DAILY CRESCENT.

NEW ORLEANS:

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 15, 1849.

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FINANCIAL REPORT.—Our readers will find on the first page of this morning's paper the annual Report of the Finance Committee of the Second Municipality. It is a document of great interest to all the property-holders and tax-payers in this part of the city, and will, of course, be generally and attentively read. We have not space to make any remarks upon it this morning, but will offer some comments upon it, and the matters to which it relates, in a future number.

☞ We are much indebted to Capt. Townsend, of the brig Perfect, from Chagres, for papers and other favors.

MEETING FOR THE RELIEF OF IMMIGRANTS.—At a meeting to take some steps relative to the relief of the distressed immigrants now in our city, and those who are daily arriving, a meeting of citizens was held last evening in the Hall over Canterbury's Coffee-House, 116 Chartres street. Mr. J. Saul presided, and Mr. Thomas Gilmore acted as Secretary. After the President had stated the object of the meeting, a short and pertinent address was made to those present, by Alex. Dimitry. Suitable resolutions were adopted, and a committee of gentlemen appointed in each Municipality of the city to collect money in furtherance of the objects of the meeting. The number assembled was not large, but from the spirit and good will manifested we have no doubt that it will lead to much good, and result in the alleviation of some of the miseries which afflict the poor, unknown, and friendless people whom the revolutions or the oppressions of Europe have driven to seek an asylum on our shores.

☞ "American Regiment in Yucatan," first page.

FROM TAMPICO.—The schooner Oregon, Capt. Trenis, arrived yesterday from Tampico, having left that port on the 9th. By this arrival we have received a copy of *El Siglo Diez y Nueve*, of the 28th ult., but we cannot find that it contains any news.

FROM HAVANA.—By the brig Soulé, Capt. Smith, from Havana, which place she left on the 7th, we have the *Diaria de la Marina*, of the 6th and 7th. They contain not a word of news.

☞ We are obliged to Capt. Hussey of the schr. Heroine, for Havana papers. The Heroine left Havana on the same day as the P. Soulé.

LOUISIANA STATE BANK.—Mr. Attorney-general Elmore has filed a petition in the Fourth District Court, alledging that the Louisiana State Bank has forfeited its charter by declaring a dividend, in contravention of the clause enjoining that no dividend shall be declared except "of the profits accruing from the subscribed capital of said bank." He charges that on the third of last February the directors declared a dividend, and that thereby the capital is now deficient over two hundred and thirty thousand dollars; that, in consequence, not only are the stockholders injured, but the public generally were deceived as to the condition and standing of the bank; and that thus the directors weakened the ability of the institution to meet its engagements and carry out the true ends of its creation. He offers to prove his allegations by the circular which the recently-elected Board of Directors issued on the 17th of February, and calls upon the defendant to aver or deny the facts therein contained.

It is clear that the honorable Attorney General could not shut his eyes as to the remarkable circular issued by the new Board of Directors. As soon as this official document appeared, it became his duty to pursue the course he has taken. It remains to be seen, whether the facts of the circular can be proved, and if so, whether the Supreme Court—for we suppose the case will be appealed if the plaintiff maintains his action—will declare a forfeiture on the grounds set forth in the petition.

A GOOD APPOINTMENE.—We observe by the proceedings of the General Council last evening, that Mr. Thomas McKeon has been selected as Collector of Taxes for the Fourth District. From a personal acquaintance, we feel perfectly justified in asserting that the duties of the office will be performed by Mr. McKeon in a manner creditable to himself and the body that selected him.

COTTON TABLES.—This little book contains tables of the greatest convenience to all dealers in cotton, showing at a glance almost every thing that is wanted to be known relative to prices, freights, commissions, exchange, etc., which would otherwise have to be arrived at by calculations. It is for sale by Felt & Co., as advertised in another column.

THE AMERICAN THEATRE.—The "Wandering Jew" continues to draw good houses, and "Jenny Lind is Come," is almost as popular here as she has been in London.

☞ Madame Cailly's Concert last evening was well attended, and the audience seemed to be pleased with the performances. This lady is a pupil of the Conservatory of Paris, and comes to us with the reputation which must belong to every one who earns distinction in so celebrated a school. Though her voice is not of the largest compass, nor her ear possessed of the utmost refinement, her concerts furnish musical amateurs with an agreeable and pleasant way of passing the evening.

ARRIVAL OF SPECIE.—The schr. Oregon, arrived yesterday from Tampico, brought $30,559 in specie, consigned as follows: $9359, to Turner & Renshaw; $6000, J. Y. De Egana; $4000, M. Del Campo; $3100, R. D. Blossman; $3000, S. Fernandez; $2000, J. W. Zacharie & Co.; $2000, Mir, Puig & Co.; $600, F. Tio; $500, F. Rodewald & Co.

