The Daily Crescent.

NEW ORLEANS:
FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21.

LADIES' FAIR.—The hall of the new Commercial Exchange marketplace filled last evening with a gay company, assembled to aid the ladies of Prytania street Church, in their efforts to raise funds for religious purposes. The tables were filled with numerous beautiful articles, the handiwork of the fair merchants in attendance, and our citizens opened their purses liberally on the occasion.

THE COURSE OF LECTURES AT THE LYCEUM.—The opening lecture of the course will be delivered this evening by Professor Mitchell, in the hall of the Lyceum.

☞ A telegraphic dispatch was received yesterday, announcing that the back mails, including the British steamer's letters, would arrive to-day, 21st.

MAIL FAILURE.—The Eastern mail failed yesterday entirely; there were no papers from any point beyond Mobile. Four mails from New York are due to-day. The Congressional and Nicaragua news we publish to-day was brought by the Picayune's Express.

☞ We are indebted to the Bells Key for Louisville papers, and to the America for western papers.

FROM CHAGRES.—The packet brig Maj. Eastland, Capt. A. V. Wells, arrived yesterday from Chagres, in eight days, with thirty-eight passengers and $50,000 worth of gold. There were no vessels at Chagres when the Eastland left, and Capt. Wells reports the weather fine, and the roads across the Isthmus good. On the night of the 11th, the Eastland spoke a steamer going into Chagres, but the name was not ascertained.

☞ We are indebted to the steamer Tennessee for late St. Louis papers.

THE PICAYUNE.—We observe that our neighbors of the Picayune have enlarged the area of their useful and popular sheet—adding two pages. We will pleased to see this additional evidence of the prosperity of the oldest of the "small papers" of our city. It is needless to say that its appearance is neat.

MUSICAL TASTE IN MOBILE.—A number of gentlemen amateurs in Mobile, who have formed themselves into a Musical Association, have purchased the building formerly occupied as a Unitarian church, and converted it into a musical hall. Where the pulpit stood, a stage has been erected for an orchestra, with an arched ceiling painted in imitation of oak. It was dedicated on Saturday evening last with appropriate ceremonies—addresses, speeches, overtures and other compositions for vocal and instrumental music.

It must have been a delightful reunion, and, being the Historical Association here, altogether for private exhibitions, exhibits in a pleasing light the refinement of Mobile society.

☞ We learn from Capt. Howe, of the ship Dana, arrived here yesterday morning, that the brig Margaret T. Davis, from this port, was destroyed by fire in the harbor of Sisal on the 9th last. The fire is supposed to have originated from sparks in the galley, which ignited the sails and rigging. The vessel is a total loss, but one-half the cargo was saved in a damaged condition.

☞ We are indebted to Mr. J. B. Steel for a handsome little work, published in New York, by the *Appletons*, in the style and typographical neatness which characterizes all their work. It is entitled "Appleton's Southern and Western Traveller's Guide," with new and authentic maps, illustrating those divisions of the country, and containing sectional maps of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, with plans of cities, etc., forming a complete guide to the Falls of St. Anthony, Mammoth Cave, Ky., Virginia Springs, the fine of the great rivers of the West, the great Lakes, the Copper Region, etc. It contains, moreover, a full description of the principal towns, cities, etc., with the distances between them, stage routes, fare, etc. It is full of interesting matter, and forms a compendium of useful information.

BLANDY.—Why don't the people go to see Blangy now so they used to? She is the same music in motion as ever, and the grace of her pantomime is not a jot abated. You may guess forever at her movements, and never tire. The harmony of her steps is like the songs of the spheres—inaudible melody and unutterable music.

FOR THE THOUSANDTH TIME.—Perpetual motion having been discovered in Georgia, as the newspapers announce, it was to be expected that the squaring of the circle would be the next marvel reproduced. Accordingly, the Montreal Gazette affirms that this celebrated problem, which has engaged the attention of the most famous mathematicians of ancient and modern times, has been accomplished by Mr. Peter Fleming, civil engineer, of that city. He has had his demonstrations attentively examined by the best authority to which he had access in Montreal, and though the labor of inspection was undertaken with incredulity, it was not finished without high admiration of the ability, ingenuity and accuracy manifested throughout his meritorious achievement. The necessary papers are ready, and will be forwarded with the proper diagrams to England.

THE Louisville (Ky.) Examiner, an emancipation paper, heretofore published weekly, has been discontinued. The publisher proposes to continue it as a monthly, in a quarto form of sixteen pages, *for one dollar per annum.*

☞ The trial of McClintock, for the murder of Gen. Holland, in Mobile, was set for Wednesday last, before Judge Jones, of the Criminal Court, in Mobile.

☞ The newly appointed Chargé to Venezuela, I. Nevitt Steele, accompanied by his lady, left Baltimore on his way to Caracas, in the barque Venezuela, for Laguayra on the 10th.

