NEW ORLEANS MARKETS.

SATURDAY MORNING, Dec. 16, 1848.

The business transactions of the week just elapsed have not been on a very extensive scale in any department, and prices both of Flour and Corn are rather lower since the Britannia's accounts were received. Cotton has been in good request, and after fluctuating slightly the market closes with great steadiness. The weather has been unfavorable most of the time, and this, with the anticipation of later news from Europe by the Canada (now fully due) has had some effect in limiting operations generally.

The river has risen nearly five feet since Monday morning, and is still rising.

COTTON.—No alteration occurred in the market on Saturday, the sales being limited to about 500 bales at former rates. The Britannia's advices, as transmitted by telegraph to Mobile and thence to this city on Monday by mail, looked rather encouraging for Cotton—Middling, which was most wanted, having become rather dearer at Liverpool, and the quotations for Fair Orleans remaining at 4½d., as reported by the previous steamer. Nevertheless buyers here did not seem willing to pay the full rates before current, and about 6000 bales changed hands on Monday and Tuesday on rather easier terms for them. On Wednesday and Thursday, however, the inquiry was more general and the business reached 11,000 bales, the slight decline of the day or two previous being fully regained. Yesterday there was a brisk demand, owing to the favorable tenor of the Britannia's letters, and 7000 bales were disposed of, making the entire business of the week 24,500 bales, taken chiefly for England and the North. Prices close very steadily at our quotations of last Saturday. The receipts at this port now exceed those of last year to same date by 42,012 bales, and at all the U. S. ports there is an excess of 248,619 bales.

NEW-ORLEANS CLASSIFICATION.

Inferior	4¼@4¾	Middling Fair	5¾@6
Ordinary	4¾@5¼	Fair	6¼@6¾
Middling	5¼@5¾	Good Fair	nominal.
Good Middling	5¾@6¼	Good and Fine	nominal.

COTTON AND TOBACCO STATEMENT.

	Cotton, bales.	Tobacco, hhds.
Stock on hand, Sept. 1, 1848	37,401	14,856
Received past week	16,892	301
" previously	316,737—353,629	3,419—3,720
	391,030	18,576
Exported past week	14,317	112
" previously	230,271—244,588	7,906—8,018
Stock on hand not cleared	146,442	10,558

TOBACCO.—The Tobacco market has not been active, as the stock is too light to admit of large operations, but prices are very fully sustained. The entire sales of the week are about 800 hhds., including some re-sales. We quote as before—Leaf, 2½@3¾; Leaf, Inferior to Common and Fine, 3¾@5½; Choice and Selections, 5½@6½c. ℔ lb.

SUGAR.—Rainy weather during a considerable part of the time has interfered with the sales of Sugar, which have only reached about 2400 hhds., taken mostly for the West. An advance of ⅛c. took place in the early part of the week which has been sustained since. We now quote—Inferior and Common 2½@3½; Fair, 3¾@3¾; Prime and Choice, 4@4¼c. ℔ lb.

MOLASSES.—Prices have advanced from 20½@20½ to 20¾@21c. ℔ gallon, the transactions for the past three days being chiefly at the outside figures. The entire sales are about 4000 bbls., mostly for shipment to the West. On Plantation 250,000 gallons sold at 18@19c. ℔ gallon—an improvement.

FLOUR.—The Flour market opened rather heavily in the early part of the week, owing to large receipts and unfavorable advices from England, and prices declined about 12½c. ℔ bbl. The entire business of the week embraces about 15,000 bbls., the sales being chiefly at $4 55@4 62½ for Ohio in flatboat and $4 50 from steamboat, and $4 65@4 87½ for the best Illinois and St. Louis brands. Yesterday we heard of only about 1500 bbls. taken, including 1300 bbls. from flatboat at $4 55 ℔ bbl. Arrived past week, 34,317 bbls.; exported, 19,610 bbls.

GRAIN.—The Corn market has again presented a pretty active appearance, in spite of the almost daily rains. About 40,000 sacks have found purchasers at 48@53c. in the early part of the week and 45@50c. since the Britannia's news, which as reported by telegraph was unfavorable, though the letters received yesterday gave quite a different version, representing the Liverpool market firm and prices unchanged.....Oats have rather improved and sell at 29@34c. ℔ bushel in sacks.....Nothing, we believe, has been done in Wheat.....Bran has sold at 42½c. in bulk and 50c. in sacks. Arrived past week, 34,819 sacks Corn; exported, 11,013 sks.