NEW POST-MASTER GENERAL.—The Washington correspondent of the Courier thus speaks of the new Post-master General: "The selection of Mr. Collamer, of Vermont, to be Post-master General, is the best that could have been made. He was nominated to-day (6th.) He works hard, lives close, and is endowed with honesty and excellent common sense. The country is to be congratulated that this portfolio has fallen to his lot."

FOR CALIFORNIA.—By reference to an advertisement in another column it will be seen that a company has been formed for the purpose of proceeding to California by the shortest Southern route. A few more members will be received on application to No. 7 Banks' Arcade and 65 St. Paul street.

ORLEANS THEATRE.—The celebrated Grand Opera of "The Huguenots" will be given this evening at the Orleans Theatre, for the second time this season. The merits of the production are of high order, and all who visit the house this evening will be charmingly entertained.

STICKNEY'S BENEFIT.—The complimentary benefit tendered to this gentleman is to take place at the Olympic Circus this evening, and the friends and admirers—and their name is legion—of the beneficiary, will have an opportunity of evincing their appreciation of his very many excellent qualities, by promptly responding to the call. Sam Stickney richly deserves a bumper.

CRESCENT CITY CIRCUS.—This establishment is still in the "full tide of success," their canvass being nightly crowded by delighted audiences. There are few places of amusement in this city, where an evening can be more satisfactorily passed than at this unique establishment. The riding of the fascinating and beautiful Mrs. Nun, is alone worth more than the price of admission. The bill for this evening is an excellent one, and must, as a matter of course, ensure a crowded audience.

Inauguration Ball at Washington.

Among the Inauguration Balls, there is one which has entirely escaped the attention of our Washington contemporaries. It was given at the house of Madame Self Interest, a lady well known in the world of fashion, and was more thronged with the distinguished personages from all parts of the Union than any other of the balls of the evening. The general effect was decidedly more picturesque than at the other parties; for they were entirely filled with well-dressed, and, *par conséquence*, well-mannered people. But the rout of Madame Interest presented the greatest variety of costume and behavior; there were congregated the richest and gaudiest toilettes, mingled with seedy and ragged office-seekers, whose appearance would have done honor to Poor Tom in Lear, or to the wearers of motley that once enlivened the courts of kings and nobles.

Early in the evening, Mrs. Ambition, attended by her devoted admirer, Mr. Proud Looks, entered and paid her compliments to the hostess. This couple was followed by a numerous train, which was distinguished by the elegance and propriety of its external vestments; though, on closer inspection, you might sometimes see a dirty shirt attempted to be concealed by a flashy scarf. The face and hands of these persons were generally nice and clean; but many had a lean and sallow appearance, produced, we were told, by a loathsome cancer that was consuming their entrails. They all carried their heads high, and seemed to despise everybody but themselves. For all that, they understand very well the whole science of cringing and intrigue, and are superlatively skilled in the kindred art of fawning on superiors in place, and trampling on those who may happen to be under them.

The train, however, of Mrs. Ambition and her companion was thrown completely into the background by the arrival of Mr. Greedy Avarice and his accomplished ward, Miss Ostentatious Vanity. The friends who attended this couple were literally "Legion;" but they were altogether inferior, in their general appearance, to the company that preceded them. True, the ladies who buzzed about Miss Vanity had some pretensions to elegance; though their toilettes were often more splendid and showy than neat and decorous. But the gentlemen, who seemed more desirous of attracting the old guardian than of pleasing the light-headed and capricious young lady, were any thing but properly apparelled for the entertainment to which they were invited.

It is understood, however, that Madame Interest is somewhat of a philosopher, and likes to observe men under all conditions and aspects; so that she takes care to fill her rooms with the rueful countenances of those who seek fortune as well as with the sleek and self-contented faces of persons easy in their circumstances. The crowd of poor, worn-out gentlemen who at present fill the streets of Washington, furnish a fine field for Madame's investigations; and her ball was a wind-fall to this class. None of them slighted the invitation of the fashionable hostess; and they did ample justice to the rich supper that was spread in the delicious gardens around the house. In fact, they crammed down the cakes and turkeys as if they had not tasted food for twenty years. The wines disappeared as if by magic; and we are afraid that many of them were sick the next morning. Indeed we should not be surprised to hear of a prevailing cholera among this portion of the guests; for the quantity of food they clutched at, and which, it is fair to presume, they swallowed, was enormous.

The companions and friends of Mr. Avarice would have been sufficient to fill much more room than was provided for the guests of the evening. Large as was the company, the party of this old gentleman seemed to be every where, standing in every corner, and chattering in every knot of revellers. A small and select number of gentlemen were gathered around Mr. Place Power; and these were by far the most serious and earnest persons present at the assembly. They seemed to be engaged in conversation all the evening, hardly ever joining in the dance, and scarcely taking time to bow to the lady acquaintances by whom they were surrounded. We noticed, however, that they were among the first at the supper table; and that though their tastes might be highly intellectual, they were by no means too fastidious to indulge their gastronomic appetites.

