DAILY CRESCENT.

NEW ORLEANS:

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 26, 1849.

LOCALS.—*See third page for City News, &c.*

☞ Thanks to the officers of the steamboat California for late Mobile papers.

☞ We are obliged to the officers of the steamer Constitution for late St. Louis papers.

For California—A New Orleans Association.

A GOOD CHANCE.—It appears that New Orleans is not likely to be behind other cities in the number or character of those whom it will furnish to swell the tide of California emigration. We heard yesterday of an association about being formed in this city for the purpose of proceeding to California. The number to which it is contemplated to limit the company is sixty. According to the plan, half of those are to be mechanics and practical men, who are to furnish merely enough for their personal expenses. The remaining thirty shares are to be distributed among the same number of persons, each of whom is to advance $1000 in money or merchandise suited to the California market. In this manner all the machinery and other articles necessary for carrying on mining operations are to be provided. The profits arising from the transactions of the association are to be equitably divided among the sixty shareholders. The party will start as soon as the requisite arrangements can be completed. This we think as good a chance for a profitable investment as we have heard of lately, and from the high character of some of those we know to be engaged—embracing some of our most respectable citizens—we think there is every prospect of a successful result. Those who desire to become members of the association, can apply to Mr. Hoard, at the Louisiana Hotel, for particulars.

NEW PAPER.—We have received the first number of the "Grenada Republican," published in Grenada, Yalabusha county, Miss. From the appearance of the Republican and its contents, we judge that it will be a good paper. We welcome it to our table.

☞ Gen. Taylor was to leave Baton Rouge on the 24th, on the steamer Princess, for his plantation, whence he would proceed to Washington, *via* Nashville. On the 23d a number of the citizens of Baton Rouge and vicinity called on the General to pay their respects to him. We perceive, by a correspondence in the Memphis papers, that Gen. Taylor has consented to stop at that place a few hours.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The Grand Division of Tennessee met in Memphis on the 18th. On account of the extreme inclemency of the weather, high waters in the interior, and the extravagant reports of the prevalence of cholera in Memphis, the attendance of delegates is stated to very limited.

I. O. O. F.—The Louisville Courier of the 18th says, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment I. O. O. F. of Kentucky are now in session. We understand that the attendance is unusually large, and that the proceedings thus far have been conducted with much harmony.

☞ Mr. Hill, *alias* "Yankee Hill," we learn, signed the temperance pledge at Lowell, Mass., a few days since, and addressed the citizens of that city on the subject of temperance, in the City Hall.

☞ A Temperance Hall is about to be built in St. Louis. The Order of the Sons of Temperance is very strong in that city.

☞ We have received from the agents, Messrs. Treadwell & Barry, a specimen of a new article of *diet*, called the "*Hecker Farina*," which is said to contain a greater per centage of nutritious principle than any other farinacious substance known. It is specially recommended as an article of food for children or invalids, and is in great favor, if we may judge from the notices of it, in the Northern cities for use in hospitals, etc. It is put up in convenient packages, and can be had of Messrs. Treadwell & Barry, corner of Lafayette and Tchoupitoulas streets.

PRINTING.—*California.*—The ship Apollo sailed from New York on the 16th. The Apollo has a large number of passengers, and also has on board two newspaper presses, types, paper and ink, and every thing complete for the establishment of a newspaper at the gold mines.

FOR CALIFORNIA.—The large and commodious schooner W. H. Hazzard, O. P. Saunders, master, will sail for Chagres on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 2 o'clock, from Post No. 8, Second Municipality. Passengers and shippers are requested to complete all their arrangements before that time, as she will positively sail at the hour. The Hazzard is a fine vessel, and very substantial. Nearly all of her cabin and steerage is engaged, but she can accommodate a few more in each.

STARTLING GOLD RUMOR.—The New York Tribune mentions a rumor in that city, that the steamship Falcon brought $100,000 to this city in gold dust. The Tribune says—"A more reliable rumor, which is also current, states that a merchant in this city has received a letter from the captain of the ship John Parker, at San Francisco, which vessel was entirely deserted by the crew. It is said that she has been manned by volunteers from the mining districts, who are coming home with their earnings, amounting to the total value of $800,000. If the half of this be true, there will be work enough for the mints next summer."

THE EXPLORING EXPEDITION AND CALIFORNIA GOLD.—The report of Mr. Dana, geologist of the U. S. Exploring Expedition, which is now in print, but not yet published, the N. Y. Express states, has the following *suspecting* sentence relative to the California gold region, written in 1841, relative to the California gold region, written in 1841, several years before the late *bona fide* discoveries: "The tolcose and allied rocks of the Umpqua, Shasty and Sacramento resemble, in many parts, the gold-bearing rocks of other regions; but the gold, if any there be, remains to be discovered."

SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY BALL.—Our readers will observe, in another column, a notice for a ball, to be given by the Scandinavian Society, on the evening of Saturday next. This will present a pleasant opportunity for our citizens, particularly the natives of Northern Europe, to pass a pleasant evening.

AMERICAN THEATRE.—A sterling bill is offered to-night, which cannot fail to prove attractive. Mr. Grattan's drama of the "Rebel Chief," which has always been hailed with applause, will be performed for the last time. Mr. Eytinge will delineate the character of *Long Tom Coffin*, in the "Pilot," and, if more attraction is needed, Miss Petrie will appear in her favorite character of *Rosetta*, in the "Alpine Maid." The American will be well attended to-night.

OLYMPIC CIRCUS.—We refer our readers to the excellent bill of entertainment put forth by the enterprising Manager for this evening. In addition to the usual variety of attraction which is nighly presented, the Sable Melodists—decidedly one of the best Ethiopian bands in America—will appear. Sam Stickney is determined that no effort shall be wanting on his part to render his neat little establishment attractive. We wish him the success which industry and perseverance should always command.

STOCKWELL'S PANORAMA.—This immense painting—the largest in the world—is open this evening, as usual. There is but one opinion of its beauty, fidelity and interest.

☞ The Very Rev. Maurice de St. Palmas has been appointed Bishop of the vacant see of Vincennes, and his consecration was to have taken place on the 14th.

The Taylor Ball.

Last night the Grand Ball and Supper in honor of Gen. Taylor, was given at the Armory Hall. The arrangements were on the grandest scale, and reflect credit on those to whom were entrusted the duties of decoration. The company was very limited for the occasion, which rendered the ball more charming. The room was pleasantly filled, and the lovely faces mingling with the gay uniforms and splendid civic decorations of costume, gave the scene at once an air of stern grandeur and sparkling beauty. The ball-room was chastely decorated with flags; the orchestra was truly grand—and the perfect order preserved throughout the evening evidenced the best possible feeling. We had expected to see the Hon. Henry Clay there, together with Major Bliss and lady, and several high military officers—but we were disappointed. Gen. Augustin and Gen. Tracy, with their aids, and many officers of our Legion, graced the assemblage with their presence. We saw a number of our legal functionaries there, and the bar was not without representation.

Among the ladies who attracted most attention were Miss P. M——h, Miss H——t, Miss K——g, and the exquisite Misses E——y. Their grace was only equaled by the delicacy with which they received the thousand attentions bestowed on them by the admiring crowd. Miss P. M——h, above all others, seemed to winnthe greatest share of admiration. Being a stranger in the city, and only verging from the tinge of Spring to the glowing blush of Summer, she at once caught the eye of every man, and the curiosity of every woman. Few knew her; but those who found grace in her eyes, were charmed beyond anticipation.

At this time the music sounded the invitation to supper. Some who were flirting, others walking and conversing, were for some moments unaware of the important fact, till they observed the assemblage converging from the extremities of the room toward the entrance. There could be no mistaking the sign; it was evident that the moment for gastronomical maneuvers had arrived, and, of course, in obedience to the most natural impulses, every one was quickly seated in the supper-room, prepared to do justice to the sumptuous viands with which the board so plentifully abounded. The room which was selected as the locality of this important part of the entertainment was the large auction-room on the first floor. In this there were four tables, which extended the whole length of the spacious apartment, and on each of which was placed a bust of General Taylor. But there was also something more provided than the mere contemplation of Presidential greatness—something material, besides the ideal.

The tables were covered with almost every description of viand that the science of gastronomy affords to the most fastidious and epicurean palate, which fact was perfectly appreciated by the company. It would be entirely superfluous, besides being impossible, for us to give a complete list of the good things which had been so plentifully supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Brooks. Those of our readers who were not present, must draw upon their imaginations for a just conception. After the supper was concluded, which, by the way, took place in rather a desultory manner, on account of the sociability with which every thing was conducted, the company re-assembled in the ball-room, and the dancing was kept up with great spirit until a late, or rather we should say an early hour, as when we left, the nocturnal had become fairly merged in the matinal period. The assemblage separated with evidences of the greatest satisfaction, which was unalloyed with the occurrence of a single event calculated to cause regret.

ENGLISH VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—The following is an extract from the London Morning Chronicle. We give it, not that we attach any importance to it, but simply as a matter of amusement to our readers:

The message of the American President is a document of which the importance by no means corresponds with its length, or with the titular position of its author. It is, in fact, neither more nor less than a party pamphlet, containing a historical statement of the events of the year elapsed, together with an argumentative defence of the President's conduct during the same period. With respect to his future conduct, or the future conduct of his country, the President can tell little more than any political observer, inasmuch as that depends altogether upon the fluctuating caprice of his masters—the people. More especially is this the case where, as in the present instance, the President is in the anomalous position of holding office, not "till his successor be appointed," but till the time shall come for the successor, who has already been appointed, to push him from his stool. A new star is in the ascendant, a new "hero" has the ear of the multitude; and during the three short months which must elapse before President Polk shall have returned to his original insignificance, his words and actions will be altogether destitute of importance or of value. He is the organ of a defeated party, the mouthpiece of a minority; and although our curiosity may be satisfied by hearing what he has to say, it is somewhat damped by knowing that he can do nothing.