PROVISIONS.—The accounts from the West, where packers are paying high prices for hogs, in connection with the limited stock, have occasioned a considerable advance in our Pork market, and prices have advanced to $10 75@11 for Mess, and $9 25@9 50 ℔ bbl. for Prime, closing quite firmly, especially for Mess. Yesterday a lot sold on the Levee uninspected as follows: 52 bbls. Mess at $10 50, 72 do. M. O. at $10, and 11 do. Ramps at $8 ℔ bbl.....Bacon has been quite inactive, the few sales being at 4@4½c. for Sides, 3¾@4c. for Shoulders, and 6@10c. ℔ lb for Plain to the best Sugar-cured Hams.....Lard has been in better demand for Havana and Europe, and prices have rather improved. The week's sales include 2500 bbls. and tierces at 6¼@6½c. chiefly, and 2000 kegs mostly at 6½c. ℔ lb for Prime—the latter for Havana.....Beef is also rather better in price, and we now quote Mess $11@11 50 in bbls, $5 50 in half bbls., and $7 25@8 for Prime. The largest sale of Prime Mess was 170 tierces at $16 ℔ tierce, and to-day 100 at the same... Western Butter is selling at 9½@12c. for Ordinary to Prime, and Good Cheese at 7c. ℔ lb.

RICE.—The few sales of Prime Carolina have been at 3¾@3¾c. ℔ lb.

COFFEE.—A speculative demand arose in the early part of the week and large sales were made at 5@5¼c. for Rio, but prices have since advanced to 5¾@5¾c., at which they are now firm. The sales of the week are fully 94,000 bags.

WHISKY.—Prices have fallen off again to 18c. for Rectified, and some sales are reported at 17½c., which, however, we cannot vouch for. Nearly 800 bbls. Raw sold at 19c.

SALT.—Liverpool has arrived more freely, and the rates have given way. We notice sales of about 15,000 sacks by the cargo at $1 33@$1 07 ℔ sack round. The store rates are $1 20@1 30 for Coarse and Fine, free of drayage.

HEMP.—No transactions for many weeks.

LEAD.—On Saturday last about 2700 pigs were taken by one buyer at $6 87½ for Lower and $4 for Upper Mines, the first transactions for a long time.

BAGGING AND ROPE.—The market has been quite inactive and not over 2000 pieces and coils have been disposed of at 16½@17c. for Bagging, and 7@8c. for Ordinary to Prime Rope, chiefly cash.

LIME.—A cargo of 1600 casks Thomaston sold at $1, and small lots from second hands bring $1 10 ℔ cask.

HAY.—Prices range from $12 for Inferior Northern to $17 for Prime Bath Hay, the largest sales being at $14@15 ℔ ton.

TALLOW.—During the week 147 bbls. Ordinary country rendered sold at 7¼, 375 do. and 48 do. Prime at 7½c.

GUNNY BAGS.—The rates have been 10¼@10¾, and now 10¾@11c. for new Bags in bales.

CANDLES.—Nantucket and New Bedford Sperm have been dull at 31@32½, Star at 12½, and Tallow at 9½@10c.

EXCHANGE.—The demand has been moderate and the rate are still for Sterling 8@9¼ ℔ ct. pm. New York 60 day Bills 1@1½ ℔ ct. dis. Sight Checks ¾@1 ℔ ct. pm.

FREIGHTS.—The Foreign Freight market has been quite dull, though the few engagements have been at about former rates, say 7-16@15-32d. for Cotton to British and American ships to Liverpool, 11½d. for Corn, 3s. 9d.@4s. for Flour, etc., ⅞c. for Cotton to Havre and ¾c. gross for Lard. Cotton to Boston ⅝c., Flour 60c., Pork 70c.

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DAILY CRESCENT.

NEW ORLEANS:

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16, 1848.

☞ We are indebted to Captain Smith, of the steamship Palmetto, for a Galveston paper.

☞ We thank the officers of the steamer Embassy for late papers.

☞ A poetic testimonial, written by Mr. H. P. Grattan, to the acting of Mr. Burton, in the quaint character of *Captain Ed'ard Cuttle*, in "Dombey and Son," will be found on our first page. Also, yesterday's legislative proceedings, Election Returns, etc., etc.

