# DAILY CRESCENT.

NEW ORLEANS:
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**The Mammoth Weekly Crescent**

Will be issued this afternoon, at 1 o'clock. It will contain the usual variety of editorials, foreign and domestic news, poetry, miscellany, commercial, etc.; also, the news by this morning's mail, and telegraph up to the hour of going to press. Single copies, enveloped, can be obtained at the counting-room; also at Morgan's, Exchange Place.

CREVASSE.—Alarming reports were circulated in town yesterday concerning a Crevasse, stated to have taken place the night before, on the plantation of Mr. SAUVÉ, 15 miles above the city, in the parish of Jefferson. The opening in the levee is said to be from 150 to 200 feet wide, with the water pouring through it in a stream of tremendous magnitude. It is apprehended that if the opening be not immediately filled, the city cannot escape inundation. The authorities, with commendable dispatch, immediately on receiving information of the occurrence, issued handbills calling for five hundred laborers to proceed immediately to the scene of destruction. With this force, together with what assistance will be rendered from the surrounding parishes, we hope all danger can be speedily averted.

Since writing the above we have conversed with a gentleman just from the Crevasse, who states that the reports of its great extent are much exaggerated. Its extreme width is 70 feet and its depth 6 feet. It is thought that it can be soon stopped.

THE WEATHER.—The weather, which until last week had been very dry, has within the last few days been quite the contrary. We had several very heavy showers yesterday, by which the streets were more than once flooded. Canal street, in the back portion, presented the appearance of an extensive lake, and we have no doubt was navigable for skiffs of a large size. The dust, which had accumulated in great quantities, is transformed into mud of a peculiarly adhesive quality, with which the banquettes were covered, much to the annoyance of pedestrians and the dresses of those ladies who happened to venture out. But however disagreeable these rains may be to residents of the city, they will certainly be of great advantage to the crops, which, according to all accounts, were suffering for want of moisture. The frosts of a few weeks since caused much injury to the prospects of the planters, and since then the country papers have been hoping for genial rains. We hope their desires may have been gratified by the extensive diffusion of those showers which have lately visited us.

☞ We thank the officers of the Moro Castle for Louisville and Cincinnati papers; also the officers of the Natchez for Natchez papers.

VISITER TO WEST POINT FROM LOUISIANA.—In copying from the National Intelligencer the list of gentlemen invited by the Secretary of War to attend the examination at West Point Academy, on the first Monday in June next, we put down the name of Henry J. Ballard as the visiter from Louisiana. The Intelligencer made a mistake in the name. It should have been Henry A. Bullard, of Louisiana. The appointment of Judge Bullard is eminently appropriate, as his learning, acquirements, and efforts in the cause of education, entitle him to a high place among the scientific men of the Union.

CALIFORNIA MAIL.—We learn that the California mail will leave to-morrow morning, at a 9 o'clock, on the steamer Isthmus.

DEATH OF MRS. CHARLES.—In another article of this morning's paper we have mentioned the sudden illness of Mrs. Charles, who was to have appeared last night at the American Theatre. Under its proper head, will be found a notice of her death, which occurred during the evening. Mrs. C. was well known to the stage of this country as a chaste and pleasing actress.

COL. CROSS.—The Washington Whig, referring to a publication that Col. Cross of the Army had resigned, goes on to say:

We learn that the gallant Colonel, having been ordered to Oregon, preferred a request that he should be relieved, if compatible with the interests of the service, from duty at so distant a post, on the ground of his recent long campaign abroad. His request not having been acceded to, he sent in his resignation, to take effect on the 30th ult., and it was accepted. The acceptance having been approved in the ordinary course of business, the subject was brought to the notice of the President, and after due investigation, the acceptance of the Colonel's resignation was cancelled and the tender of his resignation declined. The relief so promptly afforded to the brave Cross reflects the highest credit upon the President and the Secretary of War.

CABINET DAYS.—Cabinet days, says the National Whig of the 26th ult., have been changed to Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They sat yesterday until half-past 2 o'clock, P. M. The Whig of the next day (the 27th) says there was a long extra session of the Cabinet on the 26th.

THE GOLD DOLLAR.—The Philadelphia Sun announces on good authority, that the new issue of gold dollars, so anxiously looked for, were to be ready for emission at the end of last week. It is said they will be a beautiful coin, a trifle smaller than the half dime. The people's purse is ready for their reception.

EXPEDITION TO THE GREAT SALT LAKE.—It is said that an expedition to the Great Salt Lake, making a special examination of the country around, is contemplated by the Chief of the Topographical Bureau, Col. J. J. Abert, aided by Emory, Johnson, Cooke, and others. The officer appointed to the command of the expedition is said to be Capt. Howard Stansbury, of the U. S. Topographical Engineers; and it is further reported that the Government has given him a very liberal outfit. Capt. Stansbury, at the instance of the Department, will establish a temporary Observatory at Fort Hall, for astronomical and meteorological purposes, and carries suitable instruments to effect his design. It is supposed that his chief station will be at the Mormon Fort. The expedition is expected to return in the course of fifteen months.