We have noticed only a few of the more prominent *convives*; for in such a crowd it was impossible to observe any but the most illustrious personages. Madame Self Interest was more flattered and courted than any of her lady-guests; and we have no doubt that the manner in which her ball went off gave her infinite delight. Altogether, it was by far the most brilliant affair of the season.

From Kingston.

We have a copy of the Kingston (Jamaica) Journal of the 1st inst., received by the schooner Laredo, Capt. Harmar, which arrived here yesterday. We find little news in it.

At Kingston the weather had been cooler than usual, the mercury in the thermometer falling as low as 82°.

ST. CROIX.—The Port of Spain *Gazette* mentions on the authority of advices from St. Thomas, that Gen. Van Hausen, the new Governor-General of the Danish Islands, arrived at that Island in the Danish man-of-war brig St. Thomas, accompanied by Messrs. Flensberg and Elberling, as Commissioners Extraordinary appointed for the trial of the slaves implicated in the insurrection which issued in the freedom of the whole slave population. About the same time three transports arrived with troops, consisting of fifty cavalry and 400 infantry, which had been distributed through the Island. Up to the arrival of those troops, several parties of the insurgents held possession of different parts in the mountains, against which the former were at once directed. Many of these people have already been captured, and, together with such as had been previously secured, will be immediately brought to trial.

A rumor is current at St. Thomas, that papers had been discovered indicating that the late Governor General, Van Sholten, was himself the head and prime mover of the insurrection, and that among other papers was a list of subscriptions made for him by the slaves on his going away. Such a document might, however, but demonstrate the affectionate gratitude which they naturally might be expected to have for their liberator. Van Sholten is said to be in England.

The soldiers sent from Porto Rico to assist St. Croix have been withdrawn. The expense of their maintenance in the Island is estimated to amount to half a million of dollars. The sum is large, but it is scarcely to be doubted, that but for their prompt arrival the fair Island of St. Croix would have been the scene of a bloody catastrophe.

The Trinidad papers contain no local news.

MARTINIQUE.—The St. Lucia Palladium says: We have just seen Martinique letters and journals to a late date. Numbers of those persons who had been forced to abandon their properties in the Island, and to fly to the southern States of America, in consequence of the threatening aspect of things on the outset of the republican system in Martinique, have been induced to return since the later modifications in the government. From all we hear and read, however, of the progress of the "*Liberté Egalité, Fraternité*," there seems but slender ground for any better hope as to the destinies of the French colonies under the present system. Little or nothing is done upon the plantations, and trade and commerce are depressed to the lowest possible degree. A sort of memorial, bearing the signatures of upwards of one hundred inhabitants of St. Pierre, and supported by the local Chamber of Commerce, was on the 10th inst. addressed to Governor Bruat, purporting to set forth the misery and sufferings of the inhabitants, and praying for relief by means of a prompt establishment of a public credit that shall be within the reach of all property-holders, and particularly as to real or immoveable property. The three points more urgently pressed by the memorialists, as essential to the existence and prosperity of the colony, are—compensation, if not large and liberal, at least just and reasonable; encouragement to the productions of the Island; and public credit."

☞ The select committee appointed to report on Gen. Shields's qualifications, are Messrs. Benton, Webster, Mason, Pearce and Felch.

☞ Mr. Booth was to take a benefit at Memphis on the 9th.

FROM PANAMA.

The brig Perfect, Capt. Townsend, arrived last evening, from Chagres, bringing a little later news from Panama. We have received the first number of the Panama Star, a paper just established. It is dated Feb. 24. We extract the following items:

Vessels in the Harbor of Panama.—One Bremen bark, with coal for the steamer; one small schooner of 70 tons, which is offered for sale in shares, at $300 per share (28 shares, each share entitled to two passages); one old coasting schooner, of 50 tons, which is also offered for sale—price $6000. She is worth about as much as a New York oyester boat....The brig Belfast arrived here some days since, and was filled up immediately with passengers for San Francisco, at $100 each. She is 190 tons burthen, and carries 76 passengers. She is now at an island below, taking in water and provisions, and will sail in a few days.

Notice to Travellers.—Those who wish to secure the safe transmission of their baggage across the Isthmus are advised to place the same in charge of an alcalde, and take his receipt for the number of packages thus deposited; then consign them to some individual in Panama, who should be authorized to pay for the transmission of the baggage, when it arrives. By observing the above direction, much time will be saved, and no baggage lost.

On the 22d ult. the Americans celebrated Washington's Birthday in fine style. The French Consul exchanged congratulations with the Americans, and the Governor of Panama furnished a fine band for the occasion.

The steamship Oregon, from New York for San Francisco, arrived at Panama on the 23d ult.

Lieut. Lewis, U. S. N., bearer of dispatches from the Pacific Squadron, Capt. Butler, and Dr. Culver, came passengers in the Perfect.

