, which will certainly not be a benefit to the community in general.

During the day what had been expected would be the case with the Citizens' Savings Bank occurred. This bank, which is located at the northwest corner of Baronne and Gravier streets, received the visit of a large number of depositors, but were informed that, availing themselves of the provisions of their charter and the printed contract contained in the depositors' books, the bank directors had concluded to require sixty days' notice from the depositors before paying them.

Mr. J. L. GUBERNATOR, on the subject. Mr. Gubernator said that the run on the New Orleans Savings Institution had forewarned the directors of the Citizens' Savings Bank, and the resolution had been adopted on the previous day to pay only in accordance with the sixty days' notice rule.

Mr. G.—Not at all. I would like to see the stoppage of full payment by the New Orleans Savings Institution a suspension, in the same sense?

Mr. G.—Certainly not. The New Orleans Savings Institution, like only availed itself of its right in an extraordinary emergency, and it is my opinion that it should have exercised that right as soon as it became apparent that a run would be made upon it.

The money which is placed in the bank by depositors is invested in securities, such as first-class mortgage bonds, paper, or lots of the best collateral with large margins, and is kept constantly working, a sufficient amount in cash being necessarily on hand to meet the ordinary demands of depositors.

Even though it were possible it would have to be done at an extraordinary sacrifice; and that was why the clause was inserted in their charter, that persons depositing money at interest in these savings banks must give sixty or ninety days' notice of their intention to withdraw their money. Ordinarily the bank is ready to pay large sums on the simple demand of the depositor, which is done simply to accommodate its patrons.

The present condition of affairs, added Mr. Gubernator, will have to be checked, and he was satisfied that it would, through the influence of the leading financial men of the city, who were too deeply interested in the matter not to give it their most earnest attention. In a further conversation on the subject of savings banks, prompted by our representative, Mr. Gubernator said that savings banks were absolutely necessary in this country to encourage the laboring classes in being thrifty and economical, and to teach them the road to ease, if not to wealth, because ours was not.

What do you mean by that? we asked. I mean, said Mr. Gubernator, that if our government would issue bonds of small denominations, say of \$5, the masses could purchase them and hold them, whereas they cannot do so now that the United States bonds are of the denomination of \$1000.

Mayor Patton on Bull Dogs. Mayor Patton yesterday addressed a communication to the chief of police ordering the prevention of the bull dog man, advertised for last night. The sequel of the order was

the arrest of Jennings, the dog fancier, and his subsequent release on a writ of habeas corpus.

The Mayor is not as particularly opposed to the dogs fighting as might be supposed, but, on the contrary, seems to think that if the dogs like it they might be permitted to chew on another. He is, however, not quite certain that they do not need "skinking," and in deference besides to public opinion gives the benefit of the doubt to his constituents.

A delegation from this gentry paid a social visit to the Mayor yesterday, during which they ventured to talk a little business. The law requires that the village police shall provide themselves with their own mulsine boats, but have been until now using boats paid for by the city, which are, by the way, almost unfit for the purpose.

Fine weather having set in, Administrator Houston proposes shortly to begin the repairing of our streets on an extensive scale. The winter months are the best for this, but have been until now using boats paid for by the city, which are, by the way, almost unfit for the purpose.

There has been little or no excitement in politics since the agreement between the authorized representatives of the Democratic-Conservative party and the committee representing a dissatisfied element. The agreement is generally considered a fair one, and it is believed to be the best method which could be devised for getting the sense of the voters of the party as to who shall be the nominees for the State convention.

Two committees, one representing the dissatisfied element and the other the Parish Committee, are now at work on the details of the primary, and it is to be presumed that these decided and agreed upon, a day will be selected and officially announced.

In every ward in the city a number of gentlemen are present, and the details of all classes of the people, are spoken of as candidates and suitable persons to be sent to the convention, but at present writing it is impossible to say how many of these gentlemen will appear in the field on the day of the election.

Mr. Chas. Cavanaugh, State Registrar of Voters, has his books all ready for revision, and expresses his willingness to appoint representatives from each side to assist in and supervise the revision.

THE REBELS' GAINS.

are very much disappointed at the results of the conference, and are very much disheartened in consequence of the present condition of affairs and the unbroken front which the Democratic party in this parish presents.

During the examination very peculiar and interesting points were raised and decided. Judge Alex. Walker was on the stand, and after he had testified that he was the counsel of the Crescent City Gaslight Company, and as such had been introduced to Atrill, one of the directors of the company, he was asked what Atrill had said to him regarding the purpose of certain proceedings of the directors of the company.

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THIRD WARD INDEPENDENTS.