As a party pamphlet, however, his speech calls for some remark. Mr. Polk is the chosen representative of the lowest section of the American democracy. Ambitious, vulgar, unscrupulous, not without considerable ability of a certain kind, but wholly destitute of the higher qualities of statesmanship, he was elected, four years ago, to the astonishment of the world, by a combination of all the worst influences which prevail in the Union. The great question of that day was the annexation of Texas, involving, as was clearly seen, war with Mexico, and Mr. Polk entered the "White House" as the exponent of the popular feeling in favor of that measure. Incidentally, however, and in a minor degree, a wise and enlightened tendency towards free trade, which then prevailed in America, contributed to his success. Accordingly, the Mexican war, and the blow given by the tariff of 1846 to the "American" or protective system, constitute the chief features of his administration; and two-thirds of this, his farewell message, are devoted to a retrospective consideration of them. There is also a long constitutional argument in support of the exercise of the veto, which is absolutely destitute of interest to European readers. In other respects, from first to last, the speech, with one exception, which we shall presently notice, is simply a song of triumph—a very highly spiced cup of flattery to Mr. Polk's countrymen, implying, of course indirectly, a sufficient modicum of applause to Mr. Polk himself—an exposition, setting forth, with all the minuteness of a gazetteer, and all the exaggeration of a panegyrical orator, the greatness, glory, achievements and resources of the American republic—"Peace, plenty and contentment reign throughout our borders, and our beloved country presents a sublime moral spectacle to the world."

From Mexico.

By the Mexican schooner Adela, Capt. Barba, from Vera Cruz, we have received papers to the 9th inst. from tae city of Mexico. The Adela brought logwood, mahogany and specie to Frederick Camerden.

THE TOLUCA REVOLT.—Gen. Noreiga, according to *El Monitor* of the 9th, learning that the insurgents were at Amanalco, dispatched Capt. Charez with a small force to reconnoitre the place. Arriving there very much fatigued, they were attacked and routed by the insurgents, who occupied a very advantageous position. Some soldiers who returned wounded to Toluca, spread a great alarm, but Gen. Noreiga marched out and the insurgents fled to their most secure fastnesses. The *Monitor* says that tranquility is restored.

TAMPICO.—The expelled troops returned to Tampico on the 30th ult.

GEN. BRUNO.—The decision in the case of this officer completely exculpates him from the charges made against him.

LATE FROM VENEZUELA.—The New York Herald has later advices from Venezuela, which state that 120 persons belonging to Gen. Paez's party were killed, and that the General still held possession of the castle at Maracaibo. We make the following extract from a letter concerning the battle said to have taken place:

PORTO CABELLO, Dec. 28, 1848.

The Government fleet is entirely destroyed, or else disabled for further service, as it can never again put to sea, so injured is it by the terrible fire opened upon it by the Paez fleet, and sustained, without intermission, for nearly three hours. Besides verbal accounts, an official report was also received by the schooner Elizabeth Felton, from the commander of the Momgas squadron, stating the disastrous consequences to his fleet in this furious encounter with the Paez fleet, which report, of course, is not intended to be made public. These accounts, however, are of a conflicting and dubious nature, and require confirmation in every particular; much more so as they have been transmitted by the Government party. We are anxious to hear from the other side what we presume will be something like the truth. The steamer El Libertador (formerly the Angusta, from New Orleans) is said to be shattered to pieces. Capt. Gillett, who commanded her, states, in a letter addressed to H. B. Majesty's Consul, Mr. John McWhirter, that his vessel is injured to a considerable extent; yet he thinks he may be able to repair all the damage done to the steamer. When this intelligence reached us, the Government party were quite low spirited, and continue so. No salvos, no public demonstrations of rejoicing of any kind, usual on the receipt of glorious news to the Government party! What is the matter, then? If the Government party have really gained a victory, why do they not proclaim it all over the land, far and near? Why are they silent and cast down? Their conduct in this particular is inexplicable.

P. S.—The British Consul, Mr. John McWhirter, is the prize agent of the American steamer Scourge, and one of the judges, along with Guzman, to condemn her. He is the agent of Capt. Gillett, as well as his correspondent. The American steamer Scourge, that was taken by the Government steamer, was at Porto Cabello. The difficulty about her had not been settled, on account of the absence of the American agent.

Correspondence of the Crescent.