A GOOD JOKE.—The *Panameno* (a paper published at Panama,) of February 11th, has the following, which we translate, considering it entirely too good to be lost. It is a grave official document, being a proclamation by the government:

REPUBLIC OF NEW GRANADA. *Government of the Province.*
[CIRCULAR No. II.] Panama, February 8th, 1849.

There has commenced to circulate in the country, certain coins of copper or other metal, which the merchants of the United States are accustomed to give to their customers, which coins are of no value. They have upon one side the arms of the United States, and on the other an inscription. As they are of a yellow color, some have commenced to cheat those little accustomed to foreign money, by giving them these medals for gold coin, by which commerce is injured, and foreign money depreciated. I consider it, then, my duty to inform you that you may instruct the public, that the North American eagle has the following marks: on one side the arms of the United States, and the words "United States of America, ten dollars;" on the other side the figure of liberty, thirteen stars, and the date of the year. The half eagle has exactly the same marks, except that in place of ten, it says "five dollars." The copper coin of which I have spoken above has on one side, the arms of the United States, and the words "*N. C. Folger, 17 Old Levee, cor. of Customhouse st.. New Orleans.*" On the other side it has a long inscription in English, which means "*Clothing store; clothes for youths, boys and children; caps, blankets and plantation goods; trunks and hats.*" With these explanations it will be easily to tell the genuine coin of the United States.

God preserve you! THOMAS HERRERA.

Arrivals.—Steamers Falcon and Crescent City, with two brigs and a bark, from New York, one brig from Philadelphia, and two from New Orleans, with about 1000 passengers in all, have arrived at Chagres within the last few days. It is supposed there are about 1500 persons now on the Isthmus waiting for vessels.

Capt. Townsend reports the following marine intelligence:

Sailed in company with brig Eudora, and schr. Rawson, for San Juan Nicaragua. Left at Chagres, brigs Sampson, and Sarah, to sail next day for this port; also in port, schrs. William Thompson, and Mary Filkins.

[Correspondence of the Crescent.]

PANAMA, Feb. 14, 1849.

Eds. Crescent: I have arrived thus far upon my journey, after much fatigue and trouble. In the course of ten days I think I shall have a chance of getting off from this place, on the brig Belfast, which is to leave within that time. She will take 76 passengers, at $100 each. My expenses across the isthmus, from Chagres to Panama, including transportation of baggage, amounted to $60. From Chagres to Gorgona the route is by water, up as fine a stream as ever was beheld. From Gorgona, four mules sufficed to transport myself and baggage. I paid $10 a piece, but some of the passengers procured them as low as $6. Indians, who do just as well, can be obtained cheaper than mules. The road one has to traverse is very unique in its way, being nothing more than a narrow foot-way, intersected in many places by ravines ten or twelve feet in perpendicular depth. These gullies, however, are crossed with remarkable facility and safety by the mules.

At this point, every thing eatable commands a high price—flour selling for $30 per barrel.

The ship Philadelphia left yesterday with 290 passengers, and also an English bark with 225.

Travelling will be much cheaper by this route when the mail line is in complete operation.

A number of the Falcon's passengers died here of sickness, occasioned by fatigue consequent upon crossing the isthmus on foot. Notwithstanding this, from all appearances, I think Panama as healthy a place as there is in the world.

Among the many impositions to which travellers are subject, I may mention that the passports received from the Mexican [?] Consul, and for which $2 each were paid, are of no earthly benefit, as the Consul was not authorized to give them. H. C.

The following letter addressed to a gentleman of this city, has been kindly handed to us for publication:

CHAGRES, February 24, 1849.

Dear Sir: I have seen all of the cargo delivered, and most of the passengers off for the interior, and have now engaged a boat or canoe either to take me to Gorgona, a distance of a day and a half or two days' fast traveling from here; some say 18 miles, and some 40 miles.

The steamer Orus runs up the river, but how far the Captain will not say, as the river is falling; but he will take me and my trunk and carpet-bag, for $10, as far as he can; after that I must look out for myself! His price of passage is $10, and 50 cents a trunk freight to Gorgona.

The entrance to this place is one of the most difficult I have ever seen, being formed by the point of the castle at the mouth of the river and a spit of land on the opposite side, the distance apart not being more than a length and a half of the vessel, and should not be entered by any person unacquainted, without a pilot. It is not only narrow, but has to be entered, running S. W., bringing the land close aboard, (about 20 yards distant) running by the end of the fort, then bring her head west into the river, which is about 100 yards wide opposite the city.

The city did I say! I have never had the pleasure of seeing such a city before in my life; being made of a small number of thatched huts, built of canes (taken from the bank of the river,) standing on their ends, and tied together with strips of the Palmetto leaf. Some of them are plastered on the outside with mud—but these are of the "hombres grandes," those are but few and *almost* white. The balance of the inhabitants are black, and mixed, with the Indian and blacks. They know but little of any thing like trade, as they consume but little, and their wants are but few, as the women and men, before the Americans commenced coming here, went most like the original settlers of the country.

I have found this place rather warmer than New Orleans, and white pantaloons, and thin coats without vest, are very comfortable.