CAPT. FORNO.—We give place to the following note from Capt. Forno with pleasure, as we have no desire to misstate or misrepresent his conduct. Our reporter merely gave credence to a street rumor; and, by so doing, he committed an error, as it was his duty to have ascertained the truth of the story before publishing it.

NEW ORLEANS, May 4, 1849.

*Eds. Crescent*—An article appeared in the Crescent of this morning, which, to say the least of it, is ungenerous towards me, and only serves to excite against me the bad feelings of a certain class of the community. It relates to removals of police officers. In the first place, no such power is vested in the *Captain of the Watch*, but in the *Recorder only;* and in the second place, *there have been no removals made*, nor have I heard that any were to be made. If you will, in your next number, correct the impression which has gone forth, you will do me *only an act of justice*.

Yours, etc., H. FORNO.

AN OLD WAY TO PAY NEW DEBTS.—We would call the attention of the Life and Honorary members of the Louisiana Histrionic Association, to the proceedings of a meeting held by the Honorary members, on Thursday evening. It will be seen that they have taken the present embarrassments of the Association in their own hands, and are determined to liquidate the debts and also provide a fund sufficient to defray the expenses of the Association. Success to them say we.... We have heard it whispered about that the cast of "A New Way to Pay Old Debts" is the strongest of the season. It comes off on Monday next.

AMERICAN THEATRE.—Owing to the postponement of the Concert advertised for the benefit of the Firemen's Association last evening, considerable blame was cast on those who projected the entertainment. As far as we could understand, from the apology made before the curtain, the party engaged the Theatre to give a variety of amusements, and that the performers advertised did not come forward. Under the circumstances the Concert was postponed. For Mrs. Charles and her family every excuse must be allowed—that lady being so seriously indisposed that her life is despaired; but for the rest, we do not know how they can excuse their conduct. Although on Mr. Place not the slightest blame can attach, yet it is to be hoped that he will guard against any persons using his house to disappoint the public, in future.

ORLEANS THEATRE.—The delightful opera of "Lucia di Lammermoor" will be presented at this Theatre this evening, for the last time this season.... On Monday, Mr. Fiot, the Stage-Manager, will take a benefit, when the Grand Opera of the "Death of Sardanapalus," music by M. Curto, of our city, will be presented. We are also promised a new comedy in one act, by a Creole of New Orleans.

OLYMPIC CIRCUS.—Mr. Graven, the daring and renowned Acrobat and accomplished Equestrian, puts forth his claim for a benefit to-night. The excellent bill of entertainment he has provided, and the high reputation of the beneficiary, ought to insure him a crowded house.

**The State Engineer.**

If any one will take the trouble to turn to the 150th Act of the Second Session of the Fifteenth Legislature, of the State of Louisiana, he will find in the second section of that act, the following enactment:—"That in future the superintendence and direction of the public works shall be entrusted to an Engineer skilled in the theory and practice of his profession, who shall be appointed annually by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and that his compensation shall be fixed at three thousand five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, on his warrant, by the Treasurer of the State." Now, if it were not for the last clause of this section we might charitably suppose both the present incumbent and the Governor were ignorant of the injunctions of the statute. We can only presume that the attention of the present Engineer, when he was an applicant for the office, was so steadily and so intently fixed on the "three thousand five hundred" clause, that he had no time for the minor and comparatively insignificant words which defined the qualifications of one who was to be appointed Engineer of the State.

Let it be observed, that this section of the statute is a perfectly reasonable one. It does not undertake to perform impossibilities. It does not say that the superintendence of the public works shall be entrusted to a well-educated and well-informed man, and then go on to decree that his appointment shall make him skilled in the theory and practice of engineering. The statute expressly orders the Governor to appoint no one but an *engineer*. If he appoints men of any other profession, he acts beyond his powers, and the appointment is really as null and void as would be the appointment of a district judge who had not practised law in the State for five years. We contend, then, that the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Wooldridge is a perfect nullity. It has no binding force, for the person appointed has not the first qualification required by the statute. Not only is he not an engineer "skilled in the theory and practice of his profession," but he is no engineer at all.