WEEKLY CRESCENT.—The mammoth Weekly Crescent will be published this evening at 2 o'clock. It will be found in keeping with the previous numbers, and unsurpassed by any paper in the South in variety of literary and miscellaneous articles. It will contain all the news of the week—foreign, domestic and local—a review of the market up to Saturday noon, and the news by this day's mail.

JUDGE BRYANT.—We had the pleasure yesterday of receiving a visit from Judge Bryant, lately appointed Chief Justice of Oregon territory. The Judge is on the way to the scene of his new labors, and will leave in the steamship Falcon, on Monday. Oregon city, the capital of the territory, is to be the locality of the Supreme Court. From a short conversation we had with Judge Bryant, we believe him eminently qualified for the post to which he has been appointed.

☞ Our old friend, Wilson, late of the Planters' Banner, is in town, looking remarkably well. Wilson is extensively known in this State—at least through his paper—which was, under his control, one of the most readable country papers among our exchanges.

MR. CLAY.—We are gratified to be able to announce to the numerous friends of our distinguished fellow-citizen, that his health has greatly improved within the last few days—so much so, that he is now taking exercise in his carriage. He visited this city yesterday, for the first time for five weeks. His health, we hope, will in a short time now be completely restored.—*Lexington (Ky.) Obs., 6th.*

FROM CORPUS CHRISTI AND BRÁZOS ST. JAGO. By the schooner Neptune, Capt. Brenen, arrived at Galveston, the News received Corpus Christi dates to the 28th and the Brownsville Flag to the 22d ult. That paper learned from Capt. Brenen, that the schooner Major Lear, Capt. Douglass, arrived at Brazos St. Jago from Tampico on the 22d ult., and reports that the schooner John Roaleff, from New Orleans, arrived at Tampico, laden with ammunition for the citizens of Tampico, who brought her up to the city. Capt. Douglass stated that it was expected that the Government troops would attack the city of Tampico on the night of the 22d ult., the day on which he left.

Large parties of Mexican traders were constantly arriving at Corpus Christi. Capt. B. states that one party arrived there last week, numbering 150, with $15,000 in specie.

The Brownsville Flag contains little matter of interest to our readers. It has a scorching article against Maj. Eastland, formerly Quartermaster at the Brazos, who left that place recently for New Orleans. Maj. Eastland's conduct on the Rio Grande has been loudly censured, but with what degree of justice we do not pretend to determine.

☞ The great painting of the age, "Stockwell's Panorama of the Mississippi River," will be exhibited to-day at half-past 1 o'clock. This will afford a rare chance for schools, and for parents to take their children before nightfall. No more instructive lesson can be given, no greater impulse afforded a child who is studying the geography of our country, than the truly magnificent illustrations presented in this immense picture. The evening exhibition will also take place at the usual hour. Go, and be astonished and delighted.

SABLE MELODISTS.—We last evening visited the Armory to hear this delightful and unique troupe, and we must say that their performance quite equaled, if not surpassed our expecations. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was not as large as it otherwise would have been; but all who were present testified their delight by repeated bursts of applause. The selection of airs was very fine, and they were all executed with admirable taste. The celebrated "Railroad Overture," in particular, was received with great applause, and rapturously encored. The instrumental music was also very delightful, and the performance of Mr. Whitney upon the violin was excellent. They give another concert this evening. For particulars, we refer our readers to their advertisement, in another column.

THE APOLLO SALOON.—This is the name of a new hall fitted up in the second story of the Carriage Bazaar, at the corner of Carondelet and Perdido streets, by Mr. H. S. Smith. It is a large room, 80 feet by 40, and is as well adapted for the purpose for which it has been prepared, for balls, concerts, or a lecture hall, as any in the city. The entrance is on Carondelet street, and it is no slight recommendation that persons, and especially ladies, visiting an exhibition or entertainment at the saloon, will be freed from the annoyance of passing through a crowded thoroughfare or objectionable neighborhood.

OAK'S MELODEON.—Music and good cheer; the soft strains of Orpheus and the sparkling nectar of Bacchus are nightly to be enjoyed at the above establishment, and what to many will be a great desideratum is, that the musical feast is free, while the charge for refreshments is only 20 cents. The Melodeon being a new establishment, it will not be amiss to state that it is on St. Charles street, two doors from Gravier.

S. P. STICKNEY.—Among the familiar faces we met yesterday on the street, was that of the popular equestrian manager, Mr. S. P. Stickney. We presume his excellent company will be ready to entertain their friends in a few days.

