The Daily Crescent.

NEW ORLEANS:

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 14, 1850.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS.—We must hereafter refuse to publish notices of meetings, etc., unless a responsible name is sent with each. We have on our books several hundred dollars for work of this kind, which we never expect to collect—the scattered relics of the last campaign. We cannot afford to lose any more.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.—E. M. Moise has been elected Speaker. He is a democrat, but without doubt the most competent member for the office. We are glad that he was elected, if for no other reason than because the whigs attempted by deserting their seats to prevent an election. This mode of attempting to control the majority is wrong, and always results in loss to the party which adopts it. The whige claim to be the conservatives, yet it seems they do not hesitate to resort to this most dishonest mode of retarding business. Mr. Moise moved an adjournment, so that it should not be said that he was elected by surprise. But if members choose to come off to the city, those who remain have no right to delay business until the truants return. It is wrong in principle—ruinous in practice.

THE PAVING BILL.—In another column will be found the statement of the Engineer, explaining the nature of the bills for passing. The contractor does the work; the municipality furnishes the curb and gutter stone; the owner pays two-thirds of the entire cost. Instead of sending in separate bills the various items are included in one bill, and the owner has but one account to settle. We may very honestly differ as to the wisdom of the present Council, but, really, it seems unjust to charge the officers with dishonesty and corruption.

We think before a judge indulges in severe comments on the conduct of individuals or corporations, he should be sure they have committed a wrong. A judge has no right to speak from the bench in terms of censure, unless there is a clear case brought before him. Had Judge Buchanan reserved his comments until the facts were elicited, he would never have pronounced the undignified philippic against the city authorities. A suit for slander against a judge may yet figure in our reports.

☞ We are indebted to the officers of the steamer Montgomery for late St. Louis papers. This packet now runs in that trade, and Capt. Estes and his fine boat are highly spoken of by all our exchanges in the Mound city.

☞ Our thanks are due to the officers of the steamers Autocrat and Gayoso for late papers.

☞ We learn by a telegraphic dispatch, dated New York, March 12, that the ship Galena, Capt. Leavitt, from this port, has arrived at that city.

LADIES' FAIR.—Do not fail to visit the ladies this evening at the fine saloon of La Port, No. 103 St. Charles street. They will have prepared the handsomest entertainment of the season, and fair forms will minister to your wants with most bewitching grace. The benevolent character of this fine display should open your purse and enlarge your liberal feelings to their utmost capacity. Who will miss the opportunity of joining our fair friends in their good work? "If any, speak," and let him for ever after be mentioned in the ladies' prayers, that he may turn from the error of his ways and learn to do right.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.—We learn that an expedition will depart from our levee to-day that will add eighty to the number of citizens of this new colored Republic on the African coast. They embark on the schooner David C. Foster, Capt. Canfield, from the terminus of the Lafayette Railroad, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The expedition is fitted out by the Colonization Society of our State.

THE LYCEUM.—The lecture on Friday evening will be delivered by Prof. Garland, of the University of Alabama. His subject is Meteorology. He comes here with high recommendations as a man of science. Prof. Riddel's lectures will be postponed for the present.

BENEFIT TO MR. QUIRK.—The complimentary benefit to Mr. E. Morton Quirk takes place this evening at the St. Charles, on which occasion he will appear in the character of *Rover*, in the sterling old Comedy of "Wild Oats." To add to the attractions of the evening, Mr. Stark will deliver Emmet's celebrated speech; after which, the grand spectacle of "Beauty and the Beast" will be performed. The numerous friends of Mr. Quirk should gather upon this evening and make the compliment offered a substantial one. He is a most deserving gentleman and merits this tribute of esteem.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Miss Cushman made her last appearance in *Mrs. Haller*, in "The Stranger," and *Juliana* in "The Honey Moon." The house was literally filled, in spite of the detestable play which she so unfortunately selected for her first and last nights. It is such plays as "The Stranger" which keep alive the prejudice against the stage. We shall, in a day or two, publish the opinion of the greatest German critic on this most infamous work. As a work of art it is beneath criticism, while its vile moral should banish it from decent society.