The history of the passage of this statute will also tend to elucidate—if any elucidation were necessary—the meaning of the second section. At the time the act was passed, the Civil Engineer of the State was not a professional and practical engineer. The incompetency of such a person—one not skilled in the theory and practice of engineering—had so impressed itself on the Legislature that they determined to remedy the evil by passing a new and improved statute. The statute of 1832, and subsequent statutes amending and modifying that law, merely provided for the appointment of a Civil Engineer, without specifying his qualifications. Now it is hardly possible for Mr. Wooldridge to be ignorant of the motives which led to the modification of the law in 1842. The reasons are intimately connected with the history of St. Tammany; and we presume he is somewhat learned in the annals of that illustrious parish. In fact St. Tammany was, in 1842, the head and front of the offending. The then Engineer had nearly the same ideas as have been recently expressed in regard to the duties of his office. He conceived that they consisted in cutting down trees and pulling up snags. Accordingly he cut down large quantities of timber in St. Tammany, and set himself industriously to work to clear out the numerous obstructions to the convenient wading and canoeing of the beautiful streams that flow through the magnificent pine woods of our neighboring parish across the lake. The patience of the State was exhausted by the improvements so lavishly bestowed on St. Tammany, and the act of 1842 was the consequence.

The law presumes that every man in the State knows what the law is. If this presumption exists against the private citizen, *à fortiori*, it exists against the Governor. The Governor, then, must know of the existence of the act of 1842. If he is ignorant of it, he grossly neglects his duty; if he is aware of its provisions, he has set them at defiance by his recent appointment. It would be hard to decide whether it is more culpable in a Governor to be ignorant of the laws or to disregard them. Gov. Johnson may choose either horn of the dilemma. He has appointed a man to the post of Engineer of the State of Louisiana, who is not "an engineer skilled in the theory and practice of his profession." The only way by which the Governor can elude the statute is by construing it so as to make "his profession" refer to the profession of the person appointed. He may then say that he has appointed an engineer; Mr. Wooldridge may assume the title of engineer for the nonce. And the Governor may add that the gentleman is well "skilled in the theory and practice of his profession," to wit, the science of theology and the practice of clerical duties. The Governor has been a Judge, and he may, like the English Chancellor, know how to drive a coach and six through any act of the Legislature.

We are determined to keep this recent appointment of Gov. Johnson's before the people of the State; for there never was a time in the history of Louisiana when we had more need of an Engineer, thoroughly and practically acquainted with all the resources of his profession. The long-continued and destructive high water of the winter and spring has convinced all of the necessity there is for devising some means by which the superabundant waters of the Mississippi may reach the ocean without carrying away houses and swamping sugar plantations. This subject will be the most important one brought to the attention of the next Legislature. The Committee on Internal Improvements and Public Works will no doubt ask the advice of the State Engineer as to the proper means for managing the Mississippi. And in order that the present Engineer—if he holds his place until that time—may be prepared for his appearance before the committee, we will say to him that he will be subjected to cross-questioning by every one of its members. He will not be allowed to take a text and read a sermon thereon for the edification and instruction of the laity. Our legislators will not be put off in that way. Each one of them will fire away at him with an innumerable multitude of interrogatories. He will not be allowed to dodge behind any fence of superficial science, or hide himself behind the rotten trunk of the tree of halt-knowledge. He will have to show what he does know, or what he does not know, fairly and openly.

ODD FELLOWS' ELECTION.—The annual election for officers of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Pennsylvania, resulted in the choice of the following named gentlemen: R. W. G. M., H. S. Patterson; R. W. G. D. M., Geo. S. Morris; R. W. G. W., W. H. White; R. W. G. Secretary, Wm. Curtis; R. W. G. Treasurer, F. Knox Morton; R. W. G. Rep. to G. L. U. S., W. A. Wells.

ODD FELLOWS' ELECTION IN VIRGINIA.—At the recent session of the Grand Lodge (I. O. O. F.) of Virginia, we learn that Edward S. Hough, of Alexandria, was elected Grand Master for the ensuing year; E. Fitzhugh, of Wheeling, D. G. M., and John F. Smith, of Jefferson, G. W.; R. H. Reid, Secretary, and Geo. W. Toler, Treasurer. Messrs. Phillips, of Fauquier, and Crump, of Richmond, representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

☞ We learn from the Boston Daily Advertiser that the Rev. Dr. Irving and wife, of New York, who have been missionaries in India, arrived at Boston, in the ship Dolphin, from Calcutta.

PROCEEDS OF THE INAUGURATION BALL.—The Finance Committee of the great Inauguration Ball at Washington have made their final report, which sums up as follows:

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| Gross amount of receipts | $10,436 52 |
| Expenses | 7,794 37 |
| Profits | $3,642 15 |

Of this sum, $1250 each has been paid to the Protestant and Catholic Orphan Asylum of the District, leaving on hand, to pay some outstanding debts, a balance of $142 15.

VIRGINIA ELECTIONS.—The following telegraphic reports to the Baltimore Sun are the fullest news we have in regard to the Virginia Elections:

ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 26, 8 P. M.—The election for Congressmen and the Legislature has been very quiet, for the reason that there were no democratic candidates, the whigs having it all their own way. The following is the vote in the city and county of Alexandria, for Congress, both candidates being whigs: John S. Pendleton, 172; —Morton, 278.... Edgar Snowden, Editor of the Alexandria Gazette, has been elected to the House of Delegates, without opposition.