FREE CONCERT.—We learn that the enterprising proprietor of "the Harmony," Poydras street, in the block of new buildings below the market, will give a free concert this evening. Mr. Tom Wilson, the celebrated banjo player, will appear, assisted by a talented Ethiopian troupe.

OHIO RIVER.—The swell in the Ohio river at Louisville is increasing rapidly. The whole of the flats and shoals about Corn Island are covered, and the river now presents a broad and beautiful expanse. There is at this time sufficient depth on the falls for any boat to descend. At dark on the evening of the 7th inst., there were five feet six inches water on the falls, in the Indiana chute, and rising. There is every reason to believe that there will be a rise of several feet yet. A telegraph dispatch from Pittsburg states there were nine feet water in the channel, and in the Allegheny river ten feet. The weather warm and pleasant. The Kanawha and Kentucky rivers were also rising very rapidly.

THE TOMBIGBEE RIVER.—The Tombigbee river is in fine boating order, and will most probably continue so during the winter. Four steamboats had already arrived at Columbus up to the 9th inst., viz. the Lowndes, Clara, Aberdeen, and Eighth of January.

RED RIVER.—The late rains have caused a very considerable rise in the river, and boats of a large size can now pass up without difficulty. The river may now be said to be crowded with steamers, and should the present swell prove to be the permanent Winter rise, the Red River crop will soon be in New Orleans, if planters are disposed to ship at the present unfavorable prices.—*Alexandria Dem., 6th.*

☞ Navigation on the Hudson river will soon close. The steamboats are being drawn off.

☞ Miss Hildreth, a prominent actress in New York, is dead.

The Dray Tax.

A day or two since we alluded to the proceedings of the General Council relative to the license on drays, and attempted to expose, by good-humored ridicule, the weakness of the reasons which were urged before that distinguished body for the increase of the tax upon draymen. The reasoning of the Council was a laughing matter to us, but their resolutions were any thing but laughable to the draymen, upon whom this tax bears with a crushing effect, amounting, in most cases, to five or six per cent. upon the annual earnings of the man with his horse and dray. Why should draymen be particularly set down for taxation? What have they done, that their burdens should be increased, while those of other citizens remain untouched? The Council has fixed a tariff of charges for them, but competition has reduced their remuneration far below the tariff standard—they do just as much work for just as little money as it is possible for them to do and follow their business, and during the Summer months they are almost entireiy without employment. Our rulers ought to remember that one of the last things to tax is human labor, yet they seem to delight in taxing this, in preference to every thing else. It will be perceived, by the proceedings below, that the draymen have had a meeting upon this subject, and have taken steps to stop the farther action on this subject, if possible. Whether they will succeed or not, remains to be seen. We can only say that their cause is one which deserves success.

At a meeting of the owners of Drays in the city of New Orleans, held at Banks Arcade, on Friday evening, the 15th inst., to take into consideration the late oppressive increase of the dray-tax by the General Council of this city, Mr. WM. BARNES was called to the chair; Mr. ROBERT BARRY appointed Vice-President, and DENNIS DONOVAN, Secretary.

The following preamble and resolutions were read, and, on motion, adopted:

Whereas, we, the owners of drays in the city of New Orleans, deem the ordinance passed on the 13th inst., by the General Council, increasing the tax on drays for the ensuing year, as most exorbitant and unjust; and the more onerous as we are already compelled to pay a State tax upon our horses, mules, drays, etc.; and whereas, the great body of the draymen of the city reside in the Second Municipality, they are also subject to another burden of as much as they can well bear in the property-tax of one per cent., recently imposed by the Council of that Municipality; and, therefore, most respectfully solicit the General Council to take the subject into consideration: and

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to call a special meeting of the Council to take the grievance into consideration by their honorable body, and modify the ordinance alluded to.

Resolved, That should the Mayor deem it inexpedient to convene the Council, he be earnestly solicited to interpose his veto, and prevent a gross act of injustice.

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee of five to wait upon the Mayor, and request his interposition.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Mayor: Joseph Bruneau, John S. Thacker, Bernard McGlynn, William Titterton, Robert Barry.

WILLIAM BARNES, President.
ROBERT BARRY, Vice President.
DENNIS DONOVAN, Secretary.

☞ The meeting called for Saturday evening, at Poydras Market, has been postponed until further notice.

CASS AND THE PROVISO.—David Wilmot publishes a card in the Bradford Reporter, in which he acquits Mr. McClelland of making any overtures in regard to the Proviso during his late visit to his (Wilmot's) District, just previous to the Presidential election.