ORLEANS THEATRE—*Farewell Benefit of Mr. Prevost.*—This evening will be presented, for the first time this season, Donizetti's grand opera of "Lucrezia Borgia," being for the farewell benefit of Mons. Prevost, the leader of the Orchestra. Mons. P. has been a resident of this city for the past ten years, during which time his fine musical abilities have won for him public admiration, while in private life he has made warm friends. We hope his benefit this evening will be a bumper; he deserves it.

THE CAMPBELLS.—The programme to-night shows an entire change of performance, making one of the most attractive bills of the season. Commercial Hall will be crowded as usual.

GRAND OPERATIC SOIREE.—Mr. and Madame Leati, assisted by a full orchestra, will give an operatic soiree this evening at the Hall of the Histrionic Association. The entertainment will open with a one act Concert, in which these artists will introduce a number of the most popular melodies of the day. After which will be presented scenes from the opera of "Lucia di Lammermoor," in which the performers will appear in full costume. So attractive a bill cannot fail to draw a large audience.

☞ Charles Burke, the comedian, is playing in Washington City.

SPEECH OF MR. CALHOUN.—The Baltimore correspondent of the Union, under date of the 5th inst., says: "The speech of Mr. Calhoun commands an attention here to-day that is unprecedented by the efforts of any of his senatorial predecessors. His views, however, do not meet with a cordial response in this city, though I have no doubt that many of the counties will take prompt action for an approval of the positions taken by the distinguished Senator. It is evident to all, however, that the crisis is now at hand, and that important results must speedily follow."

☞ A bill has been introduced in the Senate of New York to license steam engineers. It provides for the appointment of a board of competent steam engineers by the Governor and Senate, whose duty it shall be to examine all persons desiring to have control or management of any steam engine or boiler.

CATALOGUE SALE OF DRY GOODS.—F. H. Peitpain, auctioneer, at No. 8 Canal street, will sell this day, at 10 o'clock, 150 packages of seasonable Dry Goods, parts of which are entitled to debenture. City and country dealers will have an opportunity of treating their purchasers to low prices and on liberal terms.

BEAUTIFUL GOODS.—Read the advertisement of M. H. Haggerty & Bro., of 58 Canal street. What a brilliant array of dress goods!—a catalogue sufficiently tempting to call forth the gay demoiselles of our city to patronize this handsome establishment. Yesterday was a *fair* day for trade, and Messrs. H. & Bro. were enabled to display their fine stock to the best advantage.

AMUSEMENTS....This Evening.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—"Wild Oats"—"Beauty and the Beast."

PLACIDE'S VARIETIES.—"Home, Sweet Home"—Divertisement—"Jenny Lind"—"El Toreador."

ORLEANS THEATRE.—"Lucrezia Borgia."

HISTRIONIC HALL.—Grand Musical Soiree.

COMMERCIAL HARMONIC HALL.—Concert.

ARCADE BALLS.—Positively Dissolved.

Search for Sir John Franklin.

The English papers publish a long account of the expedition under Capt. Kellet, sent by way of Behring's Straits. In the high latitudes he came across a Yankee vessel, originally freighted with notions. "In our passage up, the masters of the American vessels came on board to gain information about the ice in Behring's Straits, whither they were bound. They informed me that twenty American vessels would pass through those straits this year, in consequence of the success attending one of their number last season. The master of the successful vessel appears to have been an enterprising man. He had a roving commission from his owners, but having been unsuccessful in the Japanese Seas, and reading in Capt. Beechey's voyage of the number of whales he had seen in the Arctic Sea, he determined to go there. He did so, and succeeded, entering the whale fishery in a clear ship, and returning about six weeks after with 4000 barrels.