☞ For Annuals, Illustrated Works, and Books suitable for Holyday presents, see the advertisement of J. B. Steel, 14 Camp street.

THE RIVERS.—Navigation, which has since by been open much later than usual, will soon, from every indication, be closed. The last boat down from the Missouri river, reported that stream falling quite fast, and very low, with only 30 inches water in the upper and three feet water in the lower part of the river. That stream is, doubtless, now filled with floating ice. In the Upper Mississippi, as low down as Hannibal, ice is running in heavy bodies, and navigation above the Rapids may be said to be closed. The Illinois river is low and falling, with ice above Peoria.

The weather since Saturday has been very cold, and if it continues so a few days longer, we will have an abundance of ice in the river opposite this city, and then adieu to Levee business for a season.—*St. Louis New Era*, 11th.

RIVER AT PITTSBURG.—A dispatch dated at Pittsburg on the 13th, at noon, says:

"There are 7 feet water in the channel and falling. The weather is cold.

"P. M.—There are six and a half feet water in the channel and falling. The Alleghany is full of floating ice."

MISS SCHOENHUTSNER'S GRAND INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL CONCERT.—The friends of instrumental and vocal music will have, this evening, all opportunity to meet their votary at the Armory Hall, Camp street. It is hoped that nothing will prevent a full attendance. Our city certainly does not lack taste and feeling for the extraordinary, the beautiful, and the sublime. Fanny Elsler and her games have the Swedish Nightingale had her admirers in Europe why should not Miss Schoenhutsner find them in New Orleans as she found those in Vienna, generally on her favorite instrument, which, to her friends observe, by constant application, has almost become part of herself. Indeed, a rich treat is promised, and we have reason to hope it will not be disappointed.

AMERICAN THEATRE.—The attraction increases nightly, and crowded houses repay the manager for his unceasing efforts to please. Chanfrau and Booth again perform tonight, when the entertainments will commence with the new Farce of "Forest of Rosin." The Farces of "New York As It Is" and "Mose in California" still also be presented—Chanfrau and Booth in both.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—A new Ballet never before performed in this city, entitled "The Devil's Violin," will be produced this evening—to be preceded by the favorite Drama of "The Pride of the Market."

PLACIDE'S VARIETIES.—The popular Farces—"Nipped in the Bud," "Box and Cox" and "Going to the Races"—interspersed with a variety of Dancing, form the bill of entertainments for this evening.

SOUTH-WESTERN CIRCUS.—Again, on last evening, this place was filled with the bright-eyed women and gay gallants of our city. The performances nightly become more popular, and the exertions of the part of the manager, S. G. Stokes, and their indefatigable business man, T. F. Chambers, receive the best encouragement ever in the power of our citizens to give. We know of no amusement so elegant and well go to place of amusement, for instance.

☞ The members of Ladies and Gentlemen is respectfully solicited to the magnificent set of Paintings, Jewelry and Fancy Goods which will be sold at auction, at No. 59 Camp street, This Day, by MORTEY & NEVIOS.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA.

FIFTEEN DAYS LATER.

ARRIVAL OF THE PANAMA AT PANAMA.

The steamship Panama left San Francisco on the 15th ult. and arrived at Panama on the 4th inst. By the arrival of the brig Maj. Eastland at this port from Chagres, we have the papers brought by the Panama.

The Election.—The Alta California, for the steamer Panama, gives the following account of the election, which took place on the 13th Nov.:

The day was a very disagreeable one, and undoubtedly prevented many from attending the polls. The recent rains having rendered the streets almost impassable, would of itself have detained numbers, but when we add to that fact the hurry and bustle of business, and the several showers that fell during the day, the wonder is that so many ballots were deposited. It was the general impression previous to the election, that about five thousand votes would be polled; but the poll list shows only about three thousand two hundred.

Judging from the returns given below, we should say there is not much doubt that Peter A. Burnett is elected Governor, and John McDougal, Lieutenant-Governor. The Congress ticket is a matter of much greater uncertainty, but the result here would seem to indicate the election of Price and Wright.

The regular democratic ticket for State Senators and Assemblymen is elected by a large majority, and it is therefore certain that Mr. King will get no support from the District of San Francisco. Under these circumstances, we regard it as certain that he will not be returned to the U. S. Senate.

The election passed off very quietly and orderly. The electioneering was animated, but the great good feeling and good humor prevailed throughout, notwithstanding the rain and mud was a severe tax upon the patience of all.