WHEELING, April 26, 8 P. M.—We have received full returns from Ohio county, showing a clear majority for Russell, the whig candidate, over Newman, the democratic candidate, of 600. Gen. Taylor's majority in this county was 499.... William Wheaton, whig, is elected to the House of Delegates without opposition.

WINCHESTER, April 26, 8 P. M.—The polls have been closed here this evening, and exhibit the following result for Congress: Charles J. Faulkner, whig, 448; Richard Parker, dem., 289.... The vote for House of Delegates stands as follows: Wall, whig, 509; Clarke, whig, 460; Wood, dem., 276; Snyder, dem., 249.

CHARLESTOWN, VA., April 26, 9 P. M.—Full returns have been received from all the precincts of Jefferson county, which foot up as follows: Richd. Parker, dem., 509; Chas. J. Faulker, whig, 544. Majority for Faulkner, 35. Gen. Taylor's majority in this county was 144.... The vote for the House of Delegates was as follows: Worthington, 574; Duke, 620; Abell, 480; Fonner, 254.

RICHMOND, April 26, 9 P. M.—The vote for Congress in this city has just been announced, and the friends of Mr. Botts are in ecstasies.... The following is the vote in this county as far as heard from: *Richmond City*—J. M. Botts, whig, 506; C. C. Lee, whig, 81; James A. Seddon, dem., 240. *Henrico' Precinct*—Botts, 326; Lee, 19; Seddon, 237. *Taylorsville*—Botts over Seddon, 113; Lee has but 10 votes.

MEXICAN CLAIMS.—The Board for the settlement of claims under the treaty with Mexico, at their last sitting, on the 24th ult., announced that they had appointed Theodore J. Barnett, of Indiana, the clerk, and William Ryan, of Washington, messenger. An adjournment took place until the first Monday in June. The secretary, Wm. Carey Jones, will be in attendance at the room in the city hall, during the ordinary office hours, for the reception of communications from claimants, and the transaction of such business as is connected with his office.

MR. CLAY.—The Louisville Courier says that the statement published in some of the newspapers, that Mr. Clay will deliver the annual address before the Ohio State Agricultural Society next fall, was not authorized either by him or by the managers of the Society.

ELECTIONS.—During the summer and fall the following States hold their elections: North Carolina and Tennessee, August 2; Alabama, Indiana, Iowa and Kentucky, August 6; Maryland, October 3; Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, November 5.

TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.—A bill has passed the House of Representatives of Massachusetts restoring the old "28 gallon law"—prohibiting, by imprisonment, all persons from selling or buying less than that amount, except those appointed by the municipal authorities to sell for mechanical, medicinal and sacramental purposes.

"LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND FRATERNITY."—The French residents in New York are making the most extensive arrangements to celebrate, in a public manner, the coming 4th of May, as the anniversary of the establishment of the French Republic.

NAVAL.—Capt. Conover has been ordered to the command of the U. S. steam-frigate Mississippi, now fitting out at the Gosport Navy Yard, for the Mediterranean station, as the flag-ship of Com. Morgan. We learn that Lieut. Wm. C. Chaplain has been ordered to the Mississippi as 1st Lieutenant; also, Lt. J. D. Johnson and Passed Midshipman Thos. Young. Officers to report by 15th inst.

CAUSE OF LOSS OF THE FORTH.—The steam navigation companies of England are remarkably strict with their officers, but no more stringent than they should be to persons to whom lives and property are entrusted. A committee of inquiry into the loss of the steamer Forth, a short time ago, in the Gulf, have decided that a laxity of discipline caused her position to be wrongly computed, and her total destruction consequently followed. It recommends the dismissal of the captain, and a reduction in the grade of the second and third officers.

SPRING STYLE OF PANTALOONS.—This is described by a Philadelphia paper as follows: "The hue is a cross between that of pea soup and dirty water, with a stray touch of the green scum of a frog pond; and the proud wearers go up and down Chesnut street like so many bullfrogs out on a pleasure excursion."

☞ Bennett says that Henry Wikoff is the interpretation of the astericks appended to the letter written to Mr. Forrest in regard to the theatrical criticisms of the Examiner. The Herald accuses Mr. Wikoff of fomenting the difficulty between Forrest and Macready. There is no telling how much these assertions of the Herald are worth, as Bennett and Wikoff for some cause or other, are inveterate enemies.

RETURNING EMIGRANTS.—The packet ship Tuscarora, which sailed from Philadelphia on the 24th ult., for Liverpool, carried out 27 cabin and 90 steerage passengers. The cargo of breadstuffs and salted meats is said to be the most valuable one that has left that port for a considerable period.