The Fort, at the entrance of the harbor, was built in (they say here) 1572, and appears to have been in its day a very strong place; but it is fast going to ruin, and is now used as a prison for criminals. I took a walk through it yesterday, and saw guns of the same cast as I saw in St. Juan de Ulua, dated 1742, '3 and '4, but have been told there are some over 200 years old there.

I have not been able to see any mosquitoes here, and it is not so sickly as I had frequently heard before I came here; but there is plenty of rain falling in showers, three or four times a day. And this they call the dry season—the wet season commencing in May or June, and lasting until December.

I have seen a great many of the inhabitants with swollen feet; one I saw to-day, whose feet were larger than my head, which is owing to the dampness of their houses—having no floors to them. The brig Perfect will have to take a steamer to get out, and also a pilot. In future, persons coming this way will find better accommodations for crossing the Isthmus, as a gentleman is here who intends buying several canoes to carry freight and passengers to Gorgona and Cruces. All of our passengers took canoes, and their prices averaged (going in parties of four or five in a boat, with their baggage and freight) $17 each.

There is no use for any passports here, so far as I can learn. J. R.

Arrivals at Panama from the 15th of February.

J. F. Little, Me.; G. Hubbard, N. H.; F. Billings, G. E. Brown, E. J. Harrison, T. Huling, A. H. Potter, B. B. Spencer, S. F. Parker, Vt.; John Caldwell, D. W. Nason, S. Snow, T. Mayer, G. W. Dickinson, E. Warne, J. Q. Robinson, T. P. Shaw, J. R. Bassett, D. W. Madison, D. E. Edwards, C. Nutting, T. D. Sargent, J. Miller, Mass.; G. Terrell, M. Sperry, L. C. Northrup, D. Wright, E. Hull, E. Thompson, G. F. Hotchkiss, Conn.; J. S. Silva, A. Ludlam, D. Van Pelt, J. Simonson, W. Bisger, J. Wood, J. Z. Webb, J. Alston, C. Van Pelt, C. Silva, S. J. Reed, G. Brinby, W. Whittley, E. Hunan, J. A. Meldrum, J. Q. Packard, B. W. Bean, F. Shuland, G. P. Jenkins, W. A. Buffum, W. T. Flowers, R. Breman, J. McManus, W. W. Bisley, W. M. Watson, A. J. Morrel, J. H. Pierson, R. J. Canfield, A. A. Heryell, T. P. Everett, W. K. Miller, R. Beinan, L. J. Miller, J. V. Dunham, R. G. Keeler, P. Emmitt, C. A. Gurley, J. D. North, J. L. Marion, Dr. J. S. Cameron, J. A. C. Rice, W. C. Jewett, lady and servant, S. R. St. John, H. Randolph, G. P. Close, E. Laffan and servant, J. W. Baldwin, H. Wheeler, W. A. Buffum, H. Leisewich, W. H. Gamble, W. Hedges, F. Coffin, W. DeLa P. Cazigos, F. DeLa Penny Cazigos, J. R. Jacobs, J. B. Tod, H. P. Randolph, G. P. Close, J. St. John, W. H. Ziffan, P. James, P. P. Cowen, E. Fowler, P. Culhan, J. S. Cornwell, N. Peter, J. Bame, V. C. Snyder, J. Herring, A. B. Frazer, A. Briggs, A. Borgnet, W. Cobee, W. H. Culver, L. J. Milliman, C. Schermerhorn, D. J. Whiting, J. D. Godfrey, J. Smith, T. Hutchinson, C. Hudson, W. H. Maxwell, S. K. Hunarie, D. C. Smith, New York; W. Prescott, Dr. Furman, A. Stoddard, E. H. Colby, G. A. Grant, Dr. W. F. Peabody, E. B. Vreeland, J. J. Lane, J. Cowell, Dr. L. Crane, W. Jimerson, D. L. White, B. Simmons, lady and servant, Dr. M. E. Halsted, B. S. Gates, D. Logan, Dr. Diman, D. C. H. Cragin, D. C.; Dr. W. E. J. Sholington, N. C.; A. Powell, C. Miller, M. Freemont, T. F. Everitt, R. H. M. Kane, D. N. Crane, J. D. Southard, T. T. Johnson, C. W. Coote, J. Barry, W. Keating, W. B. Van Dyke, Mo.; J. R. Butler, N. O.; R. Austin, Tenn.; J. J. Bird, W. P. Kelly, J. N. Silvera, F. J. Maguire, F. D. Almira, J. Brunner, W. W. Caldwell, N. Y.; Col. J. C. Zabriskie, Capt. G. Taylor, L. Taylor, Mr. Runk, N. J.; R. S. Holister, J. S. Bradford, C. C. Cook, R. S. Eaton, J. S. O'Mera, A. Q. Roberts, A. J. Averill, Illinois; B. D. Horn, Missouri; T. Hovey, Mr. Wessel and son, W. W. Montgomery, N. O.; M. Grim, B. Eldridge, Md.; S. K. Norris, O. Knowlton, P. Force, M. Van Dresser, A. V. Burns, G. W. Jacobs, R. D. Hart, H. M. True, C. E. Hart, T. C. Childs, J. L. Hemstead, N. Y.; E. D. Keys, U. S. A.; L. Teese, Sen., L. Teese, Jr., J. F. Giffitt, S. P. Ludlow, A. B. Ludlow, Col. J. W. Geary, lady and child, J. P. Haven, W. H. McKinley, A. McKinley, J. Marbury, A. S. Hoffer, E. Moser, F. J. Shibault, A. Starr, E. Vosburg, Pa.; G. W. Platt, W. C. Waterford, W. J. Baley, W. T. Shannon, G. Holtzbecher, H. Hugg, A. C. Bradford, Del.; M. Bradford, Ala.; H. Cole, Ohio; J. B. Burns, T. Grant, W. F. Cusham, H. Hagenboser, F. Rice, W. Lovering, G. H. Howard, W. H. Hickock, J. H. Cleaves; F. Bush, Jr., L. E. Trudell, J. Miller, L. Marble, J. Stedman, Mass.; J. C. Swan, W. F. DeJongh, R. L.; F. F. Randolph, J. F. Bachman, W. Tindall, J. G. Kessler, A. Kessler, C. W. Kinsey, C. Lawall, S. Carey, Phœnix Mining Co. of Easton, Pa.; J. B. Bidleman, S. K. Henarie, W. O. Chapman, H. Hunt, I. Coryell.

