AMUSEMENTS.—This Evening.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—"The Cavalier"—Song—"An Object of Interest"—Dance—"The Artful Dodger."

AMERICAN THEATRE.—Tragedy and Farce.

PHAENON'S VARIETIES.—"The Benson Family"—Dissolving Views—"Pet of the Parlouses"—"La Jeta Arragonesa."

ARMORY HALL.—Extraordinary Experiments.

The Daily Crescent.

NEW ORLEANS:

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, 1850.

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

☞ Mr. CHARLES S. BADGER is our Traveling Agent for the Daily and Weekly Crescent. We bespeak for him a liberal reception in all portions of the country which he may visit.

☞ Mail filled yesterday—a fact which on account of its frequency, it is scarcely necessary to mention.

☞ The Crescent begs leave to tender its confidence to the Mobile Register, on the sudden death of the Nashville Convention in the Legislature of Louisiana. The friends of that ill advised measure introduced a series of violent resolutions in the Senate. These were deprived of their mischief and passed in such a shape that the originators scarcely recognized their own work. But in the House they met with a warm reception. Large attacked them the moment they crossed the threshold. So strong was the feeling against them that the friends of the Convention were unwilling to call them up on the day fixed for the continuation of the debate.

The Register, which has taken such a lively interest in the subject, some time ago questioned the accuracy of our opinions, and triumphantly referred to the debate in the Senate. We now commend to our neighbor's especial attention the significant fact that in the House, the *popular* branch, the subject was allowed to pass *sub silentio*. Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas and Louisiana refuse to take part or lot in any sectional convention. It will be a misnomer after this to call it a convention of the slave States—it must be called a convention of a part of the slave States, and scarcely even that, for in many of the States protests have been entered against its assemblage. The measure is dead, and with it fades away the last phase of nullification. We hope our patriotic neighbor of Mobile will now help the good people of that enterprising little city to build their road to the Ohio. There is no disunion, no abolitionism in good Cincinnati bacon.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.—That very popular and well conducted establishment, so well known to all of our readers as the Commercial Exchange, will be sold to-day, at 11 o'clock, by Messrs. Thomas & Taylor. The sale is to close the ownership of W. H. Van Benschoten, one, and of our readers will remember as the gentlemanly manager "Walter" in the inventory of the sale, we notice many valuable pieces of silver plate, "rich and rare." To any one wishing a first rate stand in that line, this is an opportunity not to be neglected.

PASSAGE FOR CALIFORNIA.—The new, copper-fastened schooner *Revenue* leaves this evening for Chagres. The vessel is unsurpassed in accommodations for passengers, and also in sailing qualities, and any persons wishing to go will find on her a comfortable quarter as any vessel that has yet left this port.

FASHIONABLE MILLINERY.—Mrs. G. W. Rogers's handsome millinery establishment, No. 105 Perdido street, calls forth the attention of every passer-by, by the attractive manner in which it is filled. Mrs. Rogers has received a supply of new spring bonnets, and the ladies are invited to call and examine them. They cannot patronize a nearer store, or one where they will find lower prices.

NEW ORLEANS NEWS LETTER.—We have received the second number of this very neat little sheet, and we glad to hear that it is winning its way into public favor. It is the very thing for California and other correspondence. The public will find it for sale at the different book stores.

DRYADES STREET STORE.—"New store and new goods!" What greater attraction is needed to bring the ladies to Andrews', at the corner of Dryades and Terpsichore streets? Andrews, too, who is already famous for cheap merchandise, and whose patrons have indeed that he shall prosper, with this growing city, and branch out to suit his up town customers. The new store will doubtless have a successful run.

ATTENTION SCHOOL BOOKS.—J. E. Steel, 14 Camp street, has just received several cases of excellent School Books, comprising every kind now in use. Teachers and parents will find at this popular house all that they send in this line.

GOLD PENS.—Try one of those at Guinness & Co's No. 12 Camp street. Read their advertisement on this subject.

FINE STOCK OF JEWELRY, PIANOS AND MUSIC.—E. A. Tyler of 10 Camp street has received additions to his very handsome assortment of Jewelry and Fancy Goods. He offers at the most reasonable prices fine hunting and open-faced Levers, Silver and Silver Plated ware, Chains, Bracelets, etc, etc.—all of the latest styles and manufactures. Mr. Tyler's extensive Music Saloon is also well filled with Pianos of the most approved makers, and Musical Instruments of every kind, besides the collection of the Fashionable Music of the day.