NEWS FROM CHINA.—Captain Holt, of the ship Neptune, of New London, Ct., writes from Hong Kong, January 26: "The English here are making preparations to begin the war on the 1st of April, when they intend to give John Chinaman a good drubbing."

MORTALITY ON THE COAST.—Capt. Bramble, of the brig Allen, arrived at Salem on the 25th ult., reports that the schooner Curlew, Capt. Nelson, was at Isle de Los on the 8th of March, with her crew all dead except the captain and a boy.

FROM HAYTI AND ST. DOMINGO.—The Boston Traveller of the 24th ult. notices the arrival of the Mary Chilton, from Hayti. The accounts by the Chilton are up to the 29th of March; and her commander, Capt. Balcom, states that Soulouque's army was at least 15,000 strong, and that he had taken measures to prevent the cowardice of his soldiers by ordering those who exhibied any signs of wavering to be instantly shot down. Some think that he will enter St. Domingo without the firing of a gun; others that a bloody battle will ensue. Capt. Balcom gives some curious statements as to the working of the new monopoly law. He says that the government stores are opened twice a week, when the merchants come to get their coffee, which should be, according to the law, equally divided. Such, however, is far from the case, as one merchant in one case got 15,000 pounds, another 9000, and a third 6000. The Haytien officers are, evidently, not averse to a bribe.

The New York Herald gives the news brought by the Sarah Lewis and the Mary and Elizabeth, whose arrival is mentioned by our correspondent "Indicator." The Herald says:

"There were two arrivals at this port, yesterday, from the island of Hayti: the brig Sarah Lewis, Capt. Washburn, with dates from the city of St. Domingo to the 29th of March; and the schooner Mary and Elizabeth, Capt. Smith, from Maragone, whence she sailed on the 7th of April. We are indebted to Captains Smith and Washburn for papers, and for verbal information in regard to the affairs of the island. It seems that the war between the Haytiens and the Dominicans has commenced right earnestly. The city of St. Domingo was placed under martial law, about the 22d ult., and all the men of the city who were capable of bearing arms were mustered and marched out, under their President, to meet the Haytien President Soulouque, who, with his black forces, was supposed to be advancing towards the city. A battle took place on the 18th of March, which resulted disastrously to the Dominicans, they having lost a large number of men (killed, wounded, and prisoners) and several pieces of artillery—the towns of Las Matas and St. John falling into the hands of the Haytiens. The force of President Soulouque was constantly increasing; a body of 300, from Jeremie, passed through Maragone on the 2d inst., on their way to Port-au-Prince and head-quarters, while others were gathering from all quarters. A decisive battle was expected to take place soon; and the chances of success appear to be in favor of the Haytiens. A flotilla, consisting of five warvessels, with 500 troops on board, recently left St. Domingo for Azua, where it was thought a severe battle would be fought.... The U. S. sloop-of-war Albany arrived at St. Domingo on the 10th, and left for Aux Cayes on the 13th; officers and crew all well. The U. S. sloop-of-war Germantown was daily expected at St. Domingo.

WAFERS VERSUS WAX.—Official notice has been given that letters sent to the British West Indies sealed with wax, have the seal removed by the mail agent on board the steamer, who substitutes a wafer for the wax; the reason being that the wax softens in tropical climates, causing the letters to adhere to each other and otherwise defacing them. We have repeatedly pointed out the expediency of using wafers for ship-letters.

**Died:**

On Friday evening, May 4, at 11 o'clock, of cholera, ELIZABETH, wife of Mr. James S. Charles, of the American Theatre.

☞ The friends of the family are requested to attend her funeral THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, from 109 Carondelet street, between Poydras and Perdido streets.

On Friday morning, 4th inst., at half-past 6 o'clock, JULIA VIRGINIA, aged 14 months and 5 days, infant daughter of Dr. Charles and Sarah G. Hamilton.... ☞ Virginia papers please copy.

Obituary.

Died—In this city, on the 30th of April, after a few hours' illness, Mr. HIRAM W. SHEPARD, of Worcester, Mass., in the 26th year of his age.

When Death separates us from one possessing the many good qualities and virtues of the deceased, justice requires and friendship dictates that something beyond a simple announcement of his demise should be made; and the writer, having had the pleasure of his acquaintance for some years, feels that such duty devolves upon himself.... Mild, pleasing and unassuming in his manners—indefatigable, honest and upright in his business transactions—with a heart ever open to the sympathies of his fellow man—he was almost without a fault. But two weeks since, he arrived in our city, in the bloom of health and buoyancy of spirits, and continued in the enjoyment of them until within a short time of his death, when he was visited by a malignant disease which baffled the power of man, and in a few short hours his spirit winged its course to another and a better world. During his brief sojourn here, he gained the esteem of all who had an opportunity of forming his acquaintance. He has left a wife and child in Worcester, Mass., to mourn their heavy loss, and it will be a source of some consolation to them to know that, in frequent intercourse with the writer, he spoke of them in terms which characterize the affectionate husband and kind-hearted parent.