[Copy.] CHAGRES, February 23, 1849.

Capt. ANDREW V. A. TOWNSEND—*Sir*: We, the undersigned, passengers (from New Orleans to this place *en route* for California) in the brig PERFECT, take this method of expressing our conviction, that your vessel, connected with your skill and ability as a seaman, ranks among the first class of sailers, both for speed and comfort....We also herewith wish to return our thanks to you, for your kind and urbane deportment towards us while under your care, which, together with your skill as an officer, not only rendered our passage to this port one of the quickest (we believe) ever made, but one of pleasure and comfort. (Signed)

F. Amy,	Thos. P. Park, M.D.,	R. W. Murphy,
R. S. Otey,	J. Rivard,	H. Magoedon,
J. D. Crosby,	W. P. Jones,	Saml. Richardson,
John C. Hurst,	W. B. B. Spain,	H. G. Foster,
James Powers,	H. L. Packheel,	W. C. Nolan,
R. F. Collins,	E. J. Higbee,	S. A. Hicks,
Jas. Kelly,	A. D. Rogers,	J. C. Drummond,
W. B. Sloan,	Henry Werlian,	H. Stigler,
J. D. Stallings,	D. Ewing,	W. Beurshamer,
John M. Reed,	M. Flemming,	John Scilly,
W. H. Richards,	F. F. Spain,	D. Bedomen,
J. Callahan,		

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☞ The Property-holders in the neighborhood of the fire last night, on the corner of Orleans and Derbigny streets, return their sincere thanks to FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY No. 21, for the prompt manner in which they attended at the fire, being the first Engine on the ground.

(Signed) SEVERAL PROPERTY-HOLDERS.
mh15 in the 5th Ward, 1st Municipality.

☞ St. Michael's Benevolent Burial Society of *New Orleans.*—The members of the above Society are particularly requested to assemble at their Hall, corner of St. Joseph and Tchoupitoulas streets, on SATURDAY MORNING, the 17th instant, at 8 o'clock, to form in Public Procession, to celebrate the Anniversary of IRELAND'S PATRON SAINT.

mh15 3t By order of BERNARD GILLOOLY, Sec'y.

BENEFIT CARD....ST. CHARLES THEATRE.

MRS. STUART'S BENEFIT.

MRS. STUART most respectfully acquaints her friends and the public, that her BENEFIT will take place on TO-MORROW (Friday) EVENING, when will be performed the BELLE'S STRATAGEM, with a cast containing the names of Mr. G. Vandenhoff, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Chippendale, Mr. Morton, Mr. Fuller, and Mrs. Stuart, the part of "Lady Frances" to be sustained by a *Lady of this City*, her first and only appearance.

To conclude with the Drama of AGNES DE VERE. Agnes De Vere, Mrs. Stuart.

☞ Box-book will be open at 10 o'clock. mh10 It

ST. LOUIS BALL ROOM.

Model Bachelors' Ball.

To be given on MONDAY, March 19, 1849.

☞ The subscribers to the above Ball are informed that the Invitation Tickets are ready for delivery. The Managers will meet on Friday Evening, 16th inst., at 7 o'clock, and on Sunday the 18th, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at the office of the Ball Room.

MANAGERS.

