

# THE EVENING NEWS.

Monday, July 6, 1874.

## THE ST. LOUIS BRIDGE.

The St. Louis people intend to have a grand jollification over their great new bridge across the Mississippi on the Fourth. The Louisville Courier-Journal suggests that "we must bear with the St. Louisans," in this weakness of theirs, as their pet, the bridge, really is a "big thing."

The Missouri Democrat suggests that the bridge will become the great place of resort, the grand drive and promenade, for St. Louis city and suburbs; that to it will resort merchants, politicians, lovers, loafers, poets, philosophers, young bloods, invalids, nurses, sufferers, and all who, on business or pleasure or other purpose bent, desire a ride or stroll.

This is how the *Democrat* of June 22 pictures Sunday on the bridge:

"The great day on the bridge is Sunday. Then the entire population is free from the calls of labor and at liberty to seek rest and recreation whenever such blessings are to be found. Sunday was Sunday, and the thermometer boiled up nearly to the boiling point, and the breeze was hot and languid. While the sun goes down his burning rays only a few salamanders braved the chances of a coup de soleil by venturing out of the shade of a roof or horse car; but when the glorious orb dipped low down in the west, the whole population of the city hastened bridgeward. Vehicles of all sorts crossed and recrossed, but the footmen composed by far the greater portion of the multitude. Two constant flowing streams of humanity were pouring along the bridge, from west to east, all night, moving slowly and elbowing each other on the footpath. It would be difficult to estimate how many thousands of men, women, boys, girls, and babies in arms crossed the bridge between seven o'clock and midnight. Perhaps 50,000 would not be an extravagant estimate. A fair proportion were women and children. Many families of from six to a dozen made the passage. Young men and maidens in couples were as plentiful as blackberries, and many of them stuck as closely together. One ardent youth, evidently a Tennessean, had arm round the waist of his charwoman, and had his spooling upon his shoulder as limber and as loving as a kitten asleep upon the maternal bosom."

"It would be impossible to detail a thousandth part of the scenes enacted on the bridge on Sunday night. It is as good as a show night to the crowds. When the home railroad is finished the visitors will increase in number, and the passage will be much easier and more comfortable."

"The indefatigable street preachers took advantage of the assembling of the multitude to hold forth in the open space in front of the bridge, and a noisy multitude once gathered around them. Why wouldn't the bridge answer for political meetings and torch-light processions? Some of our ambitious orators, like Mr. O'Brien, could have the exquisite satisfaction of denouncing the wrongs of the poor man in two States at once, to say nothing of a large floating population."

Now the St. Louis people should deposit a few loads of soft in various places in recesses on the bridge, lay down water pipes to them, and plant flowers and shrubs in them, and then they can have a paradise to their grand bridge, provided hanging gardens to surpass those of old Babylon and to gladden the eyes of all visitors.

## ANOTHER REDUCTION.

On account of having an unusual large stock of summer clothing yet on hand, and to dispose of them before the season is over, we have another reduction in prices, which does not affect the guarantee given against damage to goods in this city. Purchasers can now buy to the advantage by calling at us in purchasing elsewhere.

Branch Office, 62 Deaderick Street, New Orleans.

L. Gossard & Co., West End Building.

## BAB MEETING.

SIXTY-EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE ST. LOUIS HAB. ARE REQUESTED TO MEET IN THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE IN THE CITY-HOUSE, MONDAY, JULY SIXTEEN, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, A.M., TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AS TO TIME OF HOLDING THE TERRITORIAL COURTS UNDER THE INVESTIGATION OF CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE HAB. BILL.

THOMAS HEMPHILL, Committee.

JOHN D. HOWARD, Committee.

W. H. DAVIS, Committee.

PRICE-LIST.

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