"His life was gentle; and the elements
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up,
And say to all the world, *This was a man!*" S. M. H.

☞ **Louisiana Histrionic Association.**—*New Orleans*, May 3, 1849.—A meeting of the Honorary Members of the Association was held at their Hall this evening, agreeably to call—Peter Conrey, Jr., Esq., Chairman; John D. Bein, Esq., Vice Pres't. H. G. Stetson, Secretary.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting to be to devise ways and means to liquidate the debt now due by the Association, and read a detailed report, showing the total cost of erecting the Hall, the amount paid for ground rent, insurance, wardrobe, scenery and other incidental expenses, to be ..... $10,309 65
Total receipts of cash ..... 6,701 07
Total indebtedness ..... $3,608 58
All of which becomes due, and must be paid, on or before July 1, 1849; and the report further shows that the current expenses of the Association per week, for salaries, oil, and other incidental expenses, are about $163; whereupon the following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Honorary Members be required to contribute, in addition to their regular subscription, a sum of not less than $5 each.

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a Committee of twelve members to assist the officers of the Association in carrying out the above resolution.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed the following members:

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| J. B. Walton, | Henry Renshaw, | R. J. Palfrey, |
| C. C. Williams, | Geo. C. Lawrason, | A. T. Pickett, |
| E. A. Tyler, | Henry G. Stetson, | R. Pritchard, |
| Wm. Henderson, | Joseph R. Beard, | E. J. Walsh. |

The following petition, signed by 180 Honorary Members, was read:

To the President and Active Members of the Louisiana Histrionic Association:

The undersigned, Honorary Members of the Association, with the view of liquidating its present indebtedness, and of aiding in paying its current expenses, would suggest for your consideration the following arrangement, which they believe would accomplish these objects:

Let the first performance in each month be for the benefit of the Treasury. On that night, let every Honorary Member who attends pay the Secretary, when he applies for his ticket, one dollar for each of them. Let it be optional with the members to call for their tickets or not, and let it be understood that any tickets not applied for up to 5 o'clock on the Saturday preceding the performance will not be used on that occasion; and let the Secretary have the privilege of issuing, *upon the application of members*, Invitation Tickets, equal in number to those remaining uncalled for, at the price of one dollar each. *New Orleans, April*, 1849.

And the following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the above suggestions, and recommend that all members pay to the Secretary one dollar for each ticket called for, for the performance on the first Monday of each month, commencing on Monday, the 7th inst.

*Resolved*, That the proceedings be published twice in the Picayune, Delta and Crescent.

On motion, the meeting adjourned. PETER CONREY, Jr. Chairman.
H. G. STETSON, Sec'y. [my5 2t]

☞ **Louisiana Histrionic Association.**—*Contribution Night.*—On MONDAY EVENING, 7th inst., will be produced the Play of A NEW WAY TO PAY OLD DEBTS, for the Benefit of the Treasury.

☞ By the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Honorary Members, held last evening, (proceedings of which can be seen published in this paper,) every member calling for his ticket, for the performance of the first Monday of each month, pledges himself to deposit with the Secretary *at least one dollar per each ticket*, for the benefit of the Treasury; and any member failing to call for his ticket before 3 o'clock on the Saturday preceding the first Monday of each month, the Secretary has been authorized by the Honorary Members to give their tickets to any member of the Association who deposits at least one dollar per each ticket—the above resolution to govern the Contribution Night on Monday, the 7th inst.

The Association, from their urgent necessities, were compelled to adopt the resolution found on the back of each member's Invitation Ticket, so as to allow them to take more subscribers than was originally intended. The Honorary Members generally, understanding that to have been our motive, have requested us to rescind that resolution for the summer months. The Association have, therefore, rescinded said resolution from this date to the first day of October next, relying upon the Honorary Members not to take advantage of it except in cases of necessity. [my3] HARMAN JONES, President.

☞ **Washington Fire Co. No. 20.**—The officers and members of the above Company are particularly requested to attend the Regular Monthly Washing, to be held on SUNDAY MORNING at 8 o'clock.... Immediately after, the Monthly Meeting will take place.... Punctual attendance is requested.... By order of
mh5 M. D. CHAMBERLIN, Secretary.

☞ **Jefferson Fire Co. No. 15.**—The officers and members of this Company are hereby notified to attend Monthly Washing on SUNDAY MORNING, May 6, at 8 o'clock.... Also, Quarterly Meeting on MONDAY EVENING, May 7, at half-past 7 o'clock.... Punctual attendance is requested.... By order.
my4 ROBT. E. QUINAN, Secretary.