LAW BOOKS.—T. L. White, 53 Canal street, advertises today a catalogue of valuable Law Books, to which we call the attention of the profession. White has a fine rate stock of Books and Stationery on hand.

☞ We are indebted to the steamers Sultana, Gen. Scott and Chancellor for river papers, and brig P. Soule, Capt. Smith, for Havana papers.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Mr. C. D. Pitt, the tragedian, has been performing at this establishment for the last week to thin houses. Mr. Pitt has been unfortunate in his two visits. His first was during the prevalence of the cholera; the second immediately after Miss Cushman. Other engagements have prevented our witnessing his performances, except his *Lear*, which was highly meritorious. We shall be glad to see him into under more favorable circumstances.

PLACIDE'S VARIETIES.—To-night, Mrs. Howard and Mr. Holland in two favorite pieces; "La Jeta Arragonesa" and a Grand Divertissement introduce Mlle. Hilariot and the principal dancers. A continuance of these attractions cannot fail to secure to this house a preeminence in the public favor.

BENEFIT OF MRS. J. M. FIELD.—Who will not be there? That is, who will not attend on Wednesday evening the benefit of the very estimable lady whose name heads this article? Then read, too, the bill of the night—a succession of dramatic gems—stars of the first water—all enabled to make the occasion a most brilliant one, and to ensure to the fair beneficiary an adequate return. Every seat, we predict, will be filled from parquette to gallery.

POSTPONEMENT.—Our readers will recollect that the Concert of Mr. and Madame Leati, which was to have taken place at the Commercial Exchange, on Friday evening last, was postponed on account of the unfavorableness of the weather to Tuesday (to-morrow) evening.

BENEFIT OF THE JAMES GULICK FIRE CO.—This gallant company is ever among the first at duty's call, and the fearless conduct of its members in connecting with the flames has often elicited public commendation. They now present an opportunity to our citizens to testify their good feeling by contributing to their benefit, which takes place this evening at the American Theatre. The object, which is to enable this energetic corps to procure a new engine and banner, should call forth the most liberal display, and from pit to dome we expect to see a brilliant company. The inestimable services of our noble fire department are too well appreciated to need rehearsal. When the flames gather round our homes and the destructive element sweeping onward in its might, threatens to annihilate the work of years of toil, then are we dependent on these self-sacrificing men, who, leaving business or rest, braving danger and sickness, fly at the call to succor and to save. Then we feel the heart swelling with grateful feelings as we look upon their almost Herculean efforts, and then we are enabled to estimate their worth. Let not this sentiment vanish with the danger, but on an occasion like the one which calls forth this paragraph, we trust that a manifestation will be made that shall encourage our firemen to renewed efforts, and prove that we are not forgetful of their zeal in the service of others.

THE RACES TO-DAY.—For a long time past the race of the best three in five, mile heats, has been the most popular race in the South, but to-day, in addition to the terms of the race, the horses entered would under all circumstances draw a large crowd. The entries are *Fanny G., Dan Henry, Zephyr* and *Rory O'More*. There are here presented a field of horses that do not often meet on the same course, each one with a brilliant reputation for fleetness, and all with strong friends to back them. The markers of low time for this day's race will be in the majority without doubt.

Father Mathew.

Yesterday morning St. Patrick's Cathedral was thronged throughout its broad aisles and spacious galleries by thousands of our citizens, eager to behold and listen to the great Apostle of Temperance, Father Mathew, who arrived in the city on Saturday last. After high mass, the worthy Father was presented to the people by the Rev. Mr. Mullon, the Pastor of St. Patrick's. A great sensation was produced by the appearance of this celebrated man, whose unceasing labors in the great cause to which he has devoted his life have been the admiration of the world. Father Mathew although broken in constitution by fourteen years of devotion to his countrymen, shows no feebleness in his manner; his face possesses the characteristics of a good man; a mild and placid look is stamped upon it, and there beams forth those philanthropic qualities which have been so apparent in his career. The lithographic portrait which we have observed for sale is a very good likeness of this eminent divine, although gray hairs have added years to the face.