	1st Dis.	2d Dis.	Total.
For the Convention	—	—	3551
Against the Convention	—	—	5
FOR GOVERNOR.			
Peter H. Burnett	1267	898	2165
John A. Sutter	1178	382	1560
FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR.			
John McDougal	1267	487	1754
John B. Frisbie	811	300	1111
FOR CONGRESS.			
Rodman M. Price	1298	427	1725
George W. Wright	1118	456	1568
F. A. Morris	1128	398	1526
Edward Gilbert	671	268	939
Pa Holand	261	73	334
FOR STATE SENATE.			
G. H. Fitz (elected)	1136	470	1606
Nathaniel Bennett (elected)	1109	493	1602
J. H. Hamilton	730	464	1194
H. N. Bowie	772	234	1006
E. P. Jones	440	115	555
FOR THE ASSEMBLY.			
Wm. V. Voorhies (elected)	1207	543	1820
J. Stowell	1207	510	1804
Edmund Randolph, jr.	1250	191	1541
J. A. Robinson	1128	408	1576
H. H. Watson	1173	551	1724
J. Bigler	1250	274	1524
A. J. Ellis	1252	374	1626
H. K. Curtis	939	215	1154
J. P. Fitzpatrick	1009	215	1224
Wm. Faulkner	906	239	1145

The above forms as complete returns as we have been enabled to collect up to the moment of going to press. There are a great many votes which are denominated "scattering," which may affect the result in the State, and an account of which we shall publish in our regular edition of Thursday, 15th inst., together with such other returns as may come to hand from the other districts.

A letter from Sacramento City of the 12th November (11 r. at.) says:

At seven this evening, a meeting of the citizens of Sacramento took place in accordance with the proclamation of the policeman, but it was quite all for *Buncombe*, and of little else than partisan interest. About five hundred were present, in front of the City Hotel, and speeches were made by Col. Zabriskie, Messrs. Kewen, Morse, Halsted and others. The speakers were principally candidates for some office or another, and the usual pledges were made, patriotism displayed, and shouts of response repaid by "fuller citizens," becoming such occasions.

It is difficult to foresee the result of to-morrow's election in this district. From present appearances, we think the following ticket, in part, will prove the successful one:

For Governor—H. Bennett.
Lieutenant Governor—J. McDougal.
Representatives—E. Gilbert, G. W. Wright.
State Senator—J. Bidwell, Harlan, Bigler, G. E. Gem, H. E. Robinson.

It will not be found far from correct, we hazard to say. The candidates for Assembly are "too numerous to mention," and "new stripes" have been coming out every day during the week; one nomination *for Senator to Congress*, closing emphatically, *a la Santa Anna*, "God and Liberty!" To-night a ticket is circulated, bearing the name of Dennis Sage for representative.

Capt. Sutter will poll a strong vote in this city for Governor. It is rumored that the worthy Captain seeks not the arduous duties of the office, but the distinction merely. We shall soon see what we *shall see*, however, and then the fact will be *the fact!*

The Senator arrived this evening, and reports the McKim a short distance below. The stage running to Mormon Island made a trip through and back, bringing to town a host of electioneering candidates. It is impossible to gather from the hotel-porch mess made of this first dish of politics any reliable conclusion, or anything savoring of common sense. The time for operating has been so short, and the public mind so distracted, that the *chances* may not with safety be calculated upon. However, "All's well that ends well."

Inland Navigation.—Commander Cadwallader Ringgold, U. S. N., has completed his re-surveys of the waters of Sacramento River. A small and limited number of Commander Ringgold's charts were to be issued about the 25th of November.

San Francisco Items.—We take the following local items from the Alta California, 15th ult.:

The Vote on the Constitution.—The vote on the Constitution, in this district, was much less in its favor than was anticipated. This was owing to the fact that those who "got up" the "People's ticket" neglected to put upon their ballots the words "For the Constitution." In consequence of this *oversight* some ten or eleven hundred votes were lost, which were undoubtedly in its favor.

Scene at the Post-office.—On Saturday morning, at an early hour, despite the straight-downward-ness of the rain, and the muddy, slippery contemptible condition of the street, a multitude besieged the Post-office for letters, which would have done honor to the intelligence of the proudest metropolis in the Union. Of course all could not be accommodated at once, and so "a way of coming at it" was adopted which reflected still more lustre on the American name. Lines were formed, stretching down a slippery hill, to the distance of eighty feet from the office. Shoulder to shoulder stood men from every part of the United States, and a step was gained whenever one had made his inquiries at the window and retired. After the lines were formed they remained unbroken, and accessions to the number must "fall in behind." Not unfrequently would persons remain in the ranks for three and four hours. "Places" near the window were sold for five and ten dollars. All this was done in a rain, to bear up against which would have tried the fortitude of even *Oregonians*.

Great Speed.—The fine steamer Senator commenced her trips from this place to Sacramento City, on Monday last. Leaving the latter city yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, she arrived here about 6 in the evening, making about *nine hours* sailing time. This is the first trip "through by daylight," and is an important epoch in the navigation of Sacramento river. The accommodations of the Senator are highly praised, and her officers are warmly commended. She leaves this city for Sacramento city again on Friday next.