Mrs. Rumor—New York Legislature—Negro Lecturers—U. S. Stocks—Southern Convention—California—Weather, etc.

NEW YORK, January 15th, 1849.

Eds. Crescent—The Washington Union deems it worth while to contradict Mrs. Rumor's story of extra information possessed by "the Government" with regard to the gold mines. Mrs. Rumor (if I understand her remarks, and I think I heard them distinctly,) did not charge the Secretary of the Treasury with sending his confidential clerk on a speculating tour, and therefore the statement relative to that personage's presence in Washington amounts to nothing.

The Union goes on to say that Mr. Brown, formerly a clerk in the Treasury, but now an officer in the Revenue Marine, has gone to Oregon to join "Captain Frazer, who sailed for Oregon in the Revenue Cutter Lawrence before anything was known here of the gold of California," etc.

Now the editors of the Union have excellent sources of information, and access indeed to extra sources, and it would hardly be becoming in me to gainsay any statement put forth in its columns; but my memory is sadly at fault if Passed Midshipman Beale did not arrive in Washington some time—I think some weeks—before Captain Frazer sailed.

From Albany we learn that resolutions were this morning adopted in the Senate, directing the Senate to examine into the affairs of the Canal Bank (Croswell, Olcott & Co.)

In the House, Mr. Kidd moved to rescind the permission granted a few days since to the darkies, to use the Assembly room for a lecture by the Rev. Mr. Ward. Mr. Kidd gave as a reason why the grant should be revoked, the fact that the said Rev. Mr. Ward had published certain articles in the "Northern Star," (an abolition, or rather a negro paper,) disrespectful to members of the House. After a long debate the motion to rescind was laid on the table by 54 yeas to 51 nays.

At the Stock market to-day $22,500 Treasury notes sold at 109, and $57,000 U. S. Sixes, '67, at 109@109¼.

Our report of the doings of the disunionists in Washington is favorable. Messrs. Calhoun, Foote, & Co. find that the number of disunionists upon whom they counted is much smaller than their heated fancies had represented. I am of the opinion that this movement is destined to work harm to the cause of the South, unless backward steps are decided upon by some of those now pushing so madly ahead. The Hartford Convention ruined the political reputation of many able, and some good men, and other conventionists would do well to scan the events of the past in that connection. More than one member of the "Washington Convention" will thank Mr. Rusk for the part he has taken, and hundreds will praise his conduct where one will be found to censure it. Truly does he say, and his words should be written in gold, that "Dissolution is not a remedy; it is the worst of calamities that can befall any portion of the confederates," and he might have added with equal truth, "especially the Southern portion."

Yes. Admit that a peaceable and equitable dissolution could be arrived at, what is the next step to be taken? The North and the West might, and they might not re-unite, but what is to unite the South?

Delaware will soon abolish slavery, Maryland and Kentucky will follow her example in a few years, and Virginia will be free soil or a desert. New Mexico and California will both be free States, and if they should join any confederacy, it would be that of the Western chain. Nothing can make them slave States, and it is wonderful that Mr. Calhoun should consider such a thing possible. Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky and Virginia will be crowded with Abolitionists, and the "South" will find it necessary to resort to the favorite and *popular* remedy of dissolution. What would then be the condition of the innocent planter? Would a single slave escaping into any of the free States ever be recovered? In case of a dissolution, no treaty could be made with a free State on the coast or on the great rivers, to secure the restoration of a fugitive from slavery.

These are considerations of mere expediency; they are weighty, but those of principle are not to be enumerated or weighed. Within my recollection it has been a truism that "The value of the Union is not to be calculated." The Abolitionists have tried in vain for years past, to dissolve it. Let us hope that the efforts of the men now at work will be equally futile. I believe they will be so.

The California fever continues to rage unabated. The Courier and Enquirer alone, this morning, contains the advertisements of nearly sixty vessels up for the gold regions.

A man was killed to-day on the Harlem Railroad. The cars passed over him, and are said to have torn him to pieces.

The thaw continues, and the snow is rapidly disappearing, as well as the floating ice. The ferry boats now pass without danger or difficulty. Yours, respectfully. INDICATOR.

INDIANA.—The Democratic convention of Indiana nominated Joseph A. Wright, for Governor, and Col. Jas. H. Lane, for Lieut. Governor.

ARKANSAS.—Owing to the resignation of Gov. Drew, Richard C. Byrd, President of the Senate, is now the acting Governor of Arkansas. An election for Governor will be held on the 14th of March next.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Governor Johnson, of Pennsylvania, was inaugurated at Harrisburg, for the new term, on Tuesday. His speech is mainly a tribute to the excellence of our republican institutions, General and State.

EDWARD BATES.—The St. Louis Republican states that the whig members of the Legislature of Missouri have united in recommending to Gen. Taylor, the appointment of Mr. Bates of St. Louis to the office of Attorney General.