The Reverend Father stated that his ill health prevented his addressing his audience in the manner that he could wish, but he would say a few words. At first a troublesome cough interrupted the speaker, but soon, warming with his subject, all debility for the moment was forgotten, and he proceeded with a stirring appeal to his countrymen, exhorting them to good works. He drew a picture of Ireland in the olden time, when St. Patrick bore aloft the sign of redemption, and believing followers listened to his wondrous oratory. He reverted to the fact that intoxicating drinks were unknown at that primitive period; the disciples of St. Patrick were saint-like in their lives, and had transmitted a pure faith and spotless name to their descendants. How requisite then was it that Irishmen should be true to their religion and true to themselves; that they should maintain that character which their forefathers enjoyed; and in whatever country they were cast, that they should, by the purity of their lives, reflect honor upon the holy church to which they so generally belonged. He referred to this country as one of progress in religion as well every thing else, and how could Catholics expect their faith to extend if they cast opprobrium upon it by their acts? Ireland was more of a Catholic country than any other; although a number of that church came from countries on the Continent, yet the mass emigrated from his own land—they built the churches and supported the clergy, and therefore it was to Irishmen that the Americans looked for examples of the Catholic religion.

After further zealous appeals upon this subject, arousing the national pride of his countrymen, the good father spoke of the prominent position of Ireland, her sufferings, and the manifold persecutions received by that unfortunate isle. The whole world had sympathised with her, and when the dreadful famine gnawed at her vitals, even the Turk—the Grand Seignear—sent a thousand pounds towards her relief. He alluded, also, in an appropriate manner, to the ships freighted with provisions from the United States, which bore to the starving multitude the means of life. The harrowing descriptions of dreadful scenes during the famine, affected a number of the audience to tears. Then came a brighter picture—the progress of the Temperance reform in Ireland; and here the speaker dwelt with much enthusiasm upon his favorite subject. For fourteen years he had labored in the cause; crowds of men, women and children had gathered wherever he appointed to address them; the roads were darkened with the host of applicants to take the pledge, who, without solicitation, thronged forward to receive it at his hands.

He had never known that pledge to be broken; the holy bond once made, had been kept sacred; and during his travels in this land, he had met men to whom, when boys, he had administered the pledge! He found them walking in the dignity of Temperance; they had yielded not to the temptest, but maintained a high reputation among their fellow-men. He called upon his countrymen to come forward and blot out the only stain upon their escutcheon; he had crossed the sea and braved its dangers to do them good; he came to offer them his humble aid, encouraged by the effects of his ministry in Ireland. He would now say—"Physician heal thyself!" they owed it to the land of their birth—to their saintly ancestors—to their social position—to the religion which they professed.

The Father here ended; we have given but a brief synopsis of his remarks, which were listened to with profound attention. A sea of upturned faces were before him, yet not a sound, hardly a rustling garment, disturbed the impressive address.

The Rev. Mr. Mullon then made some appropriate remarks and adjured his parishioners to come forward and receive the pledge.

Father Mathew presented himself at the foot of the altar to perform this interesting ceremony, and then came a scene which must have touched every heart beneath that vaulted roof. The old and young pressed forward to take the pledge, father and son, mother and daughter joined the Temperance troop. Wives clasped their hands with uncontrollable joy as their husbands advanced in the ranks, and tears of rapture flowed freely when they beheld the cheering beams of hope that illumined the cross on which the pledge was made. It was a thrilling sight as side by side gray hairs and flaxen ringlets mingled before that worthy priest, to seek at his hands the talisman which will ever defend them from that great enemy to happiness—intemperance.

We left the church while advancing crowds were still pressing forward in the good work, and therefore cannot form an estimate of the number who enlisted under the banner of total abstinence. This afternoon Father Mathew administers the pledge in the Chapel of St. Therese, on Camp street, and we trust that in our city, as elsewhere, he may be enabled to do much good and work a great reform in the community.

The hospitalities of New Orleans have been tendered by the Mayor and General Council to our distinguished visitor, but we understand that he will remain the guest of the Rev. Mr. Mullon while sojourning here.

THE BATTURE.—We are happy to have it in our power to announce to the public that an act has passed the Legislature and received the sanction of the Governor, authorizing the Council of the Second Municipality to dispose of that part of the batture which is no longer required for public convenience. It provides that two streets may be laid off between New Levee street and the river, as represented on Mr. Dunbar's plan, approved by the Council in 1846, and the spaces between them divided into lots and sold on such terms, conditions and stipulations as may be agreed upon between the Council of the Second Municipality and the original parties to the act of compromise or donation, dated in 1820, or their heirs and legal representatives. The only restrictions are, that a certain space in front shall still remain open for public use, and that at least one-third of the net proceeds of the sales shall be applied to the payment of the old city debt. The disposition of the other two-thirds depends wholly on the agreement which may be made between the former joint proprietors and the Council. We cannot suppose that any great difficulty will occur on that point. On the contrary, we learn that there is every reason to expect that they will agree upon a fair and equitable arrangement. In that event the result will be immensely advantageous to the public, by paying a large amount of the city debt, relieving the Second Municipality from a heavy annual expense in keeping open the batture no longer required for public use, and indeed, we may add, in its present condition, a great nuisance; and by bringing into existence a valuable property which will in a short be covered with buildings adapted to the growing commerce of that part of the city. We learn that the Council will immediately take steps to enter upon a negotiation with the other parties to the original contract.