☞ **James Gulick Fire Co. No. 17.**—The members of the above Company are requested to attend Monthly Washing on SUNDAY MORNING, May 6, at 8 o'clock.... Also, Monthly Meeting immediately after Washing. [m4] JOHN REYNOLDS, Sec.

☞ **Jackson Fire Co. No. 18.**—The officers and members of the above Company are notified to attend a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Company on SUNDAY MORNING, May 6, at 10 o'clock precisely. By order.
my4 H. A. HENDRIKS, Acting Secretary.

☞ **Democratic, Attention!**—A meeting of the Delegates, and of Democrats generally, will be held at Canterbury's, No. 116 Chartres street, THIS EVENING, 5th inst., at 8 o'clock. my5

☞ **Democratic Delegation.**—The Democratic Delegates of the Second Municipality to the Convention at Baton Rouge, are respectfully requested to meet at Mr. JOHN HENDERSON'S, corner of Poydras and St. Paul streets, on SUNDAY MORNING, 6th instant, at 8 o'clock, where Music will be in attendance, and proceed to the General Rendezvous at the St. Louis Exchange.

By order of the Committee.
my5 B. B. LEE. B. BLOOMFIELD. R. B. LUSK.

☞ **Democratic Delegation.**—The Democratic Delegates of the Parish of Orleans, and those of other parishes who contemplate leaving on Sunday—in accordance with the resolution passed at a called meeting of the Delegates of said parish—to attend the General Democratic Convention at Baton Rouge on MONDAY next, are respectfully requested to meet at the St. Louis Exchange on SUNDAY MORNING, 6th instant, at 9 o'clock, from whence they will proceed in procession to embark on board the steamboat Eliska at 10 o'clock.

Punctual attendance is requested. By order of the Committee.
my5 B. B. LEE. B. BLOOMFIELD. R. B. LUSK.

☞ **Parish of Jefferson.**—At a meeting of the Democrats of the Parish of Jefferson, held on the evening of May 4th, at Philip Harty's Coffeehouse, in the city of Lafayette, for the purpose of electing Delegates to represent the Democracy of the Parish in the Baton Rouge Convention, on motion of Mr. Jourdan, ISAAC T. PRESTON was appointed President; Messrs. HEISTER and IVEY, Vice Presidents, and DURANT DAPONTE, Secretary.

After the organization of the meeting, the President addressed the assemblage, briefly and appropriately, explaining the objects of the meeting. On motion of Mr. Austin, it was *Resolved*, That the Delegates be elected *viva voce*.

Mr. Austin, Col. High and Victor Livaudais, were then selected as Delegates to represent the Parish of Jefferson, and Mr. Cotton, Mr. Murphy and Durant DaPonte, for the city of Lafayette.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Delegates be instructed to confer with the other Delegates from the District, on the subject of the Congressional nomination.

The thanks of the meeting were then tendered to Mr. Philip Harty, for the use of his room.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the proceedings of the meeting be published. ISAAC T. PRESTON, Pres't.
DURANT DAPONTE, Sec'y.

TO RENT.
TWO handsomely furnished PARLOR CHAMBERS, on the second and third floors of No. 2 Union st. my5

SIX CARPENTERS WANTED.
APPLY at 211 St. Charles street.
my5 1t MILLER & DIBOLL.

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A FEW cases of the above-mentioned goods just received from New York, and for sale low, by
JOHN DURBRIDGE,
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A WOMAN, 37 years old, a good Cook, Washer and Ironer, and a good general House Servant. Also—a very likely Boy, 12 years old—is very handy in a house as table waiter, or attending to horses and carriage. They will be sold low to any one who wishes to keep them as Servants. Apply at 22 Natchez street, up stairs. my5

FUEL FOR STEAMERS.
THE GAS LIGHT COMPANY of NEW ORLEANS will furnish to Steamers the article of COAL TAR, at a reduced price. It has been used for several months successfully on the Steamer MAGNOLIA, Capt. Thomasson, in connection with Wood Fuel, and aids very materially its combustion.
The attention of Captains and Engineers of Steamers is called to this new article of Fuel, and for its qualities reference is made to the Engineers of the Magnolia.
☞ Orders received at the Office, 120 COMMON STREET.
my5 2meod P. N. WOOD, Treasurer.