G. C. Lawrason,	L. Bouslouque,	R. C. Camp,
C. M. Waterman,	J. E. Caldwell,	F. X. Barbo,
J. Milton Relf,	Paulin Blanque,	Sidney Story,
Robert Geddes,	W. H. Simmons,	R. A. Porter,
C. J. Meeker,	A. Dubuc,	Wm. Emerson.
	S. O'Connell,	

The office of the Ball Room is open every day from 9 o'clock A. M. to 2 P. M., and from 4 to 8 P. M. mh14 4t

HO! FOR CALIFORNIA.

THE ORLEANS MINING AND CULTIVATION SOCIETY leave positively on the 20th inst. Members are requested to report themselves ready for embarkation on the Evening of the 19th inst. The Society will meet every Evening at 8 o'clock, until the 19th (when the roll will be positively closed) at No. 22 Banks' Arcade, where a few persons can be accommodated with the most perfect equipments, cheapest fare and transportation, and most comfortable arrangements ever offered in the South. For further particulars apply to C. LEONARD.

mh15 3t 7 Banks' Arcade, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Races—Races—Eclipse Course, Carrollton.

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION—SPRING MEETING.

THE regular Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Association Jockey Club will commence on TUESDAY, 27th instant, and continue throughout the week.

First Day—Tuesday, 27th—Sweepstakes for two years old—Closed.
Second Day—Wednesday, 28th—Sweepstakes for three years old—$300 subscription—$100 forfeit—Two mile heats—Three or more subscribers to make a race—To name and close on the 15th.

☞ Entries to be addressed to the Secretary of the Louisiana Association Jockey Club. THOS. E. LEEFE,
mh15 td Secretary of Louisiana Association.

☞ Gas Light Company.—NEW ORLEANS, March 13, 1849.—A Dividend of Two-and-a-half per cent. from the Assets of the late Bank Department will be paid to the Stockholders of this Institution on and after 1st April next.

mh14 eod10t P. N. WOOD, Treasurer.

☞ The Great Remedy of the Age.—The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of *Morse's Compound Syrup of Yellow Dock Root*, which will be found in another column. It is all it is thus reported to be—one of the most powerful remedies for certain complaints yet discovered....Sold by RUSTE & PADDOCK, Druggists and Perfumers, 110 Poydras st. fe12 2dp

NEW YORK LAW NOTICE.

ABM. OAKEY HALL, (lately a resident of New Orleans, and a member of the Louisiana Bar,) *Attorney and Counsellor at Law*, and Commissioner at New York for the State of Louisiana. Office 72 Wall street, New York. mh15 3t

The Camp street Cheap Dry Good Store.

SEYMOUR & CO., *No. 42 Camp street*, next to the corner of Gravier street, offer at the lowest rates that can any where be found in this city, *FASHIONABLE AND STAPLE DRY GOODS*: Linen, Silk, Woollen, and Cotton Fabrics, in great variety. Also—Umbrellas, Parasols, Carpeting and Matting. mh15 3t

SMITHS AND ENGINEERS.

AULT & SEYMOUR, *Julia street, next to Commerce, near to the New Levee*, will undertake every description of SMITH WORK, repairing or altering Engines, and all the various work in Iron and Brass; Scales repaired and adjusted with promptness. mh15 3t

T. G. WEBER

HAS the honor to inform the public, that in addition to his Old Stand, corner of Julia and Carondelet streets, he has purchased the establishment corner of Camp and Duplantier streets, and will continue to provide his customers with the best of Goods at very moderate prices. An entire new stock is on hand in both stores. Ladies and Gentlemen please call and see for yourselves. mh15 3t*

HATS—HATS.

AT MY SALES-ROOM may be found a few cases of fine Moleskin Hats; some very handsome Silk Hats; a great variety of common Silk Hats; Beaver, Drab and Black; fashionable B. B. Russia, Californian, Buena Vista, and Plantation Hats. Also—A choice lot of colored and clear Leghorn Hats, and a few superior Panamas. All of which are just received and for sale low for cash or approved paper. WM. BOOTH, Hatter,
mh15 corner of Gravier and Tchoupitoulas sts.

CONVENIENT COTTON TABLES.

WE have just received a copy of a little work, showing the cost of Cotton per pound, shipped either at Mobile or New Orleans, when landed on the wharf at Liverpool, at any given price, rate of exchange and freights; and also showing the price of the article at Liverpool when the factor's commissions and other expenses are added. This work is compiled and published by Mr. James L. Lawrence, of this city, and is one of much arithmetical labor, and will no doubt prove a very valuable and practical assistant to those engaged in the staple. It is got up in neat style, pocket-book form, and for sale by

DAVID FELT & CO., 34 Chartres st.,
mh15 B. M. NORMAN, 16 Camp st.

BLACKSMITHING, Etc.

THE undersigned have associated themselves together for the purpose of carrying on the following business—viz. BLACKSMITHING, WHITESMITHING, Finishing Brass Foundering, Pattern Making, and Jobbing in general. All work entrusted to them will be attended to with punctuality and dispatch.