Rain.—We are evidently in for the rainy season, and a pretty severe one if present appearances indicate anything. Since our last, more rain has fallen than during the months of November and December, 1848, and our streets were never in a worse condition. Much suffering must have been experienced by those occupying tents in this city, and a considerable amount of property has been destroyed by these rains.

Arrival of the San Francisco Collector.—Col. Collier, the newly appointed Collector for this port, arrived yesterday in the Malek Adhel, from the United States via San Diego. There were, besides, 125 American passengers in this vessel. Mr. C., we understand, will immediately assume his official duties.

Accident in the Harbor.—On the morning of the 2d, in consequence of the breeze from across the bay, the ships Samuset and Rhone came in contact, and received some injury before they were separated. Masters of vessels should see that their craft are securely moored during the coming winter.

Suicide.—Fernando Flint, formerly of New York, and at one time a Consul for Hanover and Brazil, at Valparaiso, committed suicide on the 11th inst., at a house in this city, by blowing the upper portion of his head entirely off with a pistol.

Another Suicide.—On Sunday morning, a Portuguese, whose name we have not learned, was found dead in a tent in Middle Valley, near what is known as the "Brooklyn Grave," with a wound upon his person, in which was a small sword. The inquest held next day decided that he came to his death from injuries inflicted by his own hand.

A Most Melancholy Death.—A correspondent gives the particulars of a sad accident at Dry Creek, on the morning of the 20th of October. Three men, named Kendall, Kent and Wright, were working in partnership and lodging together in one tent. Mr. James F. Kendall had been sick, and about 2 o'clock in the morning got up and went out of the tent, leaving his partners asleep. Mr. K. made some noise in the bushes near by, which aroused Mr. A. N. Kent, who immediately sprang to the door of the tent, with pistol in hand, and inquired who was there, at the same time telling the object to be gone. Mr. Kendall did not immediately answer, but moved toward the tent, and Mr. Kent, supposing the person to be some Indian or Spaniard, who had been stealing some of their provisions, fired three shots, one of which took effect in the right breast of Mr. Kendall, who died in a moment, without uttering a word or giving more than one groan. A meeting was immediately called, and a jury selected to try the case. After a full hearing of the case, the jury returned a verdict of "accidental homicide."—*Placer Times, Nov. 10.*

List of American Vessels in San Francisco on the 15th.—We add the following names of American vessels in San Francisco to the lists heretofore published, which came up to the 1st November:

Nov. 1—Ship Francis Ann, Proctor; bark Ellen Augusta, Myrick, and bark Chatham, Harlington—all of Boston; and bark Sultana, Widmage, of New York.
2—Schr. Palmyra, Burrows, Monterey; bark Clyde, Kempton, Valparaiso; bark Gabe West, Talcahuana; brig Cassandra, Marin, Valparaiso.
3—Schr. Alfred, Harris, New London; ship Bingham, Schwind, Valparaiso; bark Ann Smith, Bowers, N. Haven.
5—Brig Thomas, Sowle, Santa Cruz; brig Mazuk Adhel, Benson, Monterey.
6—Ship Thomas Bennett, Halevious, Charleston; bark Comet, Pendleton, Honolulu; bark Ralph Cross, Davis, Philadelphia.
9—Ship Gray Eagle, Donley, Marathan.
10—Brig Ann Hamilton, Hall, Boston.
12—Bark Hannah Sprague, Lansing, New York; brig Susan and Abigail, Pease, Boston.

U. S. Vessels in Port—Savannah, Commodore Jones; Warren, Commander E. K. Long; Southampton and Freedonia, store-ships.

[From the Alta California, Nov. 14, 1849.]

Prices Current at San Francisco.