BALTIMORE REPUBLICAN.—We are pleased to observe that this well-conducted paper has been enlarged and much improved in appearance. It belongs to the democratic faith, but is always fair and courteous in tone.

COL. HAYS.—The Houston Star says that no intelligence has been received from Col. Hays and his little band since they were left by Dr. Sturges on the Puerco. Apprehensions were felt in regard to their safety, but, on that score, we think there is little to fear, as the skill and courage of these gallant adventurers is known to be equal to the dangers and obstacles of the undertaking.

☞ The New York Journal of Commerce states that Mr. David Hale, while on his way to the South, has had a serious relapse, and is now lying dangerously ill at Fredericksburg, Va.

THE CHOLERA IN NEW YORK.—The Board of Health have agreed to meet daily, and report on the increase or decrease of the epidemic. There had been no increase at last accounts.

COAL-BOAT SUNK.—Duringthe night of Wednesday, the 6th, at Louisville, the storm was at intervals raging violently. One coal-boat broke from its fasts and landed near the mouth of the canal. A boat with about 1700 bushels in, knocked its bottom out, and spilled the coal in the mouth of the creek. This will be very apt to choke it in low water, unless removed.

CHEAP LEGISLATION.—They do their legislation very cheaply out in Illinois. The members of the Legislature, under the new Constitution of that State, receive but two dollars a day for forty days, and at the expiration of that time, if they remain in session, it is reduced to one dollar. Of course, under these circumstances, the members will manage to do all their business in the forty days.

GEN. JAMES TAYLOR'S WILL.—We learn from the Cincinnati Chronicle that the will of Gen. James Taylor, of Newport, Ky., was presented to the County Court of Campbell county for probate, and for reasons satisfactory to the court was rejected. We understand the utmost good feeling exists between the heirs to this immense estate, and that no difficulty or litigation will arise among them. The same paper states that, at a family council of the heirs of Gen. James Taylor, it was unanimously determined to emancipate all the slaves, numbering over forty, belonging to the estate, and that the aged and children would be provided for.

BAYOU PLAQUEMINE.—We learn from a friend who arrived yesterday from Franklin, that Bayou Plaquemine is now open—8 feet water on the shoal places. Boats can now run to Attakapas by this route in thirty-six hours, instead of going to the mouth of Red River.

THE YORKTOWN.—The Cincinnati Dispatch states that the new Yorktown will soon be ready to take her place in the New Orleans trade. She is a perfect copy of the old Yorktown, which together with her commander, Capt. Haldeman, were formerly so popular in that trade. The same success again awaits them both.

THE NORTH.—The weather northward is unusually mild. At Washington, monthly rose-bushes are in bloom. At Baltimore, according to the Sun, Indian summer is prevailing. A chemical solution of this most lovely season in the north is that it is occasioned by the heat and vapor evolved from the decaying vegetation.

OHIO.—The Legislature of Ohio has not yet managed to get out of its difficulties. The Senate was organised, as we have before stated, by the election of a Free Soil Whig. On one of ballots, one more vote was cast than there are Senators, which occasioned great excitement and amusement. The House was not organised at the last accounts, and the democrats had possession of the Legislative Hall, where they remained in permanent session.

CHEROKEE NATION.—The National Council adjourned on the 11th ult. Mr. C. V. McNair and Mr. W. P. Ross were appointed delegates to Washington. Mr. Ross, in consequence, resigns his editorship of the Cherokee Advocate.

NOTICE.—The Pay-Master engaged in paying the "Three-Months' Extra Pay" to the Louisiana Volunteers, will visit Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, on MONDAY, 18th instant, and Baton Rouge on TUESDAY, 19th, to pay the Companies of Captains Rousseau, Robertson, Beale and Stewart.

On WEDNESDAY, the 27th of this month, he will visit Richmond, Madison Parish, and subsequently, in succession, St. Joseph's, Tensas; Vidalia, Concordia; St. Francisville, West Feliciana, and Clinton, East Feliciana.

Early in January he will visit the several points on Red River where Companies were organized. On his return he will visit Attakapas, in the above enumeration, should there be places omitted where Companies have been organized, which would be deemed by the parties interested desirable for the Pay-Master to visit, any communication to that effect, directed either to him or the Deputy Pay-Master General, New Orleans, will be attended to. d14 2t

POST-MASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.—According to this document, the Post-office revenue, under the reduced rates, is rapidly increasing, and amounted during the last fiscal year, to $4,471,077; exceeding the annual average of the nine years immediately preceding the passage of the reducing act, $6,453, and exceeding the revenue of the year immediately preceding the last, $425,184.