☞ William Dallas Haywood was, on the 15th inst., elected Intendant of the city of Raleigh, N. C.

GOING BACKWARDS.—The Michigan State Senate, on the 3d inst., adopted the following:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be and they are hereby instructed to bring in a bill restoring capital punishment in cases of murder in the first degree."

The anti-capital punishment law is found not to work well, it is said.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT, *by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.*—John B. Weller, of Ohio, to be commissioner for running the boundary line between the United States and the republic of Mexico, under the 5th article of the treaty with that republic, concluded on the 2d February, 1848, in the place of A. B. Sevier, who was nominated to the Senate, and has since died.

Josiah A. Noonan, to be deputy postmaster at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from and after the 15th of February, 1849, when his present commission will expire.

Samuel W. Rogers, to be deputy postmaster at Quincy, Illinois, his commission for the year ending 30th June, 1848, having exceeded $1000.

BANKS IN DELAWARE.—Petitions are being circulated in Delaware for the incorporation of two or three new banks—one to be located in Wilmington, one in Delaware City, and one at Milford. There are, probably, already enough banks in that State, especially in view of the California gold.

Foreign Items.

The London correspondent of the Boston Republican says: "Macaulay's History of England is *the book* of the season, and amply sustains the author's reputation. The first edition falls far short of the demand, and a single bookseller sent in an order for 1000 copies, after it was exhausted." Guizot has written a new work on the Democracy of France since the Revolution of February.... The Hon. Mrs. Norton has gone to Lisbon for her health. She was escorted by Admiral Napier.... Gen. Cabineau, once Aid to Napoleon, is dead.... It is the gossip of London that Count D'Orsay managed to raise 2000 sovereigns for his friend, Louis Napoleon, to carry on the contest for the Presidency. It is believed that he is about to return to Paris, under the patronage of the latter.... A Parisian caricaturist represents Louis Napoleon as trying on an imperial crown, which hrs slipped over his face, and exclaiming, in great perplexity, "*Decidemment mon oncle avait tête plus forte que moi*," (decidedly, my uncle had a larger head than I.).... At a social banquet of female democrats in Paris, Madame Granet said, in her speech, "Let us select the blessed Virgin as our model, whose name be ever blessed among women." M. Bernard gave as a toast, "France, the living Christ."..... The Marchioness of Sligo has turned Mesmerizer, and is said to have effected some astonishing cures at Cheltenham.... A pictorial exhibition, aided by machinery, is now fashionably attended in London. It is called the Cyclorama..... The perchloride and steam engine is now successfully worked, up to 35 horse power, at Lyons. Arago approves of it.... Ulcers are now treated in England successfully, it is said, by fumigation.... "The stability of a nation," says an English political economist, "does not depend on the accumulation of wealth, but on its distribution."..... The London Daily News says that "extravagant habits, insufferable pretensions, and individual profligacy rule, with almost undivided sway, among the younger officers in the household troops." Of our army and its officers, their worst enemy could not say this.... The London Morning Chronicle denies the assertion of Mr. Dallas, the counsel of Mr. Pierce Butler, that "Nonchalance is the Corinthian column in the character of an English gentleman." "It is news to us," says the editor.... The whole debt of the European States is given as £1,785,000,000.... In 1835 an English pound sterling was worth only about 19 shillings in silver, or 3½ pennyweights of gold; now it is 20 shillings in silver, or 5 pennyweights, 3 grains, in gold. So says Mr. Cobden.... German wines are more appreciated at home than abroad. Rudesheimer of 1811 sells for $275 the anne of 30 gallons. The best wines of 1833 bring $322 per anne.... Musk may be successfully imitated by dropping 3½ drachms of nitric acid on 1 drachm of rectified oil of amber. A new article of food, to supersede the potato, has been discovered in this country, (if we may believe the French papers,) called the *picotaire*. Mons. L. Picquot is coming out to obtain the seed. Where is the American Institute? The large green grasshopper is said to be excellent eating.. A porcelain vessel which was presented to a church in Devonshire, and since has been constantly in use, has been pronounced by a Tractarian clergyman unconsonical, and he has directed it to be disused—but, having been used, it is to be buried in holy ground. Humbug!.... The French Government forbade midnight masses on Christmas Eve, and ordered that collections made on that day should not go to the Church, but to the poor.... Drury Lane Theatre is now occupied by a troupe of circus-riders. At the Olympic a company of American pantomimists are performing. Among them is Miss Vallée, who is tolerably received. She is said to be a graceful Columbine, but not sufficiently active. Miss Reynolds is at the Haymarket.

Telegraphed to the "Daily Crescent."

BALTIMORE, January 24.—The steamer Falcon arrived at New York to-day, all safe.

Sales of 1000 bales of Cotton at steady prices. 300 tierces of Rice at 3½c.... Sugar and Molasses steady... Flour duller... Grain unchanged.... Provisions firm.