BOOTS AND SHOES, ₱ dozen—Men's light pegged Boots, ₱@$48; do. heavy do., 60@$75; Men's Brogans, fine, 36@$36; heavy, 30@$35.
CANDLES, ₱ lb—Sperm, 1 50@$1 75; Mould, 30@40c.
COAL, ₱ chaldron—$70@$80.
COCOA, ₱ lb—10@12c.
COFFEE, ₱ lb—Rio, 10@12c.; Java, 10@11; Burnt and Ground, 12c.
CORDAGE, ₱ lb—12@20c.
DOMESTICS, ₱ yard—Brown Sheeting, 7@9c.; Bleached, 10@12c.; Cotton Drilling, ₱ yard—Mackinaw colored, 12@$2; White, 8@$12; Common, 25@65.
DRUGS AND MEDICINES—Assorted invoices, advance on invoice, 100@200 ₱ cent; Mackenzie's Cordial, ₱ dozen, $36; Moffatt's Pills, ₱ gross, 20@$42; Moffatt's Phenix Bitters, ₱ dozen, 10@$12; Brandreth's Pills, ₱ gross, 20@$42; Ketlinge's Liniment, ₱ dozen, 8@$9.
FISH, ₱ bbl.—Mackerel, No. 1, 18@$20; Salmon, 15@$19; Dry Cod, ₱ 100 lb, $6@$10; Sardines, full boxes, ₱ dozen, 30@$40; half boxes, 18@$22; quarter, 10@$12.
FRUIT—Raisins, ₱ box, 60@$4; Walnuts, ₱ lb, 15@20c.; Dried Apples, ₱ lb, 27@$40c.
LARD, ₱ bbl.—12@$16.
LINEN GOODS, ₱ yard—Ravens Duck, 30@37c.
LUMBER, ₱ M—Hewn Timber, assorted, 150@$175; Boards, 175@$200; American Pine Boards, 200@$250; Shingles, 30@$35.
LIQUORS—Brandy, ₱ gallon—Otard, Dupuy & Co., 2 00@$2 75; Cognac, 1 25@$2 75; Rattouin Chartreuse, 1 00@$2 00; Segnette, $50@$2 75; in cases, ₱ doz., $6@$12... St. Croix Rum, ₱ gall., 2 00@$2 25; Gin, Swan, ₱ gallon, 2 00@$2 25; Holland, ₱ case, 6@$8; Madeira, ₱ gallon, old Rye, 1 00@$1 50; Scotch, 1 00@$3 00; Ale, in bottles, ₱ dozen, 3 00@$6 50; in bbls., ₱ bbl., 16@$20; Champagne, Cider, ₱ dozen, 12@$18.
WINES—Champagne, ₱ dozen, 16@$20; Sherry, ₱ gall., 2 00@$2 50; ₱ dozen, 10@$12; Madeira, ₱ dozen, 10@$12; Port, pure, ₱ gallon, 1 50@$2 00; ₱ dozen, 10@$12; Claret, ₱ dozen, 6 00@$7 50; Lemon Syrup, ₱ dozen, 10@$12.
OILS AND PAINTS—Linseed, ₱ gall., 2 25@$2 50; White Lead, ₱ lb, 10@12c.
FLOUR—Richmond, ₱ bbl., 10@$12; Cush, ₱ bbl., 8@$9; Corn Meal, ₱ bbl., 12@$14; Barley Meal, ₱ 100 lb, 12@$16.
NAILS—Cut, ₱ lb, 6@7c.
PICKLES—Boston, ₱ gross, 30@$24.
POWDER—English, 12½ kegs, 20@$25; Dupont, in 1-lb tins, 50c.@$1 25.
PROVISIONS—Beef, ₱ bbl., 10@$12; Pork, ₱ bbl., Mess, 20@$40; Mess, No 1, 20@$42; Prime, 20@$30; Hams, ₱ lb, 6@8c.; Shoulders, 20@22c.; Butter, ₱ lb, 60@70c.; Cheese, 20@25c.; Lard, ₱ lb, 12@14c.; Pilot Bread, ₱ lb, 12@16; Rice, 8@10c.; Potatoes, ₱ lb, 1½@2c.; Beans, 8@10c.
SOAP, ₱ lb—No. 1, 7@9c.; Pale, 8@10c.
STARCH, ₱ lb—Pearl, 12@14c.; Mould, 20@22c.
SUGARS, ₱ lb—Brown, 12@14c.; Yellow, 13@17c.; Loaf, 22@23c.; Crushed, 23@24c.
TEAS, ₱ lb—Souchong, 35@$55; Imitation do., 15@$20.
TEAS, ₱ lb—Green, 30@$75; Black, 30@$75.
TOBACCO—Virginia, ₱ lb, 12@15c.; fine cut, ₱ gross, 4 50@$6 50.
SUNDRIES—Wooden Bowls in crates, assorted, ₱ doz. 25@30c.; Sieve Hoops, in crates, assorted, ₱ gall., 60@70c.
UNDERTAKING—Coffins, ₱ piece, $5@$25; Advance 25@50 ₱ ct.
FURNITURE—Assortment of $50@100 ₱ cent.
MOLASSES, ₱ gall.—W. I., 30@35; Sugar-house, 67@75c.
HAY, ₱ 100 lb—$1 25@$1 50.
OATS AND SWEETS, ₱ bbl—15@20.
YAWL BOATS, ₱ line—New, 10; old, $ 50@$ 60 00.

Review of the Market.

In the short intervening space since the sailing of the steamer of the 1st inst., there have been some material changes in the prices of staple consumptions.

FLOUR—took a rapid advance immediately after the sailing of the steamer, and some sales were effected at an increase of $2@$2 50 ₱ bbl., above our last quotations. It has since receded a shade and remains firm at our present prices. Several cargoes are daily expected, both American and Chilo, which will undoubtedly give an abundant supply for the demand of the...