The United States expedition in the South Sea, it will be remembered, found sealing clippers, from some of the onion ports of Connecticut, following their trade in a degree of latitude higher than had ever been reached before. Brother Jonathan manages to find his way about the odds and ends of creation, without either Uncle Sam or Queen Victoria to help him. The Herald and Plover penetrated as far North as 72° 51 N. and 118° W. The ice, as far as it could be seen from the masthead, trended away W. S. W. (compass.) Commander Moore and the icemaster reporting a water sky to the north of the pack, and a strong icelblink to the S. W.

We find the following remarkable fact, about the preservation of flour for twenty-three years:

"Commander Moore and myself accompanied them to Chamisso Island, where after hauling up their boilers, casting them bottom to the wind, the weather gunwale resting on the sand, the other raised about three feet, and supported by pallets, the space underneath covered with furs, we partook of several pipes with them.

"While we were engaged with our pipes Commander Moore employed his boat's crew in digging for the flour left by Capt. Beechey twenty-three years before, in a position indicated by directions on a rock, which were as perfect as the day when cut. We found this rock last year, but, supposed the flour to have been removed by the natives, did not dig for it. A considerable space was cleared round the cask, its chimes fired, only adhering to the sand by the two lower bilge staves, yet, still it required the united strength of two boats' crews, with a purchacke and a large spar as a lever, to free it altogether. The sand was frozen so hard that it emitted sparks with every blow of the pickaxe. The cask itself was perfectly sound and the hoops good; out of the 236 lb. of flour which it contained, 175 lb. were as sweet and well tasted as any we had on board. The tin of beads was also found; those not of glass much decayed; the cotton stringing quite sound."

They learned nothing of Sir John Franklin. These expeditions of discovery up the Northern passage are beginning to get out of vogue. No practical good can come of them. Even if a vessel should make her way through those fields of ice, from one ocean to another, it could not be of any possible service. It would but gratify an idle curiosity. The path never would become a road of commerce. After the fate of Franklin is decided, it is probable no further efforts will be made to penetrate into the barren region. There are yet immense regions into which the white man and his cotton goods have not yet reached. The interior of Africa is still unexplored. Let the missionaries of English commerce open that unknown, mysterious domain. Let them clothe the naked of Africa, and bring back the rich products which a tropical sun draws out of the earth. As to the poor, half frozen, blubber, feeding dwarfs of the North, they have nothing to *swap*—what is the use to disturb them?

☞ We cordially sympathize with the New Orleans Daily Crescent in its intense anxiety for the welfare of Mr. Clay, and assure the editors of that paper that at the proper time they shall be properly remembered. As to the Crescent's regrets respecting the Times, they are as acceptable as they are sincere.—*N. Y. Times.*

We are quite in the dark as to this declaration of war on the part of the Times. The editors of this paper supported Henry Clay in 1844 in their humble sphere. In 1848 we were all original Taylormen. We did not the less admire Mr. Clay, but felt that the interests of the country would be best promoted by the election of Gen. Taylor. For Mr. Clay we continue to feel the highest admiration, and we think in all sincerity that his fame and his usefulness will both be increased by his entire withdrawal from the arena as a candidate for the Presidency. We would desire his last years given to his *country*, not to *his party*. It will not do for New York editors and New York meetings to put the old and tried friends of Mr. Clay at the South under the ban, because they do not now, before the election, what the New York gentry do at the polls—abandon him. Mr. Clay is now at an age when it is reasonable to calculate on his death. We will not press the nomination of any man seventy years of age for the Presidency. As editors of the Crescent, however, we have no right to express preferences for any one. We are provoked into this article by the insufferable insolence of New York editors, who are continually flattering Mr. Clay—who never yet have carried even the city for him, and yet who read lectures to the outside barbarians. They may possibly beguile Mr. Clay into the candidacy for the nomination, but they never will give him the State. We judge of the Future by the Past.