"OLD RICARDO."—The eccentric, kind-hearted, thorough business man, Ricardo, ex-Notary, has now mounted the rostrum. From being the laughing, he is become the *crying* philosopher. We hope he will long continue to cry "going, going!" but that many years will pass before our successors shall say for him "*gone!*"

THE EX-POSTMASTER.—A correspondent of the Lowell Advertiser, writing from Washington, states that Mr. Nathaniel Greene, *after eighteen years'* service as Postmaster of Boston, has, within a few days, closed his account of millions with the Post-office Department, and upon a *final settlement* received a check for $700, and the thanks of the head of the Department for the faithful discharge of his duties and prompt settlement of his account.

Races....Metairie Jockey Club.

FIFTH DAY.—The weather yesterday was most propitious for the sport; the day was bright and beautiful, and the sun beamed down with sufficient warmth to drive away the chillness of the morning air. The track was much improved by the rain, except on a portion of the back stretch, where, we understood, it was rather heavy. The attendance far exceeded that of any day's sport for several seasons. The Ground Stand was filled up through its entire length and breadth, while that of the Members was more than usually crowded. The saloons were literally packed with visitors, and the Course throughout presented the most animated appearance.

The entries were *Doubloon, Rhibe* and *Revenue*, all of them well-tried nags—Four mile heats—Purse $600. *Doubloon* was the favorite, at slight odds, against any named horse—*Rhibe*, however, being considered his especial competitor. The betting was very heavy, and the funds circulated to a lively tune until the drum tapped.

The horses stripped well. *Doubloon* looked as bright as the pure metal, and *Rhibe*, the Kentucky fast one, was not a white behind in racing trim. *Revenue* had the age of the others by two years, and carried weight in proportion; it was expected that in broken heats his bottom would match the fleet heels of his id fellows.

First Heat.—The nags got off well together; the running was easy round to the home stretch, when the rate became livelier, and *Rhibe* passed the Stand, leading by a length, suffer a heavy pull, followed by *Doubloon*. The second mile was entered in the same order; on the back stretch the horses all pricked up, *Rhibe* still leading, and *Doubloon* well in hand, laying up close to him. At the turn, a spanking pace commenced, and the second mile was done up in quicker time—*Rhibe* still in advance, and his rider with but one stirrup, the other having broken in the round. The third mile was hand-connedly contested by *Rhibe* and *Doubloon*—*Revenue* following to watch proceedings. The home stretch showed some tail waking, and the nags passed the Stand in gallant style, *Rhibe* still leading.

The first mile was a splendid run, *Doubloon* making a break on the back stretch, and closing up gradually. The fast lick here introduced called forth the greatest excitement on the stands. *Rhibe* was kept to the work all the time, but *Doubloon* still gained. At the turn he was right after him, hung at his quarter for a moment, and then they lapped and sprung together into the straight run to the stand. Shouts from each party were heard, while the nags came down the stretch at a killing pace. At the distance flag *Doubloon* was ahead, but here the hickory was brought to bear thick and fast upon *Rhibe*, who made a dozen desperate jumps which placed him winner of the heat by a neck. Time 7:32.

Betting changed most decidedly. *Doubloon* fell far below par, and the Kentucky horse, although it was evident that he was hardly licked into it, found any number of backers at great odds—so much influence has the winning of the first heat. $100 to 30 was offered that *Doubloon* would not take the money, but few cared to lay out their funds, and operations at any figures were limited.

Second Heat.—A good start. *Revenue* got off ahead, *Rhibe* second, *Doubloon* third. On the back stretch they all moved lively and were well together at the turn. *Revenue* led round the first mile, when *Doubloon* closed the daylight between them, *Rhibe* coming up hand in hand, and on the turn of the second mile *Doubloon* swung beautifully into the lead. They were pretty well strung on the run home, *Doubloon* leading past the stand. The same order was maintained for the next mile. On the fourth mile there was warm work again, *Doubloon* passed the stand in advance, *Revenue* second and *Rhibe* third, a position that the latter determined to change, and on the back stretch we had more fine running, *Rhibe* making a splendid brush for the lead amidst great excitement on the stands. But the Kentucky could n't come it, though he tried it on several times—*Doubloon* successfully shaking him off until the contest ended on the last quarter, *Doubloon* crossing the tape an easy walk and the others following at the same pace. Time 7:32.