The letter postage amounted to $3,550,304, exceeding that of the previous year, $295,791.

The newspaper postage amounted to $767,334, being an increase of $124,174.

The report next proceeds to set forth the condition and operations of the Department in relation to the steamer mail service.

Among the most prominent recommendations which it sets forth, are these: To make the rate of postage uniform for letters at five cents the half ounce; for newspapers, at one cent the ounce; for periodicals, two cents the ounce; and for foreign letters, fifteen cents the half ounce; the total abolition of the franking privilege; the pre-payment of all mail matter; and, lastly, a change in the tenure of the office of the Post-master General, with a view of removing the opinion which exists, that, as at present constituted, the Post-office Department is used by politicians at the seat of Government with the view of promoting party purposes and party organizations.

But there is one recommendation, says the N. Y. Express, which is ludicrous. Speaking of postage on newspapers, Mr. Johnson says:

"Heretofore the charge has been made upon each paper without regard to weight, which is unjust to the publishers, as well as the public; and there is no satisfactory reason why they should not be charged by weight, as well as letters and other sealed packages. This would lead to a discontinuance of the practice of depositing newspapers in the mails before they are dry, which renders them more liable to injury, and their weight is greatly increased from the dampness of the paper. A uniform rate of one cent upon each ounce, or fraction under it, would be more just, and probably yield as much revenue as the present rates."

Weighing newspapers! (continues the Express.) Depositing them when they are wet! Does the Post-master General think newspapers can be printed without being wet, or that there is any time to dry them before they are mailed? Imagine a newspaper press-room with a furnace and a drying room in it—and the mails, of course, lost, and the people all around waiting for the drying room to make ready their newspapers! Again—weighing papers would soon lead to the use of such thin sheets, that all the eyes in the country would be used up in reading them.

N. Y. EVENING POST.—Mr. Boggs has retired from the N. Y. Evening Post, and Mr. John Bigelow has been associated in the proprietorship and editorial department of that paper. Mr. Bigelow is well known as a gentleman of great ability, a fine writer, of extensive literary acquirements, and is one of the handsomest men in New York.

NEW PORK-PACKING PROCESS.—In some of the western establishments, with a view of making the pork firmer and keep better, so as to command a higher price in the London market, they singe the hair off. The fresh-killed hogs being hung up in a room, straw is set in a blaze underneath till the operation is completed.

☞ Miss Amarillius Ann Marsh, it is now asserted by her father, in a letter the Rochester Daily Advertiser, could not have written the letter stating that she had left her home in Buffalo of her own accord. That missive the father believes to be a base fabrication, got up by some demon in human shape to screen his villany.

ATTAKAPAS SUGAR CROP.—A friend thoroughly acquainted with the sugar region states that the crop of Attakapas will fall short fully one-third. The rolling in that section of the State is nearly over.. *Freights.*—He also informs us that there is a large number of brigs and schooners in the Tèche. Freights dull.

THE TELEGRAPH.—A wonderful telegraph feat is recorded in the Baltimore American. The whole of the President's Message was sent through from Baltimore to St. Louis within twenty-four hours after its delivery at Washington. The Message was sent *verbatim*, with all its punctuation, as it came from the President.

COAL COMING—The Louisville Courier of the 8th states, on the authority of Capt. Mason, of the Telegraph No. 2, that the river from Pittsburg down is literally lined with flatboats. The greater portion of them are laden with coal.

☞ We observe that the Governor of Kentucky has appointed Calhoun Benham Commissioner of Deeds for Louisiana.

☞ The NewYork papers of the 5th inst., state, that through the indefatigable exertions of Mr. Alex. Vattemare, in carrying out his excellent system of International Exchanges, the archives of that city have been enriched by the addition of a beautiful collection of medals from His Holiness the Pope. They are in gold, silver and bronze, and of much value as commemorative of various events which have transpired during the present Pontificate. The Municipal authorities are preparing to respond to this movement on the part of His Holiness.

DEAD.—Dr. Robert Mitchell, formerly a member of Congress from the Muskingum and Licking Districts, died recently at Zanesville, Ohio.

OUT OF PLACE.—They had quite a fall of snow at Minden, in this State, on the 2d inst.