PORK.—The article has kept steadily and steadily advancing, and now seems within ready gale at the prices quoted. The stock on market is not large, and there is every evidence of a further advance.

MOLASSES.—Good stock on hand, and large shipments daily expected.

LUMBER.—Demand brisk. The early commencement of the rainy season has caused a slight advance in building materials of every description.

CANDLE.—Of Sperm the market is nearly bare, demand brisk and sales are readily effected at the quoted prices. Tallow and Stearine are likewise in demand and prices advancing.

COAL.—Demand good. We have to-day the sale of a cargo of Virginia at $27 100@30 ₱ chaldron.

COFFEE.—The market improving, prime article meets with a ready sale.

CORDAGE.—Dull, the supply fully equal to the demand.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.—The demand very limited, and the prices nominally the same as our last quotations.

FISH.—Dried, in good demand and sales brisk, prices steadily advancing.

TOBACCO.—The market slightly improved, the best brands meet with fair sales at prices quoted.

LIQUORS.—Scarcely any demand, prices nominally.

WINES in case in good demand.

SUGARS.—Brown, and prices advancing—Loaf and Crushed in much demand, and good sales on hand.

EXCHANGE.—Demand very light—sight bills on New York, Boston and Philadelphia, 1 to ½ ₱ cent, overnight; 60 days, par.

GOLD DUST—Demand brisk. Value in coin, $16 25@$16 75 ₱ ounce.

From the Sandwich Islands.—Previous to the departure of the steamer Panama from San Francisco, files of Sandwich Island papers as late as the 20th October had been received at that port. The Polynesian of the 20th October calls attention the subject of "Mails from the Continent." It says:—"We would direct attention to this subject, and suggest the expediency of calling a public meeting, and setting on foot the necessary measures to secure an object in which all classes of the foreign residents at the islands are interested. As the matter is now conducted, we are indebted to private parties in San Francisco for all that reaches us. At all events a reform is greatly needed, both in regard to the price charged, and the mode of forwarding the mail for the Islands, in which so many are deeply interested. And we would renew the suggestion that some of the leading commercial houses take the lead in the matter, call a meeting, and memorialize the Postmaster General of the United States on the subject, and see if something cannot be done by which a regular mail may be made up by the Postmaster at San Francisco, and forwarded as soon as may be after the arrival of the mail via Panama. We are of opinion that the captain of any vessel leaving San Francisco for the Islands would freely—nay, gladly—take charge of a mail bag, and particularly vessels under the flag of H. M. Majesty, whose Consul at San Francisco would take an especial interest in giving information in regard to the sailing of such vessels."

In the paper of the same date we find the following paragraphs:

Exports.—By the vessels which have recently left for California, considerable quantities of the productions of the islands have been exported thence. We have not the means of knowing the exact amount, but among the more prominent articles may be enumerated sugar, lime, hay, potatoes, onions, squashes, and some other vegetables and fruits. The demand for these and other productions of the islands, including coffee, salt and furniture woods, we doubt not will be good for a long time to come, and will amply remunerate those who are engaged in their production. A steamer, plying between this and San Francisco, would greatly increase the export of vegetables and fruits; and we hope to see one put upon the route before many months elapse. We hope some of our enterprising neighbors will send one along on an experimental trip, if nothing more. Try it.

Naval.—The U. S. ship-of-the line Ohio, C. B. Stribling Com'dr., arrived at Hilo on the 7th inst., in 23 days from San Francisco. Her destination was Valparaiso and the United States, but on account of the scurvy having broken out among the crew, she put away for these islands to recruit. We hear that Mrs. Hobson and son are passengers on board for Valparaiso, and that the ship will sail again about the 24th inst.

Died:

On Thursday morning, at the advanced age of 78 years, JACOB BART, for the last 28 years a resident of this city.

☞ His friends will meet at his place from (in corner of Rampart and Conti) across THIS MORNING, at 10 o'clock, and those of his neighbors Isaac N. Marks and E. Johnson, ½ respectfully invited to attend.

On Friday, the 14th inst., at the plantation of Mr. Celeste Tassier, in the Parish of Terrebonne, Jules Powell, a native of the city of Baltimore, in the 25th year of his age.

Auction Sales This Day.

MORTEY & NEVIOS will sell, at 11 o'clock, at No. 59 Camp street—Christmas and New Year's Presents.....A'so, one set of China.

Steamboat Departures This Day.

☞ SEE ADVERTISEMENTS ON THIRD PAGE.