☞ The Washington Union contains the following paragraph:

"The storm, we may hope, is now at its height. There are already symptoms of a breaking away in the elements. The *People*, a distinct body from the politicians, are turning the subject over in their minds. The friends of the Union—friends in all extremes—are about to fall into spontaneous array, and will come forth if this matter be not soon settled. They will come presently in a great groundswell, which will lift every agitating, declamatory politician off his feet, and land him, perhaps, amongst the wreck and offal of the beach. There are signs of this."

☞ A letter has just been received at the State Department from Colonel T. Potter, U. S. Consul, who, it will be recollected, lately had an affray with the British Charge d'Affaires at Valparaiso, Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Potter states that Mr. Sullivan has resigned his post as Chargé. Mr. Sullivan was compelled to take this course, by the opinion of the British Admiral and other officers there.

☞ There was a great Union meeting in Baltimore on the 4th inst. It is estimated that at least ten thousand persons were present. Mayor Stansbury presided. Col. Giles offered a series of resolutions sustaining the Union at all hazards, though at the same time advocating a compromise on the slavery question, and recommending moderate measures to be pursued. He said in the course of his remarks, "we must stand by the Union first and always." Minor questions can be settled afterwards. Several other speakers addressed the meeting. But one feeling, that of unanimity, prevailed.

☞ The Charleston Mercury says the company who own the steamship Republic, which they have just sold for $135,000, instead of dividing their money and disbanding, have resolved to build two steam-propellers, to keep up the line of connection between Baltimore and Charleston.

OREGON.—A gentleman writing from Oregon, describes it as one of the healthiest and most beautiful portions of our country, and destined to be one of the wealthiest. They have there the finest climate and the best water in the world, and are never annoyed by musketoes, flies, gnats, or fever and ague. He says it is a perfect paradise for women and cows, but as yet rather tough on men, oxen and horses.

☞ The Morgan Journal, Jacksonville, Illinois, gives the following queer account of a new propelling power on railroads: "The wind tried its hand at running a locomotive on the railroad yesterday, and after driving the car some miles, and running over and killing a cow, threw the car off the track and vamosed."

☞ It is understood that an effort will be made by the Northern free soil party to concentrate their strength in the next presidential canvass upon Horace Greeley for President.

☞ At Baltimore, on the 5th inst., the Money market was quite easy, and the rates had declined. Loans are easily obtainable on Stock securities at 5 per cent., and on the street at 6 to 9 per cent.

☞ The rumored death of the gallant Col. May, at San Francisco, is unfounded. The Capt. May reported to have died at San Francisco, is supposed to be Capt. Jas. R. May, of Virginia, formerly of the Voltigeurs.

Married:

On the 26th ult. Mr. J. C. L. NYEGAARD to Miss MARGARET, daughter of John R. Parker, all of Union Parish.

Died:

In Philadelphia, on the 3d inst., Mrs. HANNAH BOREN, consort of John Boren, aged 69 years. Words are not needed to record her virtues—her goodness is engraved on the hearts of all who knew her. The family circle of which she was the centre is indeed broken—sorrow, deep and abiding, dwells at the household hearth.

☞ The Remains of the late JAMES S. SHAW will be removed from his late residence, on Levee street, opposite Municipality Hall, for interment in the Protestant Cemetery, foot of Girod street, THIS EVENING, at 5 o'clock.

☞ The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the house.

The Oregon Spectator.

Files of this interesting paper, up to November 29th, were received by the Falcon. The editor stands up most sturdily for his own country. The citizens who had gone to the gold mines, have returned in most wretched condition. But many died at the mines. Those who returned, however, brought home with them a large quantity of gold. The editor advises them to stay at home and raise supplies for California. Labor of all kinds has greatly advanced in price since the rush of population to the Pacific. For the present, lumber may be exported from the United States, but very soon that business must be monopolized by the Oregonese. The following list (which we find in the Spectator of Nov. 1) will show the extent of this trade, yet in its infancy:

