

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 1879

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SENATOR VANCE after a short visit to Asheville will take part the Ohio canvass.

Mrs. ELIZABETH C. wife of Dr. Edward Warren Bay, died in Paris on June 29th, aged 41 years.

The yellow fever is still increasing in Memphis. New case are reported every day and quarantine is established.

GEN. BARRY commandant of Fortress Monroe died last week. He was much beloved by all who knew him and his place will be hard to fill.

JEFFERSON DAVIS is the recipient of a large legacy from the late Mrs. Sarah A. Dorsey, who died in New Orleans about two weeks ago. The legacy consists of two large plantations in the upper part of the State of Louisiana, and an elegant villa on the sea coast.

The following suggestion to magistrates we take from the Observer, and commend it to the Justices of this county. It may be of service:

In view of the conflict between the laws of 1876-77 and 1879 requiring the magistrates to meet in their townships to look after the roads, and to convene with the county commissioners to levy county taxes on the same day, it is suggested that they meet in their townships according to law and adjourn over to the next day, in order to come to the county seat and sit with the commissioners, as the levying of the taxes is the more important duty. On the next day they can meet in their several townships, pursuant to adjournment, and transact the business required of them. A majority of the Justices must sit with the commissioners.

The Board of magistrates will meet on the first Monday in August to advise with the board of commissioners, concerning county affairs of importance. The magistrates have many important duties to perform collectively and individually, and they should thoroughly understand what they should do.

Those magistrates whose terms expire in August, we think have no voice in the August meeting, and the new magistrates should qualify before the board convenes in order that they may vote.

A full meeting is desired so that all portions of the county may be represented, and every magistrate should attend, even if it causes him some inconvenience. No man should accept the office unless he is determined to perform the duties of the office. Every magistrate should be present, and we believe will be.

Whoever is elected to the position of county Superintendent of health in August next will have a good deal to do if he intends to improve the sanitary condition of the county. Many things should be looked into, and some of them abated as nuisances.

It is his duty to remove any and every cause of disease, whether it is profitable to its owners or not, and in doing so he will have many things to contend against, but the legislature has given authority, and power to enforce it, and he will have no excuse for not doing so. Any of the gentlemen whom we have heard mentioned in connection with the office, would do their duty in these matters fearlessly and without favor, and it is the duty of every good citizen to aid them in their work. Some cases may seem hardships, but when the health of the whole community is in question individual interests should give way.

The yellow fever has become epidemic, or nearly so in Memphis, and nothing can be done now to prevent its taking its natural course as it did last summer. It seems that the South has been suffering from a terrible curse for years. The people have been bereft of loved ones, and their property taken from them; the crops have proved failures for several years and debt oppresses nearly all. Last year the yellow fever carried away thousands in many localities, leaving sorrow and desolation wherever it touched.

This year the prospect for good crops were never better until dry and cold weather blighted them so that the yield will be greatly reduced, and now to cap the climax of want and misery, we have the prospect of still another evil, the yellow fever. A sad and gloomy outlook indeed. Who can recall the terrible scourge of last summer without shuddering at the misery and grief, the heart-sickness, the despair which attended it. A repetition of this summer will be terrible. Until people become better, until the moral tone of the community is raised higher, until honesty and integrity become the rule, and not the exception, we expect nothing else.

THE GOOD SHIP AFLOAT.

"DINAFOR" ON REAL SHIP AND BEAT WATER AT PROVIDENCE.

An audience of between 2,000 and 3,000 assembled at the Park garden to witness the opening performance of the comic opera, "H. M. S. Dinafore," in the open air and on a real ship on real water. There had been a fear that the singing, and especially the dialogue, might not be distinctly heard, even by those nearest the ship, but this fear was almost entirely dispelled. With one or two exceptions, after they got fairly into it, both singing and dialogue were heard easily to the furthest portions of the audience. The choros of the sisters, cousins and aunts, as they left the landing in the small boats to board the ship, was very pretty. The good ship Dinafore, moored in the lake, is 110 feet long. She was fully rigged, and a man-of-war's-man present pronounced her exceedingly well gotten up. Her sails were "loosed to a breeze," her gun-deck ports were closed, but on the main deck were four broadside guns and two bow's howitzers; there was the wheel in front of the cabin, the captain, the ropes coiled up around the life rail, the starboard anchor down—in short it was a good representation of a ship-of-war. The orchestra was out of sight, in the fore-cabin, but out of sound. The action was in the centre of the main deck, and when the sailors departed they went down the fore-hatch, while the Admiral, the Captain, and his lovely daughter, and the sisters, cousins, and aunts disappeared at the proper times into the cabin. When Little Bittercup came on board she came in a boat alone, was met at the starboard gangway by a gallant tar, and sang the first stanza while in the boat. The sisters, cousins and aunts arrived in the same way. When the boat containing Sir Joseph and Hebe arrived there was a commotion on board. There was a salute, and the yards were manned by men who were as agile and evidently understood what they were about as though they were real man-of-war's-men. Then there was a file of marines who did their duty, notably the silent drill, so well as to win merited applause. When the Admiral left the ship with Hebe he sang his "I'm the March of the Sea," after he had boarded the small boat and while preparing to start. And over all and above all was the strangeness of the surroundings, the water and the sky, the reflection of the opera in the lake, the trees, the immense audience scattered around the shore of the lake, giving a novel, not to say weird, appearance.

And there was an element which it is so risky to say never before entered into a representation of "Dinafore," and one which created a good deal of amusement in a quiet way. This was a couple of frogs—perhaps more, but two at least—who played their little part. One was the father of all frogs, or, better, grandfather, whose position was at the left of the lake, and the other was a fellow of no mean voice at the right of the lake. They had evidently not been at all the rehearsals and didn't always come in just at the right time. (By the way, why not train these frogs and utilize them in the "Frog Opera?"—no charge for this suggestion, Mr. Reeves.) For instance, when "Ralph" was purring his "simple eloquence" into the ears of "Josephine," grandfather rang out "chur-ur-ur-ur" three or four times, which might have meant to suggest to "Ralph" that he knew he was giving "tuff." The presence of the frog chorus at some of the tender passages was decidedly novel, and at one time, while "Josephine" was singing a solo, it was a matter of doubt whether she or the frogs would come out best, and bets were offered quite as freely on the frogs as on her. It was funny to hear "Little Bittercup" sing:

Bulls-eye but inflated frogs, and then "chur-ur-ur-ur" in digst from the grandfather, or to hear Sir Joseph say, "Love levels all ranks," to be met with "er-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r" from the frog at the right; or to hear the frog chorus mingled with

Never mind the why or wherefore, or Sir Joseph sing

And the Lord that rules the water, with the distasteful rinder—"jig a rum, jig a rum," or Josephine, and the tar that plows the water, with the congratulatory "chur-ur-ur-ur." But these examples are enough to give us an idea of the fun that was not on the programme.

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