Congressional proceedings uninteresting.

[Our dispatch of yesterday quoted Flour at New York at a decline of 6 shillings. This must be an error. Most probably, 6 cents was meant. It read, however, "6s."—*Cres.*]

AMERICAN THEATRE—*Mr. Grattan's Benefit.*—We notice that this gentleman announces his name for a benefit to-morrow night. He came among us a stranger, except by report, but during his term of management has won for himself hosts of friends, who admire his talents as a literary man, his sociable qualities in private life, and his indefatigable and well-directed efforts in the conduct of affairs at the American. Under these circumstances, Mr. Grattan may safely calculate upon being greeted by as crowded an audience as the theatre can accommodate. In addition to other attractions, a new local sketch by J. E. Durivage, entitled "Mose in New Orleans," will be produced for the first time.

HIRAM POWERS.—We learn from a brother of the great sculptor, says the Cincinnati Commercial, that Hiram Powers will not return to the United States in the spring, as has been stated, a letter to that effect having just arrived at hand. The same letter states that Mr. Powers has just received from "Ceravezza" (we are not sure that this orthography is correct) a block of marble which cost him $1200, (the blocks of which "Eve" and the "Greek Slave" were wrought cost only $200 to $300,) and we felt some curiosity to know what great work was coming next, but the relative of the artist did not know.

FUGITIVE FOR CALIFORNIA.—A young man by the name of Morris Cook was arrested in New York city for obtaining by false pretences the endorsement of a gentleman on a note for $150, by which he was enabled to pay his passage to California on board the ship Panama, intending to sail or the "diggins" on the 20th inst. How effectually his "golden dreams" are thus dispelled!

SUCCESSFUL WHALING VOYAGE.—A telegraphic dispatch from Providence, to the Boston Mercantile Journal, announces the arrival at Providence of ship South America, Capt. Sowle, from the Pacific Ocean, 125 days from Oahu, with 200 bbls. sperm and 5,300 bbls. whale oil, which at present high prices will nett a handsome profit. She left Providence Nov. 4, 1846.

THE KANAWHA IMPROVEMENT.—The Committee of Roads of the Virginia House of Delegates have reported a bill for the improvement of the Kanawha river, so as to accommodate steamboat navigation. Also, a bill for the completion of the South Side and Kanawha connections.

FOR CALIFORNIA.—The Charleston (Md.) News says: Ex-Governor Grayson and his two sons passed through this place on Wednesday last, en route for the "gold diggings."

CANAL TOLLS REDUCED.—The Richmond (Va.) Republican says: "The Directors of the James River and Kanawha Company have reduced the toll upon corn to *one-half* the former rate, and have also authorized a reduction upon articles of manure transported upon the canal."

RAILROAD.—A petition to the General Assembly of Virginia, to grant a charter incorporating a company to construct a railroad from the city of Norfolk, to connect with the Lynchburg and Tennessee Railroad, is already numerously signed.

GAS.—The Richmond papers are urging upon their city authorities the subject of introducing gas lights in that city.

SHOVELING GOLD.—A gentleman who sent out five dozen of shovels to California, some time ago, realized $4000 in gold dust therefor.

☞ The Canadian Parliament was to assemble at Montreal on the 16th.

ST. LOUIS.—*Sudden Deaths.*—A Mr. Fyler, living on South Main street, died yesterday morning, and a slave of Mr. Curle died on the day previous, after a few hours' illness. Both these cases were reported to be from cholera. From what we can learn, we deem the report questionable.—*St. Louis Republican, 17th inst.*

Died:

On the evening of the 25th inst., of an affection of the liver, Mr. SPENCER GATES, aged about 50 years, a native of Massachusetts, and for the last 15 years a resident of this city, during which period he was respected by all who knew him. As a merchant, he was relied upon for his punctuality and integrity; as a friend, he was beloved; and although filling many offices of trust and honor in this city, he so tempered them with justice and philanthropy that he has not left an enemy behind him.

☞ His funeral will take place from the residence of Mr. John S. Caldwell, (Planters' House,) No. 26 St. Charles street, THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock, A. M. His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend, without further notice.

☞ Massachusetts papers will please copy.

Arrivals at the Principal Hotels Yesterday.

ST. LOUIS.... A A Green, M Kean Buchanan, lady and child, Jas. Hay, N O; E McCormick, N Y.

PLANTERS'.... A Maltbee, Mich; Samuel M Harrison, Md; Jno H Keyser, N Y; Mr Steward and family, N O; E Guendet.

HEWLETT'S.... J Platts, W S Collins, W A A Chisholm, Woodville; F B Heiss, Pass Christian; M C Drene, Natchitoches.

VERANDAH.... W B Whitehead, Va; G W Rouse, Lieut Magilton, U S A.