Oregon Lumber Trade.—We have been favored with the following as a correct list of the vessels and cargoes now loaded, or in progress of loading, at the Willamette and Columbia rivers, most of which are ready to sail for California as soon as the weather (which has been so smoky as to detain them for some time) will permit:

Madonna	130,000 feet, sold for $100 per M		$13,000
Ocean Bird	185,000 "	....worth 12,500	
Sacramento	115,000 "		11,500
Hoksess	340,000 "		34,000
Henry	90,000 "		9,000
Aurora	200,000 "		20,000
Diamond	115,000 "		11,500
J. W. Cater	90,000 "		9,000
Anna	90,000 "		9,000
R. M. Fadler	180,000 "		18,000
	1,485,000		$148,500

The discovery of the gold mines affects the United States beneficially, in creating powerful communities on the Pacific. The East is brought into proximity with the North American continent. So far as the gold is concerned, we can only hold that which is due to our superior activity and industry. Oregon will furnish the miners with bread and shelter, and thus receive a large amount of the gold. A strong healthy man can make more money, and enjoy more health and life, in Oregon, than in California. Mechanics in Oregon earn $10 per day. Miners do not, on an average, earn more than that, and work only six months. The result is the same in money; but the man who works at his trade retains his health, and enjoys life. As to farmers, we quote the Spectator again:

"We hold this truth to be self-evident, that Oregon, so far as soil, climate and health are concerned, stands unrivaled as an agricultural country. The whole question is, will it pay. We make the following estimate of what one may do, supposing he has a small farm improved and stocked: 25 acres wheat, 20 bushels per acre, at $2 per bushel, $1,000; 20 head of cattle, 500 pounds each, at 10 cents per pound, $1,000; increased value of farm by culture and improvement, $1,000; making an annual advance of $3,000."

The papers contain the usual share of territorial complaints. Territories are colonies, and colonies are children: the sooner they come to a man's estate the better for guardians and parents. We trust Oregon will soon be claiming the rights of a State.

The editor is collecting a geological cabinet, and writes a very interesting article on the subject. He says that within the limits of the Territory are found rocks of all the different formations. As we regularly exchange with him, we ask for a set of specimens for the Scientific Department of the Louisiana University.

Bingaman Course—First Day.

FIRST RACE—Two Mile Heats—Purse $200—Entrance 10 per cent. added to the purse.

Every nag had his backers, but *Zephyr* was rather the favorite at starting. The race was won with great ease and in fine style by the Harkforward colt.

Tully-Ho had a bad start for the first heat—being some distance behind when the drum was tapped. He trailed in the rear for the first mile and a half, when he brushed past his opponents, winning the heat by three lengths.

At the second heat, *Tully-Ho* lead off and maintained his position throughout, though warmed up to the work by his competitors, who contested it bravely.

The weather was well suited to the sport—the attendance large, and the track in fine order. We annex a summary:

W. J. Minor's br. c. *Tully-Ho*, by imported Harkforward, dam Miss Bowie—3 years old.....1 1
A. L. Bingaman's ch. f. *Discord*, by Ruffin, dam Mary Walton—3 years old.....3 2
D. F. Renner's b. f. *Zephyr*, sister to Eolus—4 years old. 2 3
Time, 3:45—3:46.

To-day four crack nags are entered, and the race will excite more than usual attention. Mr. Oliver, the proprietor of the Course, has spared no pains to prepare it for the meeting, and to accommodate the public.

THE BADGER.—Last evening a man came into the office, having the Badger in a bag; and knowing the deep interest we felt in his safety, he wished us to have the first intelligence of his safe return. When he reached Kelly, at least one hundred and fifty persons were assembled. Kelly was so overjoyed that he stood a treat for the crowd, and was ready to pay the reward. But when the Badger was shaken out of the bag, he proved to be a 'Coon! Such is our anxiety to witness the sport, that we publish gratis the reward offered by his disconsolate owner. Lecturers, and other exhibitors, pay a license, but the Badger had the freedom of the city. His practical lectures on rat-catching were highly edifying, and we yet hope we shall witness his mode of instruction.