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SEYMOUR & CO.,
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OFFER, at the *lowest prices* of any Store in this city, their large assortment of FRESH and DESIRABLE GOODS.
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FASHIONABLE FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS, in every variety, comprising seasonable articles of COTTON, SILK, LINEN and WOOLLEN FABRICS.
Purchasers will find the goods in this Store probably more advantageous than they contemplated before an examination of them. my5 3taw

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ARE fully prepared to attend to all kinds of STEAMBOAT IRON WORK at the shortest notice.
BRASS PATTERNS furnished, of all descriptions. REPAIRS TO BOILERS, and all descriptions of Jobbing Work, will meet prompt attention.
Scales Repaired and Adjusted. my5 3taw

**Auction Sales This Day.**

JOHN E. L. SOLOMON will sell, at 11 o'clock, at 87 Camp street, Second-hand Furniture. [see adv.

**Arrivals at the Principal Hotels Yesterday.**

HEWLETT'S.... T Richards, E W Chapman, J L Smith, M G Mills, La; Mr Campbell, W Short, S S Bliss.

PLANTERS'.... H Finegar, F H Hanson, La; R C Quinn, Liverpool, A D Brown, Mass; J Burrowes, Mexico; Mrs Clemmenht, Miss W Holt, Ala; L McDonough, N O.

VERANDAH.... R H Montgomery, A W Dunbar, W A Britton, Miss; E B Whitaker, La; J S Ardis, S C; R D Denton, N O; Rev W C Hall, W Han, Md.

ST. CHARLES.... J D Godbold and lady, D Frisbee, Ala; J S Hosmer, R C Downes, Mr Bosseau, La; C Holson, Miss; R S Granger, U S A; T B Allen, Mass; C G Wayne, Ohio; J W McCutcheon, Miss McCutcheon, W F Krumbhaar, lady and family, F B McCutcheon and lady, W B Krumbhaar.

LOUISIANA.... S W Blanchard, John S Denet, F W Penhallow, J W Hickey, C S Church and lady, N O; Mrs Coleman, Fla; Capt Shaw and lady, Me; J Green, T W Finch, Capt Pitman.

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

LOUISIANA TEMPLE OF HONOR, No. 1, at Y. Brothers' Hall, Tchoupitoulas, near Jackson street, Lafayette.

PEARL DIVISION, No. 8, meets at Temple, No. 58½ Canal street, at half-past 7 o'clock.
.... *To-Morrow Morning* ....

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

☞ **Louisiana Temple of Honor No. 1 S of T.**—A called meeting of this Temple will be held at the Hall of the Younger Brothers, in the City of Lafayette, THIS EVENING, 5th inst. The members, and members of the Order, are requested to attend. my5 W. O. WARNOCK, W. R.

☞ **Crescent Division No. 7, S. of T.**—Members are urgently requested to attend the Regular Meeting on MONDAY EVENING, the 7th inst.... Business of the last importance to the Division will be brought up; and those members who do not attend may, when it is too late, regret that they were not present.... By order of the W. P. [my4] FRANCIS SIMPSON, W. A., Act'g R. S.

**Steamboat Departures This Day.**

☞ SEE ADVERTISEMENTS ON THIRD PAGE.

*Pittsburg* ..... BUCKEYE, Devon, 4 P. M.
*St. Louis* ..... MARSHAL NEY, Wall, 4 P. M.
*St. Louis* ..... PATRICK HENRY, Crosley, 5 P. M.
*Mobile* ..... JAS. L. DAY, Gilmerton, 2½ P. M. cars.
*Louisville* ..... MARTHA WASHINGTON, Irvine, 5 P. M.
*St. Louis* ..... AMARANTH, Atchinson, 5 P. M.
*Red River* ..... DUCK RIVER, Applegate, 5 P. M.
*Ouachita River* ..... MEDORA, Estes, 5 P. M.
*Shreveport* ..... ROCKAWAY, Davis, 5 P. M.
*Louisville* ..... CHANCELLOR, Bacon, 5 P. M.

—TO-MORROW—

*Corpus Christi* ..... FANNY, Scott, 9 A. M.

☞ **The Marshal Ney—For St. Louis and intermediate landings**—This elegant new passenger steamer will leave for the above and all intermediate landings, THIS EVENING, Saturday, at 4 o'clock, positively, from Poydras street wharf.
HYDE & OGLESBY, 12 Poydras st.
Passengers will please be on board at the hour. my5

☞ **Steamboat Buckeye—For Louisville, Cincinnati, etc.**—This light-draught steamboat leaves THIS DAY, Saturday, at 4 o'clock positively, from Poydras street wharf.
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☞ **Yazoo Packet Patrick Henry, Capt. Crosley.**—This superior passenger steamer will positively leave THIS DAY, Saturday, at 5 o'clock p. m., for St. Louis, Cairo and Memphis, from the foot of Lafayette st. my5 T. B. SMITH, 96 Magazine st.

☞ **The Packet Bark J. A. Thompson, Capt. Freeman**, from New York, is now discharging at Pier 4, Second Municipality.... Consignees are requested to attend to the receipt of their goods on the Levee, or they will be stored at their expense and risk.
my2 SAMUEL TOBY & NEPHEW