A number of citizens of the third ward met last night at No. 256 Julia street and organized an independent club, electing the following officers: S. J. Cunningham, president; Wm. Carey, secretary; Frank Willis, treasurer; Thos. F. Ryan, secretary.

Whereas, we have seen that the two great parties of this State have not proposed any candidates for the coming convention; and whereas, we know that a few country parties have, more or less, made compromises; Be it resolved, That this club will vote for any good citizen, irrespective of party.

At a meeting of Battery F, Orleans Artillery, held last night, presided over by Col. A. J. Bachemin, the resignation of Capt. Lespeaux was received and accepted, and an election for officers was held, with the following result: Emile Pachoud, captain; Louis Donat, first lieutenant senior; F. C. Guille, first lieutenant junior; P. Fannert, second lieutenant.

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RETURNING TO BOARD CASE

THE DEMURRER IN THE CASE OF WELLS, CASANAVE AND KENNER SUSTAINED.

The demurrer of the defendants, J. Madison Wells, Louis M. Kenner and Gadane Casanave, to the information in case No. 1488, of the Superior Criminal Court, for uttering and publishing as true a certain forged public record, was yesterday heard in said court. The accused were represented by E. North Cullom and H. C. Castellanos, Attorney General Ogden representing the State.

The Attorney General, in opening his argument, declared his embarrassment at the position in which he found himself placed with reference to this prosecution. A grave crime had been alleged against the prisoners—the gravest, indeed, that could be perpetrated against society—a crime, the dangerous effects of which, under a republican or democratic form of government, could not be exaggerated. In such a government as ours the ballots of the people determine and control every great interest of society, and any improper or fraudulent interference with their result, strikes necessarily at the very foundation of our civil freedom.

When these prosecutions were originally undertaken, it was under a sense of the highest obligation and responsibility. And the question presented to the Attorney General now was simply whether or not anything had occurred to relieve him from that necessity, and to warrant his discontinuance of the effort to bring these offenders to justice.

It was contended by counsel for the accused that the decision of the Supreme Court in the recent case of the State vs. Thomas C. Anderson has settled all the questions of law adversely to the State, upon which the sufficiency of the information in this case depended, and that the Attorney General ought, therefore, to abandon the prosecutions; but a careful examination of that opinion, with a reference to the authorities upon which it claimed to rest, had failed to convince him that the decision was a correct statement of the law, and that while he had every disposition to treat with the utmost respect everything that came from this exalted tribunal, he was yet constrained by his duty, and by the solemn sense of his own personal and official responsibility in the prosecution of so heinous a crime against the people of this State, to press a reconsideration of the case.

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A POLITICAL CONFERENCE.

There was a meeting of the Democratic committee to indorse the action of the sub-committee that drafted the articles of agreement accepted by the Citizens' committee and the sub-committee.

The executive committee was empowered to act fully for the Parish Committee in all future conferences.

The Board of State Engineers awarded the contract for the building of the Hawes Harris levee to J. B. Reid, at 16 1/2 cents per cubic yard, and \$50 for clearing. This levee was let out to J. McGinty, at a previous letting, for 13 1/2 cents, but he subsequently backed out and the levee was re-advertised.

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S. D. Schwing, coroner for Iberville parish, vice Jas. H. Tate, resigned.

PERSONAL.

The well-known Chartres street milliner, Mme. Rosa Reynold, left last evening for the North to purchase her spring stock. The hundreds of ladies who depend entirely upon her for their hats will be glad to know she expects to bring out a very full assortment of fashionable hats, bonnets, etc.

BRÉVETTES.

Mr. James H. Block, of the Crescent Book-room, No. 149 Canal street, sends us No. 17 of Munro's Ten-Cent Musical Library, containing part first of the musical extravaganza of "H. M. S. Pinafore," which is to be produced at the Varieties Theatre to-morrow. The book contains the principal songs, words and music of the extravaganza. Go to Block's immediately and secure a copy.

no matter how often it had been reproduced, because it was manifestly offensive to common sense to read it "alter," as the sentence would then read, "Whom shall offer an altered record," which was absolute nonsense, and courts of justice, into whose judgments common sense must always enter as a principal material, could not so read it. He also showed, upon the clearest authority, that in framing an information or an indictment upon a statute using the disjunctive, the State's attorney was always obliged to substitute the copulative in order to have his information stand, as it would otherwise be necessary to make for uncertainty. This was the clearest and best settled rule of practice in the books. What the Supreme Court complained of was not only perfectly settled on authority, but absolutely necessary in practice, and done every day by district attorneys all over the country.

He showed also that the word publish having been used in the information, it was sufficient as embracing both ideas, that of uttering and publishing, as the greater embraces the less.