☞ M. J. Lombard has been recognized by the President as Consular Agent at Monterey, in California.

☞ The State of Massachusetts intends contributing a block of granite to the Washington National Monument with the following inscription, in relief, on its face:

"MASSACHUSETTS,
OUR COUNTRY IS SAFE,
WHILE
The Memory of Washington is Revered."

☞ The new steamer Keystone State, while passing under the wire suspension bridge at Wheeling, on the night of the 5th inst., had her smokepipes carried away by the bridge, and was considerably injured on the hurricane deck. It was her first trip.

☞ A letter has been received at Boston, from Mr. B. F. Bourne, mate of the schooner John Allyne, dated Callao, Jan. 8th, which confirms the former accounts of his capture by, and escape from the Patagonians of the Straits of Magellan. The letter announces his safe arrival at Callao in the schooner Honewell.

☞ A New York paper, referring to Mr. Emerson's Lecture, says: "the room was stuffed like a sausage." It was *meet* to be there.

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

CRYSTAL FOUNT DIVISION, No. 4, at Crystal Fount Hall, No. 224 Tchoupitoulas street, at half-past 7 o'clock.

WASHINGTON DIVISION, No. 5, at Younger Brothers' Hall, Lafayette, at half-past 7 o'clock.

Daughters of Temperance.

OLEANDER DIVISION, No. 5, at No. 8, Marigny's Buildings, Third Municipality, every Thursday, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Auction Sales This Day.

SYKES, HYDE & Co. will sell, at half-past 10 o'clock, at 51 Magazine street—Groceries, Provisions and Liquors.

J. A. BEARD will sell, at 12 o'clock, at Banks Arcade—Steam Saw Mill.

F. H. PEITYPAIN will sell at 10 o'clock, at No. 8 Canal street—Dry Goods by catalogue.

☞ **Dr. Gilbert**, formerly of Memphis, Tenn., offers his professional services to the public in the treatment of all forms of Chronic Diseases, especially Cancers, White Swellings, Scrofula, Tumors, Wens, Abscesses, Sores of long standing, Rheumatism, Mercurial and Syphilis of the worst form, without the use of the knife or mercury, and all Diseases of the Skin.

☞ Office, No. 17 Cinnamon street, between the new Custom house and the River.

He offers the following certificate from the physicians of Memphis:

"*Dr. R. Gilbert.*—We have been intimately acquainted with Dr. R. Gilbert's practice for few years; we have often visited his extensive Infirmary, near Memphis; have closely observed his successful treatment of the most difficult cases; and we feel it to be a duty we owe to the community at large to express our entire confidence in his skill and judgment in the successful management of such diseases as he professes to cure. He has, in our judgement, been far more successful in the treatment of that class of diseases he professes to cure than any other physician in the world.

"M. GARRETT, M.D. WM. DENNY, M.D.
J. ISLER, M.D. JOHN WILSON, M.D.
J. HAMMON, M.D. N. W. SEAY, M.D.
J. S. CURTIS, M.D." mh8 1y1

☞ **Classes in Electro-Biology.**—Mr. FISKE, in compliance with the general request, will form a Class for complete instruction in the newly discovered Science of Electro-Biology, on MONDAY AFTERNOON, March 18, at Armory Hall, at half-past 4 o'clock. Mr. F. pledges himself to enable all who attend to perform. these wonderful Experiments successfully, and also how to apply this remarkable remedial agent to the cure of disease, or the fee charged for instruction ($10 00) will be returned. A Complimentary Ticket will be given (gratuitously) to all who join the Class, which will admit the member to all the public Lectures and Experiments. mh14 tf

☞ **Card to the Public.**—A notice has been published in the Delta and Courier of the 13th inst., by Gen. John Lewis, stating that I am no longer connected with the Sheriff's Office, or authorized to transact any business on his account. This notice implies charging from (whom) that there is cause for complaint against me, in a pecuniary sense. I now challenge complaint against me, in the presence of the office where during my stay, and produce a declaration of entire approbation from every one with whom I have transacted business. ALEX. DUNCAN.