ST. CHARLES.... R A Ward, W B Victor, Mrs E K Crow, Ky; Jno W Monette, M D, Jas Stanbrough, J H Morgan, R B Garnett, Mrs Wm S Parsons, J W Mandeville, Georgia; Gerrese Schlatter, Cal Craig, Mr Kingsbury, U S A, M B Lamar, Texas; Chas Clark, G C Baldwin, Miss; Wm B Chrisp, Tenn; Wm B Freligh, St Louis.

☞ **St. Louis Ball-Room**—*Model Bachelors' Inauguration Ball and Supper.*—The subscribers to the above Ball are requested to meet at the Office of the Ball-Room on SUNDAY, the 28th inst., at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing Managers and adopting regulations for said Ball. jn26 2t

☞ **Perseverance Fire Co. No. 13.**—Attend the Regular Monthly Meeting on MONDAY, the 29th inst., at half-past 7 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested.
jn26 3t HENRY J. HYAMS, Secretary.

☞ I. O. O. F.—At the Regular Session of the R. W. GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, held on the 23d inst., the following Officers were duly elected and installed for the ensuing year, viz: CHARLES M. EMERSON, M. W. Grand Master; JOHN CRICKARD, R. W. D. Grand Master; HENRY BIER, R. W. G. Warden; HENRY W. OLMSTED, R. W. G. Secretary; HENRY WILLIAMS, R. W. G. Treasurer.... The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, viz: GEORGE HOOPER, W. G. Chaplain; THOS. B. SHIELDS, W. G. Marshal, WM. EMERSON, W. G. Conductor; D. R. FORBES, W. G. Guardian; R. N. WOOD, D. D. G. M., District No. 1; H. C. COOK, D. D. G. M., Dist. No. 2; GEO. S. LACEY, D. D. G. M., Dist No. 3. jn26

☞ I. O. O. F.—*Grand Lodge of Louisiana.*—An Adjourned Meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge will be held THIS AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock, at the Hall of the Grand Lodge, corner of Poydras and Tchoupitoulas streets. A full attendance is particularly requested, as business of the utmost importance will be submitted.... By order of the G. M.
jn26 1t HENRY W. OLMSTED, Grand Secretary.

☞ **Crystal Fount Division No. 4 S. of T.**—At an Election held for Officers of Crystal Fount Division No. 4 S. of T., the following members were duly elected for the present quarter: T. W. VAN WYCK, W. P.; ANDREW HERO, W. A.; R. H. WYNNE, R. S.; M. EVANS, A. R. S.; J. REYNOLDS, F. S.; J. S. HARRIS, T.; T. J. ODELL, C.; W. TOMLINSON, A. C.; E. FORD, I. S.; J. EWING, O. S.; Rev. N. O. PRESTON, Chaplain; J. O. PIERSON, P. W. P. jn25

☞ **Fire Department.**—A Meeting of the Foremen and Chief Directors of the different Engine, Hose and Hook and Ladder Companies will be held in the Hall of Mississippi Fire Co. No. 2, on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, 30th instant, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Fourth of March.
JOHN DUNN, Foreman Fire Co. No. 6.
D. C. BISCOE, Foreman No. 7.
EDWARD H. FOSDICK, Foreman No. 12.
T. B. HEARTT, Foreman No. 14.
F. W. LESSLIE, Foreman No. 16.
T. C. POOLE, Foreman No. 8.
SAML. G. RISK, Foreman No. 2.
JAMES A. BARRON, Foreman No. 18.
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☞ **Second Annual Ball of the Firemen's Charitable Association.**—The Gentlemen composing the Committee of Invitation are respectfully requested to meet at the Office of the Ball-Room on FRIDAY EVENING, the 26th inst., at 7 o'clock. ja24

☞ **Crystal Temple of Honor No. 4.**—A Special Meeting of Crystal Temple of Honor No. 4 will be held at the Hall, 58½ Canal street, on FRIDAY EVENING NEXT, Jan 26, at half-past 7 o'clock. Business of importance will be transacted, and members are respectfully requested to attend.... By order of the W. C. T.
ja22 3t ED. A. F. MITCHELL.

☞ **Our Readers** are requested to notice the advertisements of WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY and JEW DAVID'S PLASTER, on the first page of our paper. These excellent remedies are sold only by SCOVIL & MEAD, 113 Chartres street. ja11tf

☞ **Preventive.**—The Picayune says that Cleanliness is one of the best Preventives of *Cholera*. Clean UNDER-SHIRTS and DRAWERS, SOCKS, etc., can be obtained, both good and cheap, at LEIGHTON'S Gentlemen's Furnishing Store, No. 5 Royal street. d18

☞ **H. Dailey's Magical Pain Extractor.**—The original and only genuine, always has the written signature of the proprietor, "H. DAILEY," on the wrapper of each box. Southern Depot, 151 Chartres street, New Orleans. d8tf

☞ **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 86 Customhouse street. n18tf

☞ **New Orleans, Dec. 5, 1848.**—Dr. J. MENSING: Sir—The Set of Teeth you inserted for me I consider to be the best job I ever saw. They are equally serviceable to me for use as the natural teeth. Those needing work done in your line are at liberty to call on me, at No. 14 St. John street, between Perdido and Gravier streets, and inspect it for themselves. Yours,
d8 2m A. G. TUCKER.