☞ Our readers may have observed that Mr. Polk's Message, as published in the Journal and Courier of yesterday, closes, after the manner of a Mexican *pronunciamiento*, with "*God and Liberty!*" We presume these words were added in jest by the operator who telegraphed the Message. But possibly they were inserted by the President himself for the benefit of our new fellow-citizens in New Mexico and California.—*Louisville Journal.*

☞ Grand Division S. of T., State of Louisiana.—An Adjourned Special Session of the Grand Division S. of T., State of Louisiana, will be held at Temple Hall, No. 58½ Canal street, on MONDAY NEXT, the 18th inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M. The members are requested to be punctual....By order of the G. W. P.

d16 2t EDWIN L. LEWIS, G. S.

☞ Washington, Orleans and Lafayette Fountains. Y. B. of T.—Members and Ex-Members of the above Fountains, and all Youths over 14 and not over 18 years of age, favorable to organizing a new Fountain, are requested to meet at Crystal Fount Hall, 222 Tchoupitoulas street, on SUNDAY EVENING NEXT, Dec. 17, at 4 o'clock precisely. d14 2t

☞ A Card.—*RIDING SCHOOL.*—In answer to many inquiries addressed to the subscribers, they respectfully announce that they will commence a series of Lessons in Riding, at the Circus, as soon as a sufficient number of Pupils are engaged. Application may be made at the Office of the undersigned, at 10 A. M. and 5 P. M. DAN RICE,
LUIGI GERMANI,
d14 30pd Late Riding-Master at Franconi's and Astley's.

☞ Louisiana State Colonization Society.—The Members of this Society are hereby notified that the ANNUAL ELECTION for Officers and Directors will be held at the Bible Depository, No. 58 Camp street, on TUESDAY, the 26 day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 2 o'clock, P. M., under the inspection of Commissioners duly appointed....By order of the Board of Directors. H. A. BULLARD, President.
R. L. STANTON, Recording Secretary. d12td

☞ Rogers's Liverwort and Tar.—We invite the attention of such of our readers as are in want of an excellent remedy for Coughs, Colds, and Diseases of the Lungs and Chest, to the advertisement of this article, on the third page of our paper. n23 1m

☞ Strangers in the City, see Dr. B. F. MULLEN'S advertisements in the other columns of this paper. He is one of the very best in his profession now in the United States. All that stand in need would do well to give him a call, at 98 Customhouse street. n12tf

☞ The Reader is referred to the advertisement of the JENNY LIND HAIR GLOSS, on the third page, by J. WRIGHT & CO., 151 Chartres street. n22 30pjnl

☞ The attention of Females is particularly directed to the Notice of Dr. PARMELEE, on the third page....Office, No. 22 Hevia street. d5 30pd

☞ Richelieu Diamond-Pointed Gold Pens.—The superiority of these Pens, and the large sums which they are sold, have established for them a reputation greater than any other Pen made. If the points come off of a RICHELIEU PEN, or the Purchaser is in any way dissatisfied, a new Pen will invariably be given in its place, thus insuring the buyer against the trouble and expense incurred by the purchase of an inferior article. Price, only $2 50 each, with Silver Pencil included.

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d7 3wdip Corner of St. Charles and Canal Streets. T. F. GUION.

☞ NOTICE.—Mr. L. S. HOUGHTON, of Vicksburg, and Mr. R. W. WORTHINGTON, of Rodney, are duly authorized Agents to receive subscriptions and receipt for all moneys on account of the "CRESCENT."

☞ The Taylor Ball.—Gen. TAYLOR having accepted the Ball tendered to him by the Citizens of New-Orleans, upon the score of the Ladies peculiarly expressed to him, and having designated the Eighth of January as the day most agreeable to him, Books of Subscription for an additional number of subscribers are now open at the Office of the Ball-Room and the principal Music and Book Stores of the city. d14 2t JAS. F. BROOKS, Director.

☞ In Cincinnati, they are about to build, rig, and furnish completely, a brig, for a firm in Salem, Massachusetts.

☞ The scarlet fever is prevailing to an alarming extent in Cincinnati.

Arrivals at the Principal Hotels Yesterday.

VERANDAH....Dr J S Craig, California; Mrs Woodfolk, Joseph Woodfolk, William Woodfolk, Bayou Grosse Tete; Col E W Abbott, Mass; Mrs Taylor, Miss Hagan, Louisville; A R Van Schmidt, A B Parks, F A Williamson, Mr Cayhill, La; J W Gordon, Rapides; D C Ogden and lady, Mrs Ripton, Texas; D W C Harris, Houston; J Mills, Ark.