Correspondence of the Daily Crescent:

BAYOU ROUGE, March 12, 1850.

Messrs. Editors—Yesterday morning the House convened at half-past 11 o'clock—the Elicks and Worth sat arriving in time to meet sooner. Much feeling was manifested on the subject of electing a Speaker. Immediately after reading the minutes, Mr. Hereby, of Baton Rouge, moved to go into an election for Speaker. This motion was warmly opposed by Dr. Sanders, who stated that many members were absent, and insisted that the election be postponed until to-day. The yeas and nays being called for, resulted in 35 yeas, and 34 nays—showing the whigs in a small minority. Dr. S. then moved an adjournment which resulted as above, 35 to 34. This motion being lost, and the whigs seeing defeat inevitable if forced then into an election, withdrew in a body from the House, which forced an adjournment and gave time for them to go into caucus and insure concert of action.

I am told they held a caucus last night and nominated Mr. Walker, of Vermilion, and passed a resolution to absent themselves from the House until 12 o'clock, this day. The nomination of Mr. Walker has failed to give entire satisfaction—many preferring Mr. King, as possessing superior claims and qualifications. What will be the result I am unprepared to say, as Mr. Moise, the Speaker *pro tem.*, though a strong democrat, is a great favorite with many whigs, and will probably take off some votes from Mr. Walker. Few men are better qualified than Mr. Moise—his promptness, impartiality, and thorough acquaintance with parliamentary rules, would make his election certain if some alarm was not felt as to the political influence his election would have in districting the State in the now *almost certain* event of an extra session. The result of the election, and other matters therewith appertaining, I will give you ANON.

California.

The following extracts are from the letters of a gentleman well known to us, and give a graphic account of the overflow at Sacramento City:

SACRAMENTO CITY, January 22, 1850.

Being now, for the first time in two weeks, on dry land, I hasten, while there is an opportunity, to answer your last letter, which I have before been prevented from doing. By this time, no doubt, you have heard that this city is under water. Of this fact I am woefully aware, having been during the flood roosted on a pole, in the loft of my boarding-house; for which delightful privilege I paid $3 per day, and deemed myself fortunate in being able to secure myself so enviable a perch. On the night of the 9th the river, which for some days had been rising, overflowed its banks, and rushed like a torrent through the streets, sweeping off lumber, provisions, barrels of liquor and houses. The damage has been estimated to be over a million. Numbers were deprived of their tents and houses, and were themselves with some difficulty saved by the boats; while the distress among the sick and destitute exceeds even the annals of your most crowded cities.

On the morning of the 10th, by cutting a hole in the canvas roof of our house, I was enabled to view the scene. Below, as far as the eye could reach, the country was a vast lake, the second stories of the houses alone appearing. Horses, mules and oxen were swimming for their lives. (like Daniel Webster, uncertain where to go.) while boats, rafts and dug-outs, were constantly passing, conveying people to the shipping. Here went a large barge full of sick men, from one of the upper hospitals, many of the men in the last stages of disease; there, a load of drunken sailors, shouting and swearing; while families of ladies and children, decidedly neglige as to attire, served to fill the tableau. The only land uncovered is a ridge near the fort, and this island is full of people. Wrecking has become a very profitable business, and some companies have secured floating provisions, lumber, etc., for which they are rewarded paid by the owners amount to a small fortune. But though many return property to its owners, others are not so scrupulous, and bands of villains have plundered houses and stores to an immense amount, even taking the lumber from unfinished houses.