Alabama River.....JOHN MORRISETT, Morris, 4 P. M.
Red River.....SHAMROCK, Hoyt, 4 P. M.
Cincinnati.....AMAZON, Dunbar, 4 P. M.
Red River.....ROCKAWAY, Davis, 4 P. M.
St. Louis.....PRIDE OF THE WEST, Hunt, 4 P. M.
Ma. Ni. River.....PATRICK HENRY, Crosby, 4 P. M.
Mobile.....CALIFORNIA, Reynolds, 4½ P. M. Cars.

☞ The PRIDE OF THE WEST.—For St. Louis and all intermediate ports THIS DAY, Friday, at 4 o'clock P. M. Passengers and shippers will please to take notice. 421

☞ The PATRICK HENRY, Capt. Crosby.—For Month of Arkansas, Columbia, Lake Providence, the Bends, Vicksburg, etc. This splendid packet is now receiving freight at the foot of Canal st., and will leave THIS DAY, at 4 o'clock P. M. positively.
HYDE & OGLESBY, 15 Poydras st.
Passengers will please to be on board at the above hour.

☞ The ship SHEFFIELD, Capt. Lewis, from Boston, is now discharging at Peter S. Bryant's Mississippi.....Consignees will please attend to the receipt of their goods on the Levee, or they will be stored at their expense and risk.
J. W. ANDREWS & CO., 16 Common st.

☞ The Consignees of the following goods, shipped in order per ship SHEFFIELD, from Boston, will please make their appearance known to the Clerk on the Levee, or they will be stored at their expense and risk, viz.: 500 pieces paving blocks, 200 bales gunny bags received F, and 10 bales coarse gunny bags, or coarse.
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☞ The brig IAMOUTH, Capt. Teal, from Philadelphia, is now discharging her cargo opposite the Vegetable Market, Fine Mechanicals.....Consignees will please attend to the receipt of their goods, or they will be stored at their expense and risk.
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☞ Neither the Captain nor Consignees of the British ship VIRGINIA, from Liverpool, will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew.
ELLINGENDER & CO., 21 St. Charles st.

MEETING OF THE JOINT RECEIVER COMMITTEE OF JEFFERSON.—The Joint Committee of the several Corporations of the Parish of Jefferson met last evening, pursuant to adjournment, at the Lafayette Council Hall. The following members were present: Messrs. Florance, Hampson, Callaban, Hoey, Mackey and Kohn. The meeting was organized by appointing Mr. Florance president and Mr. Mackey secretary.

The proceedings of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hoey moved to take up that portion of Mr. Hampson's Report or Plan on Drainage, which had been laid over at a previous meeting.

Mr. Hampson then read his Plan, which was as follows:

"On a reference to the map, it will be seen that the embankment recommended for protection—a small part of the Metairie Ridge, and the New Shell Road—will enclose in the most complete and convenient manner for drainage all the lands from the New Basin up to the upper line of Carrollton, comprising an entire surface of about 7000 acres, of which 3000 require artificial draining to make it habitable. It is now a floating swamp, receiving within its dark recesses the tenfold matter proceeding from at least thirty thousand inhabitants, and which is normally demanded, giving off unknown quantities of alva malaria and deleterious gases, to the destruction of the health and life of hundreds of our fellow-citizens, and which, if thoroughly drained, is the richest land in the world—capable of producing food in abundance for man, and of being a source of health and enjoyment, instead of a dark home of the shafts of death, as it were, manufactured for the destruction of the human race. This great evil can be readily removed, and for an insignificant expense, compared with the benefits to be derived from the health and wealth of our city, it would be conferred—thus, the immense value given to at least three thousand acres of land, enhanced in the scale of populous cities and towns, and which is now worse than useless. It will be seen that the line of the embankment must pass through the Metairie Ridge; and it is believed that to throw it into the New Canal would be a serious injury to its use, not only for the purpose that would be caused by heavy rains, but by filling it up with sediment, mechanically mixed with the water in its rapid passage in the draining machine; therefore, the drainage must be carried through the Ridge to Bayou Sauvage, but this is already provided for in the work recommended for the protection from inundation, whereas a canal to drain the district above is necessary. The canal would be based on the mechanical drainage of our district, if it were made deeper, and perhaps wider—for's choice, with self-acting flood-gates, would be made through the protection embankment of the New Canal—of about forty feet wide, four feet deep near the New Basin and 3 feet deep at the protection embankment, where two engines of about thirty horse power each should be placed. This, with the necessary cross ditches opening into the leading drain, would, it is believed, completely effect the object. This plan, it is evident, includes all that part of the Second Municipality above Delord street and the New Canal—and the value of the land drained would be to proportion to its vicinity to New Orleans. It is, therefore, highly important that these lands should be included in the Ways and Means, as they are now in the benefits derived. The Corporation of the Second Municipality—as much interested and being represented in this body, no mention of the cost of this important work is calculated, nor is any plan of procedure for obtaining the means to do it offered, the Corporation of that city being considered unnecessary to fix the amount of work to be done; also, to strike at the latter.