HEWLETT'S....J W Lee, S Martin, Ohio; F Surget, Dr C A Bunce, Natchez; J A Hutchings, Texas; Col W C S Van Ness, S C M Edwards, Coast; S H Rolfe, Ky; J E S Chesholm, Miss; J M Crawford, Ark; M F DeGradenigal, Tenn; F Noland, Ill.

PLANTERS'....Garrison Crowell, ship Jane; G Chouvers, Md; H Gayon, James Marche, Dr H Stark, Middleton Quaries, La; Mrs Howe, J B Herron and mother, Ala; A McCayd and wife, S F Demilson, Jas A Wheatfall, Texas; M Tobin, Ohio; W D Robinson, Ky; S P Buckney and family, N O; Levi J North; Mrs Morris and child, Baltimore.

ST. CHARLES....Major Brooks; Capt McDonald; W S Parker, H A Tucker, N Y; Dr R E Smith, John Brum ey, Jno S Sterling, La; K Pritchett, J Bruce s, Ouachita; D Barbourne, Texas; James Lawson and lady, Rev D E Burnes, R J Ward, Jas H Rice, S R Smith, R A Marrifield, Richard Henry Lee, Miss Ann Molly, Ky; J J Hughes, Yazoo City; W W Woodfolk, N G Watts, B F Hastings, H Bixby, A Wheelock, C S Dahgren and lady, Miss F P Bowen, N O; John Smith, Jr, Robert Morris, Col J Rice, B B Cunningham, Va; Wm H Johnson, T A Marshall, M Emanuel, H H Miller, S J Severs and lady, Miss Lee, Mr Chilton, Wm M Moore, Miss Brewster, Vicksburg; Miss Moore; Miss S Moore; Robert Watson, Md; Geo H Child, Boston; C W Dorrance and lady, Ala; John Brunner, Augusta; Dr Cocke; A English, Pa.

S. of T....Meetings This Evening.

YOUNG MEN'S MAGNOLIA DIVISION No. 12, at Pelican Hall, cor. Common and St. Charles sts., at half-past 7.

TEUTONIA DIVISION No. 46, at Crystal Fount Hall, 222 Tchoupitoulas street, at half-past 7.

....*To-Morrow Morning*....

LIBERAL DIVISION No. 17, at Pelican Hall, corner St. Charles and Common streets, at 10 o'clock.

Auction Sales This Day.

MORPHY & NEVIUS will sell at 10 o'clock, at No. 57 Magazine street, Groceries, Provisions, Liquors, etc.

R. M. ARMFIELD will sell, at half past 3 o'clock, the "Contreras" Coffee-house, corner of Baronne and Hevia sts.

R. M. ARMFIELD will sell at the store of Jasper F. Smith, 7 Canal street, Dry Goods, Hats, Boots, Shoes, etc., without reserve. [☞ See Auction head.]

Steamboat Departures This Day.

☞ *SEE ADVERTISEMENTS ON THIRD PAGE.*

Yazoo River.....CORINNE, Powell, 3 P. M.
Pittsburg.....JAMESTOWN, Whitten, 4 P. M.
Pittsburg.....ALBATROS, Roberts, 5 P. M.
Yazoo River.....DELOS, Dunning, 9 A. M.
Black River.....RIDGELY, Smith, 3 P. M.
Yazoo River.....PATRICK HENRY, Crosby, 3 P. M.

—TO-MORROW—

Pittsburg.....NORTHERN LIGHT, Olden, 10 A. M.

☞ The Steamboat Albatros—For Louisville, Cincinnati and Pittsburg—Will leave THIS DAY, Saturday, at 5 o'clock, punctually, from Poydras street wharf.

HYDE & OGLESBY, 12 Poydras street.

Passengers will please be on board at the hour. d16

☞ U. S. Mail Jamestown—For Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati and Louisville.—This new and light-draught steamboat is now receiving freight and will leave as above THIS DAY, Saturday, at 4 o'clock, P. M., positively, from Poydras street wharf.

HYDE & OGLESBY, 12 Poydras st.

Passengers will please be on board at the hour. d16

☞ Yazoo Packet Corinne.—This splendid passenger packet will positively leave THIS DAY, Saturday, at 3 o'clock, P. M., from the foot of Canal street, for