The water is now nearly out of the streets, and the higher parts of the town are completely dry. On the Levee business is again lively. Subscriptions are being taken to bury the men who have lately died. Should the river keep within bounds, Sacramento will soon be itself again. Vernon and Fremont, at the mouth of Feather river, have also shared the fate of the "model city;" and Yuba City, at the confluence of Yuba and Feather rivers, is the only spot in this section of country where the dove of oil could have found a resting-place. Communication with the mines, except by way of the rivers, is cut off. From all accounts, but little is doing in that line, the streams being so full as to prevent their banks being worked. Great numbers have left this city and gone to San Francisco. There is now no city government, the people having refused to obey the old council, and the new one not having been elected.

Monday, Jan. 28.—I deferred closing my letter until now, in order to give you the latest news. Nothing of interest has transpired lately—numerous deaths are occurring, and much sickness exists; fortunate are they who are able to retain their health. Quite an excitement has been raised by the discovery of particles of gold in our streets. This, no doubt, consists of the sweepings of the stores and business houses. I found a piece worth a dollar in front of our house.

Hundreds are flocking to the mines, although the rains still continue, and it will be impassible, for some time, to convey provisions to those points. This will cause much suffering. W. L. D.

Steamboat Departures This Day.

☞ *SEE ADVERTISEMENTS ON THIRD PAGE.*

Yazoo River.....LATONA, Hunt, 11 A. M.
Yazoo River.....EXIT, Sweeney, 12 M.
Mobile.....ORBAGN, Horn, 3½ P. M. Cars.

☞ For Chagres, via Havana.—The splendid mail steamship FALCON, Lieut. H. J. Hartstene, U. S. N., Commanding, will leave on FRIDAY, the 15th inst., at 9 o'clock, A. M., punctually, from foot of St. Mary street, Lafayette.....Passengers will take breakfast at the house. PARADISE, LAWRASON & CO.

N. B.—The Falcon will take passengers for New York, to be transferred to the mail steamship Ohio at Havana. mh14

☞ The brig PARTHENON, Capt. Davis, from Havana, is now discharging her cargo at Picayune Tier, First Municipality. Consignees will please take out their permits, and attend to the receipt of their goods on the Levee. J. W. ANDREWS & CO., 91 Common st.

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☞ HOWARD LODGE NO. 13.—A Regular Meeting of this Lodge will be held THIS EVENING, Thursday, at the Grand Lodge Hall, at 7 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested.....By order of
E. SAMPSON, Secretary.

James Gulick Fire Co. No. 17.

☞ The Members of the Company are requested to attend a Special Meeting, to be held on FRIDAY EVENING, March 15, at half-past 7 o'clock.....Punctual attendance at every occasion is requested, as business of importance will be transacted.....By order.
JOHN B. FEGO, Secretary.

☞ **First Ward.**—SECOND MUNICIPALITY.—At a meeting held at Frank Emmett's Coffee-house on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., for the purpose of nominating two candidates for the Council of the Second Municipality, and two candidates as delegates for nominating members of the General Convention, on motion, LEONARD MATTHEWS, Esq. was called to the chair, and M. Turner, Secretary.....On motion, the following persons were put in nomination:—W. H. Cook, I. N. Marks, A. McLaughlin, James Ross and M. Turner. I. N. MARKS and W. H. COOK, having received the largest number of votes, were declared unanimously nominated.....Delegates for nominating candidates for the General Council—W. M. GOODRICH and MORTIMER TURNER.....On motion, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to Mr. Emmett for the use of his room.....On motion, the meeting adjourned.
M. TURNER, Secretary. L. MATTHEWS, Chairman.

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Telegraphed to the "Daily Crescent."

[BY THE SOUTHERN LINE.]

NEW YORK, *March 11*.—The steamer Canada reached her wharf at noon this day. Her accounts are the same as before transmitted.

The steamer Cherokee arrived to-day from Chagres. She brought $300,000 in gold and twenty passengers.

The Cotton market is dull, and continues in an unsettled state. The day's business has not yet transpired....Flour and Grain remain unchanged.

A very destructive fire occurred yesterday in Buffalo. A large number of mag