Upon the question of official character he merely repeated in substance the argument made in his application for a rehearing.

The defense pleads that the information is radically defective, and relies on the decision of the Supreme Court in the matter of Anderson.

The newly appointed postmaster, Gen. McMillen, will not assume the duties of his new position before the fifteenth or twentieth of this month, as he will not have his accounts settled in time to do so.

Signal Service Officer Van Housen reports that storm signals have been ordered up at Galveston and Indianola.

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THE HANKIN TROUPE.

We received yesterday the visit of Mr. Charles A. Wing, advance agent of the Rankin Dramatic Company, which is to fill an engagement at the Academy of Music next week.

Mr. Wing, in connection with a statement made in yesterday's DEMOCRAT about the Rankin troupe, which is to play at the Theatre, wherein the name of the Rankin troupe was mentioned as having so played in Brooklyn, states that the troupe which he represents has always played in the best theatres and at prices never less than a dollar for 13 1/2 cents, but he subsequently backed out and the levee was re-advertised.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. Father Raymond, Vicar General, announces officially in the Propagateur Catholique that his grace, Archbishop Leroy, of Natchitoches, and administrator of the diocese of New Orleans, will prepare to administer the sacrament of confirmation in the city and in the country from the sixth of April to the twentieth of May next.

STATE-HOUSE NOTES.

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PROTECTING THE PURPS.

An advertisement having appeared in the morning papers which read as follows: THE GREAT NATIONAL DOG FIGHT—Boston and New York—Harry Jennings of New York, and Tom Thornton, of Boston, intend commencing their main of dogs by fighting the first battle at Murphy's up-town pit to-night (Saturday), March 1. Dogs to be weighed at 7 and light at 8 p. m.

Capt. Zach Bachemin appeared before Judge Sheehan and swore out an affidavit against Thos. Thornton and Harry Jennings, charging them with being about to fight a lot of dogs, thereby maiming them, in violation of act No. 24, session of 1873.

The two accused, on this affidavit, were arraigned before Judge Sheehan and remanded to the Parish Prison in default of \$500 bonds each.

Later in the day they were brought before Judge Whitaker on a writ of habeas corpus and after the dog question was discussed at length, Judge Whitaker discharged the accused from custody.

On the decision of Judge Whitaker, Chief Boylan ordered the police not to interfere with Jennings and his fighting pups unless he created a disturbance of the peace.

THE NICHOLLS LUNCH HOUSE

LADIES' RESTAURANT,

56.....CAMP STREET.....58

The Ladies' department of THE NICHOLLS LUNCH HOUSE, having been recently fitted and furnished in handsome style, is now open for the accommodation of guests. Particular attention having been paid to the

LADIES' DINING HALL, PARLOR AND TOILET-ROOM,

all of which have been neatly and comfortably furnished with a view to the comfort of the ladies.

The proprietor has placed a PIANO in the Parlor, for the benefit of the guests of the house. All meals are cooked in HOME STYLE, at short notice and at

HALF THE RATES OF OTHER RESTAURANTS,

and are served by polite and attentive waiters.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

A MAN SHOT TWICE, AND MORTALLY WOUNDED, AT NO. 11-2 CARONDELET STREET.

About half-past 6 o'clock last night, in the yard attached to Charlie Lacombe's bar-room, No. 13 1/2 Carondelet street, Valery Strantz was shot twice and mortally wounded by a man who is unknown, but who is described as a small man, with black moustache and side whiskers.

The party who did the shooting, it is said, was accompanied by a tall man, with one arm. Just before the difficulty four men, among whom were the small man with the black moustache and whiskers, and the tall man with the missing arm, entered the saloon and ordered drinks. While these men were drinking, the wounded man, accompanied by a friend, came into the saloon and ordered drinks.

After all parties had imbibed, the man with the black moustache and the one-armed man went into the yard through the side door, while their two friends left the saloon by the front door and went out on the street. Strantz and his friend also left, going by way of the back exit. The tumbler-washer, a boy named Henry Shaw, who was washing tumblers at the time and could command a full view of the yard, says that Strantz had hardly stepped into the yard when he heard some harsh language, and on looking out saw the little man with the black moustache and side whiskers deliberately level his pistol at Strantz and fire two shots.

After the firing, the man who did the shooting ran out the alley way into the street, followed by his one-armed friend.

The wounded man was brought into the bar-room and was found to be in a speechless condition, and in consequence could not tell who shot him. He was immediately removed to the Charity Hospital, where, upon examination, he was found to have received two wounds, one in the right side, between the fifth and sixth ribs, and one in the abdomen.