☞ The N. Y. Mercantile Library Association, after a well contested and spirited canvass, elected on the 16th inst., Isaac A. Bailey, President; Thomas J. Bayaud, Vice President; Henry A. Oakley, Corresponding Secretary; J. Eugene Berard, Recording Secretary; Theodore Stout, Treasurer; E. T. Tournier, W. B. Hayard, E. B. Place, W. B. Clerke, David Wetmore, Brent A. Breeden and S. P. Titus, Directors. The number of votes polled was over eleven hundred. The average majority is two hundred and eighteen. We recognize among the officers elect, says the Sun, young gentlemen of high character and great personal worth.

SUICIDE OF A MURDERER.—Shadrach Barnes, who was tried and convicted at Madison (Ky.) Circuit Court, of the murder of Agee, in May last, and sentenced to be hung on the 2d of February, committed suicide by hanging himself.

NAVAL COURT MARTIAL.—The naval court martial now sitting at the navy yard at Norfolk, has concluded the examination of witnesses in the case of Passed Midshipman DeKoven, who made his defence on the 16th.

KILLED.—A milkman named Christopher Davis, aged 60 years, was instantly killed in New York on the 10th, by being run over by the Croton Falls train of cars.

☞ The prize story which is *said* to have received the $1000 offered by the "Flag of our Union" is pronounced one of the silliest and weakest things seen for some time in print.

☞ A number of the admirers of Signorina Truffi presented her, on the occasion of her benefit, in New York, on the 9th inst., with a superb enamelled bracelet, worth some hundreds of dollars.

☞ A "nice young man," in New York, got up a California Association the other day, pretended to buy a vessel, received $800 and eloped. We expect to hear of a great many such extempore bits of swindling.

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

CRYSTAL TEMPLE OF HONOR No. 4, at Temple Hall, No. 58½ Canal street, at half-past 7.

UNION DIVISION No. 3, Crystal Fount Hall, 222 Tchoupitoulas street, at half-past 7.

LOUISIANA DIVISION No. 11, at Unity Hall, Marigny Buildings, Third Municipality, at half-past 7.

STAR OF HOPE DIVISION No. 26, at Y. Brother,s Hall, Lafayette, at half-past 7.

Auction Sales This Day.

MORPHY & NEVIUS will sell, at 10 o'clock, at 57 Magazine street, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, etc.

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.*

Mobile.....JAS. L. DAY, Giberson, 2½ P. M. cars.
St. Louis.....JOHN HANCOCK, Hank, 4 P. M.
Pittsburg.....JOHN ADAMS, Jones, 10 A. M.
Cincinnati.....HIRAM POWERS, Pearce, 4 P. M.
Yazoo River.....MUSCLE NO. 2, Gwariney, 5 P. M.
Pittsburg.....THOS. JEFFERSON, Scott, 5 P. M.
Mobile.....MOBILE, Sutton, 5½ P. M.

☞ **The Packet John Hancock**—For St. Louis.—This steamer leaves THIS DAY, Friday, at 4 o'clock, P. M., punctually, from Poydras street wharf.
ja26 HYDE & OGLESBY, 12 Poydras st.

☞ **The U. S. Mail John Adams**—For Pittsburg, Cincinnati and Louisville.—This splendid passenger steamboat will leave THIS DAY, Friday, at 10 o'clock, A. M., positively, from Poydras street wharf. HYDE & OGLESBY, 12 Poydras st.
Passengers will please be on board at the hour. ja26

☞ **Yazoo Packet Muscle No. 2.**—This splendid passenger packet will positively leave THIS DAY, Friday, at 5 o'clock, P. M., from the foot of Canal st., for Grenada, Greenwood, Yazoo City, etc. etc. ja26 HYDE & OGLESBY, 12 Poydras st.

☞ **Packet Hiram Powers**—For Louisville, Cincinnati and Pittsburg.—This packet leaves as above THIS DAY, Friday, at 4 o'clock, P. M., positively, from Gravier street wharf.
ja26 HYDE & OGLESBY, 12 Poydras st.

P. & E. REILLY,

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The undersigned will, from and after this date, sell their large stock of

IRISH AND SCOTCH LINENS, AND FANCY FRENCH GOODS,

at 25 per cent. less than their usual prices. Buyers will find this an opportunity seldom to be met with, as our stock is all fresh, and most