FOSTER & PRENTICE,
110 Camp, a few doors above Poydras, formerly occupied by Mr. Hopkins.

☞ Refer to Capt. A. O. Pittfield, and William Smith, foreman of Government Shop. mh15 1m*

SMITH & BROTHER,

52 COMMON STREET.

HAVE received large additions to their stock of INDIA RUBBER GOODS. These Goods are of the best manufacture, and warranted to stand all extremes of weather. S. & B. would call the particular attention of Californians to their Bottles, Canteens, and Water Buckets, manufactured, with special reference to the many dry places and arid deserts between the Rio Grande and the "Gold Diggins;" Air Beds, which weigh only 12 pounds; Water-proof Bags; Pontoon Bags; Saddle Bags, etc. INDIA RUBBER CLOTHING of all kinds; Wading Boots, Leggings, etc. India Rubber Blankets, Pillows, etc., etc. Also—TENTS, TENT-CLOTHS, Saddles, Bridles, Bitts, Stirrups, Spurs, etc., etc., at 52 Common st. mh15

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

BEARD, CALHOUN & Co. will sell, at 11 o'clock, at Banks' Arcade, Household Furniture.

HYDE & MOSS will sell, at 11 o'clock, at No. 26 Common street, Glassware, etc.

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

CRYSTAL FOUNT DIVISION No. 4, at Crystal Fount Hall, 222 Tchoupitoulas street, at half-past 7.

WASHINGTON DIVISION No. 5, at Y. Brothers' Hall, Lafayette, at half-past 7.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION No. 6, at Unity Hall, Marigny Buildings, Third Municipality, at half-past 7.

Steamboat Departures This Day.

☞ SEE ADVERTISEMENTS ON THIRD PAGE.

Mobile.....JAS. L. DAY, Gibeson, 2½ P. M. cars.
Red River.....MONTEREY, Withenbury, 5 P. M.
Red River.....D. B. MOSBY, Cocherill, 5 P. M.
Memphis.....BULLETIN, Church, 5 P. M.
Monigomery.....BEACON, Leonard, 4 P. M.

☞ The steamboat Beacon—*Weekly Line*—For Mobile, Montgomery, Wetumpka, and all landings on the Alabama River—The packet steamboat BEACON is now receiving freight at the New Basin, foot of Julia street, and will leave THIS DAY, Thursday, at 4 o'clock, P. M., punctually.

mh15 HYDE & OGLESBY, 12 Poydras st.

☞ The driver of Dray 2184 will call at the Office of the undersigned immediately.

mh14 DEWEY & CO., 67 Gravier st.

☞ The Schooner Renown, Capt. Meldrum, from Charleston, will commence discharging This Day at Lower Picayune Tier. Consignees are requested to attend to the receipt of their goods on the Levee, or they will be stored at their expense and risk.

mh14 R. M. HARRISON & CO., 77 Poydras st.

☞ The Consignees of 8 cases of Wine, marked W [A in a diamond with V above] D, No. 1 to 8, and 60 tierces Rice marked N C, No. 1 to 60, shipped to order per schooner RENOWN, from Charleston, will please make themselves known to the Discharging Clerk on the Levee, or they will be stored at their expense and risk.

R. M. HARRISON & CO., 77 Poydras st.

ARMORY HALL.

SHAKSPEREAN READINGS.—The public is respectfully informed, that, in accordance with the wish of many of the inhabitants of New Orleans, Mr. MACREADY will give, previous to his departure from this City,

READINGS FROM SHAKSPEARE,

which have been fixed for Thursday and Saturday Evenings next.

On THURSDAY EVENING, March 15th, he will read from Shakspeare's Tragedy of HAMLET, Prince of Denmark.

☞ Doors to be opened at 7 o'clock, and the Reading to begin at half-past 7....Tickets $1, to be had at the Armory Hall on THURSDAY morning, at 10 o'clock, and in the evening. mh13 5t*

☞ California Mining and Trading Company of the City of NewOrleans.—This Company will hold its meetings at the Commercial Exchange, St. Charles street, EVERY EVENING, at half-past 7 o'clock (Sunday excepted); and persons desirous of becoming members may there make application, or apply to the Secretary, No. 163 Gravier street. This Company has permanently secured the services of a skilful and practical miner, who has for many years been engaged in mining in Georgia, and also a gentleman who is a superior chemist, both of whom are members of the Company, thereby securing advantages not only requisite and indispensable, but such as are not possessed by any Company heretofore organized. This Company will leave for California at the earliest moment practicable, fully and in all respects prepared for mining.

mh10t J. L. ALFORD, 163 Gravier street.

For the Benefit of the Sculptor, HIRAM POWERS.

☞ Now Exhibiting, in the STATE HOUSE, Canal street, *THE STATUE OF*

"THE GREEK SLAVE."

EXHIBITION Open Daily (Sundays excepted) from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. ☞ Admittance 25 cents. Season Tickets $1. Pam