One of the bolts went through his stomach and was found in the yard where the shooting occurred. The doctors at the hospital have but little hopes of his recovery.

The police are now working up the case, but up to 1 o'clock this morning no clue as to who the guilty parties were had been learned.

Strantz, who had been a bar-keeper at 15 1/2 Carondelet street, gave up his position Friday and intended to go to Shreveport.

WINBERLEY'S PISTOL.

Louis Meyers Gives Up a Pistol and Says He Got It from Winberley.

Ever since the Howell murder, which took place on Mardi Gras evening, Aids Pecora and Hennessey have been trying to ferret out the party who had Winberley's pistol. Yesterday the two officers had their efforts crowned with success by discovering that Louis Meyers, a horse-trader on Baronne street, had the pistol.

He called on him, but not finding him, left word that if he did not produce the pistol at the office of the Chief of Police within two hours, they would have him in the body of the jail.

Meyers, as soon as he received the information called at the Chief's office, and gave up a silver-mounted improved Smith & Wesson revolver, with two chambers empty, save the two shells, and stated that it was the pistol given him by Winberley on the evening of the shooting. He further said that when Winberley gave him the pistol, the two chambers were empty and that the trigger of the pistol was on the full cock for the third fire. That Winberley on handing him the pistol said, "Take care, and don't let any one see it, or don't give it to any one until I see you." He says that this is the reason why he did not give up the pistol before.

The police consider Meyers' action in this matter very peculiar, considering that he roads the papers regularly and must have seen that every effort was being made by the police to recover the pistol. It is also stated that Meyers called at the office of the chief of police on the evening of the murder and inquired the chief of police if he had any particular care not to say anything of the pistol he had in his possession, which he now alleges belonged to Winberley.

CITY SCHOOLS.

John Connors, for the lacery of \$15, was run into the Central Station.

Ann Jennings was run into jail, charged by Mrs. Crane with lacery.

T. Young was locked up in the Third Station, charged with being drunk and carrying a concealed weapon.

Pat Carroll was locked up in the Central Station, charged by Mr. James D. Houston with assault with a dangerous weapon.

E. Ladensberger was locked up in the Third Station, charged by Chas. Thomas with the lacery of a gaspise.

Friday night a thief stole a meat saw from J. Larrieux's meat stall in the Magazine Market.

Geo. Ambler was lodged in durance jail, charged with having wounded Raphael Ambler less than mayhem.

Eugene Berringer was lodged in the Fourth Station, charged with assault and battery, malicious mischief and drunk and disturbing the public peace.

Friday morning at 10 o'clock Mrs. Donahue's grocery, at the corner of St. Thomas and Iberville streets, was robbed of a sack of coffee.

The steamship Tappanhook, which left here on Tuesday, returned to the city yesterday morning, having sprung a leak when twenty miles at sea.

Arraignment of Mr. Krost.

Mr. Jules Krost, charged in an affidavit sworn to by Coroner Markey with the murder of E. J. Farrell, was yesterday arraigned before Judge Sheehan, pleaded not guilty and was remanded to the Parish Prison without bail to await a preliminary examination on Wednesday.

Burglary.

Some time during Wednesday morning thieves, by means of false keys, entered the Metropolitan Loan Office, at the corner of Chartres and Canal streets, and carried off a number of keys to the amount of \$400. The private watchman, Mr. Stiers, states that he tried the doors at 2 o'clock and they were all right, but when he tried them at 3 o'clock they were open.

A Sailor Made Happy.

Jack Tom, the sailor who was robbed of his effects at the boarding-house on Victory street, between Freuchen and Elysian Fields streets, a few days ago, yesterday identified some of his property in the possession of E. J. Farrell, who he had arrested, charging him with having stolen property in his possession.

Killed by an overdose of Laudanum.

The steamboat Isabel, which arrived at this port, brought the body of George Mann, steward of the English ship City of Limerick, who died aboard the vessel Thursday night. Coroner Bance had the body taken to 248 Royal street, where an inquest was held and death was found to have been produced by an overdose of laudanum. His friends state that he was in the habit of taking laudanum as a medicine. In view of this the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Stealing Brass.

Thursday evening a negro named Alfred Buster succeeded in stealing three brass journal-boxes, valued at \$10, from the steamboat Kitty Nye. Officer Farrell, of the First Precinct, assisted by Corporal Murphy, recovered the stolen property at Adler's junk store, No. 317 Julia street. The officers arrested Buster, and locked him up in the Central Station, charging him with having stolen property in his possession. The police also succeeded in arresting the accused Buster.

I'm weary of the food I have to eat. Try Shadines.

Try that celebrated Cream Beer at Miller & Diekmann's, 50, 52 and 54 South Peters street.