Mr. Callaban moved that a Committee of Three be appointed to carry out the plan offered by Mr. Hampson; and, also, that they use every exertion to obtain the necessary funds, petitions, documents, etc.—and, in short, every thing relating to the subject which might be useful; and, also, that they draw up bills, etc., in the form of resolutions, to be presented to the Legislature.

This motion, after considerable discussion, was carried, and the Chairman appointed the following gentlemen to serve on the Committee: Messrs. Callaban, Hampson and Mackey.

Mr. Mackey begged leave to decline, as he would be absent from the city, and proposed Mr. Florance, who was accepted.

FIRST MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL.—This body met last evening—Recorder Genois presiding—10 members present.

A message was read from the Mayor, relative to the contract proposed to be given to Ph. L. Forgay for paving Canal st., Ann st., Anna st. streets with square stones, enclosing a letter from that gentleman stating that the time of 90 days given him would not be sufficient for the completion of the work; but that he would expedite matter as much as possible, although not willing to bind himself to the time allowed. He would only state enough to show the difficulty of the work, and would telegraph to have the balance shipped as soon as practicable.

The Mayor also enclosed a petition from a number of merchants of the Municipality, asking that Levee street middle be repaired, and stating that it was now impossible—there being no pavement, and the levee being a bog.

The first part of the message was considered. After a discussion of the subject, on motion of Mr. Dupre, it was resolved that the Contract be given to the next lowest bidder, provided he will pay the Contractor for keeping the streets of the Municipality in good order.

Mr. Clark offered the following resolution:

Whereas, experience has demonstrated that the various corporations of the Parish of Jefferson rely solely on the First and Second Municipalities of the city of New Orleans, to maintain and keep in order their streets and levees.

Whereas, the city is again threatened with an inundation, similar to that of May last, in consequence of the unsafe state of the levees of the Parish of Jefferson; be it therefore

Resolved, That the First Municipality deem it incumbent to expend any money out of the Parish of Orleans, for the protection of the city.

Resolved, That Municipality No. 1 unite with Municipalities 2, 3 and 4 in the erection of a Levee on the upper line of the Second Municipality, within its limits, so as to protect the city from her threatened inundation.

Resolved also, That a special committee of seven members be appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Municipalities Nos. 2 and 3, with full power to act in the premises.

Resolved further, That the Mayor be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the Council of Municipalities Nos. 2 and 3.

These resolutions were adopted, with an amendment by Mr. Dumas, to the second resolution, striking out the words "with power to act," and inserting, with directions to report to this Council for their approbation or disapproval.

The following gentlemen were appointed on the Committee of seven:—Messrs. Clarke, Fabre, Dupre, Derbes, Wilz, Silk and Duncan.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

THIRD MUNICIPALITY.—A special meeting of this Council was held last evening. Recorder Stevenson presiding.

A letter was received from Mr. D'Hemecourt, the Surveyor, in relation to the state of the Levee in the vicinity of the Tobacco Warehouses. Mr. D. states that the river continues to rise rapidly, and that unless this portion of the Levee is immediately repaired, a land-slide and a crevasse will take place. He also stated that the hydrants or sluices through the banks were in very bad order, and that some of them would have to be cut off. Mr. Solomon offered a resolution, authorizing the Surveyor to employ additional hands to carry out the purpose of making the necessary repairs. Adopted.

A communication was received from John Ayers, complaining of a brutal assault committed on him by one Thomas Sullivan. He states that he has for several days been confined to his bed, under the care of a physician in consequence. The case was referred to the Police Committee.

R. Condon and P. Irwin sent in a letter proposing to extend the Port Market to Marigny street. Referred to the Committee on Carrollton, in conjunction with the Surveyor.

Mr. Wilder, on behalf of the Finance Committee, offered a series of resolutions for the payment of bills, which were adopted.

Mr. Solomon, chairman of the Committee on Control, submitted a voluminous report. The committee have entered into an agreement with Mr. Cannon for the cleaning of the streets of the Municipality, until the draining machine can again be put in operation. The action of the committee was approved.

An ordinance relative to the public works, offered some time since by Mr. Wilz, then came up, but in consequence of the absence of Mr. Wilz, it was laid over.

Mr. Cozzo offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for proposals for paving Esplanade street, from Cross Levee to the Lafayette street. It was made the order of the day for the next meeting.

The same gentleman offered a preamble and resolution for the abolishment of the Board of Health. The preamble stated that the establishment is perfectly useless, and is only an expense to the Municipality. The matter was referred to the Committee on Health.

Mr. Solomon then stated that the large number of hogs running at large in the streets had become a great nuisance, and therefore proposed an order for their pounds on the Levee, or they will be seized and sold for their expenses and costs.

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