Some confidence was now expressed that *Revenue* would take the money, from the belief that he would outwind the others; but not enough to make his friends meet the large odds offered that he would n't have a show. *Doubloon* had the call, even against *Rhibe*, with fine takers; and as the result seemed very uncertain, matters remained quiet and pocket-books unopen.

Third Heat.—*Rhibe* had off the dance, *Doubloon* following, *Revenue* in his heels. The two were unchanged on the first mile, *Doubloon*, under a heavy pull, coming to No 2. The second mile was still better, and the stand was passed at a breaking rate; on the third mile *Doubloon* closing up at the end of the first quarter and lapping with *Rhibe* on the back stretch. Here they had it in splendid style, *Doubloon* passing to the front and keeping the lead to the stand, where the nags entered on the fourth mile. The running was very fine to the back stretch, where *Doubloon* lengthened the distance, and, leaving *Rhibe* and *Revenue* to contend for the second place, came home several lengths ahead of *Revenue*, who passed *Rhibe* while the latter was under whip. Time 7:31. This heat decided the race, and the purse was given to *Doubloon*. We append a summary:

FIFTH DAY. *Sunday*, March 24.—Proprietor's purse, $600. Four mile heats. Entries:

A. L. Bingaman's (Lt. Stevenson's) ch. c. *Doubloon*.....2 1 1
Wm. J. Minor's (T. J. Golding's) ch. h. *Rhibe*, by Trustee, out of Minutiel; 4 y. o.....1 2 3
R. H. Long's b. h. *Revenue*, by Trustee, dam Rosalie Somers; 6 y. o.....3 3 2
Time, 7:32—7:32—7:31.

To-day is the last of the meeting, and the favorite race of the best three in five comes off. The entries are *Fanny G., Dan Henry, Zephyr* and *Rory O'More*.

MAYOR'S COURT.—One law of the present Legislature is certainly most beneficial. It is the one which creates a Court for the speedy trial of all misdemeanors and minor crimes. The Mayor or one of the Recorders, assisted by two Aldermen, is to hold sessions of his Court in each Municipality on successive weeks. This Court will be furnished with a petty jury. Its jurisdiction will extend to all offences punishable by fine and imprisonment or either, at the discretion of the Court. This discretion is limited to two years imprisonment and one thousand dollars fine. A District Attorney *is to be elected*, whose style is to be the second District Attorney, and who will be the public prosecutor in this Court. We consider this as one of the most important laws which could be enacted for the benefit of this city. The docket of the Criminal Court is filled with cases of this description, and what is worse, the prison is crowded by men charged with petty offences. They are frequently detained for weeks awaiting their trial, who on conviction receive but a few days punishment. The prisoners in jail have no employment. They are utterly idle, and consequently they grow worse every day they are thus confined. They herd together without any discipline. A more deplorable sight cannot be witnessed than the jail yard of the City Prison, where the grey-headed burglar is seen associating with the beardless boy, teaching him his vile profession, exciting his ambition for a "bad eminence," corrupting his morals, hardening his heart and changing the reckless, thoughtless boy into the hardened villain.

The establishment of this new Court will diminish the amount of time spent in this den of sin before the trial. We trust, too, it will be followed by the separation of petty offenders from the criminals of a deeper shade.

THE FIRST DISTRICT JUDGESHIP.—We announced in Saturday's paper the appointment of J. C. Larue to this office. We ought to have said then what we now say—that this most judicious appointment will give universal satisfaction. Mr. Larue is a man of excellent mind, well trained in his profession, incorruptible, firm, yet moderate. He will perform his duties fearlessly. A democrat in feeling, as well as profession, he will temper his judgments with mercy, making allowances for the temptations and infirmities of men. The post he is about to occupy is most disagreeable; it involves grave responsibilities, and brings its occupant in constant performance of most painful duties—a bed of steel were a couch of roses compared with it.

It is proper to say that Judge McHenry, the present incumbent, did not make application for a renewal of his term; neither did Mr. Larue apply for the office; it was the wish of Judge McHenry to resign some months since—so that the new officer does not supplant his predecessor. We trust that Judge Larue will find the office less disagreeable than it proved to Judge McHenry.

☞ An idea of the extent of the mischief committed during the days of February in Paris, may be formed by the fact that the Court of Liquidation of the Civil List are about to sell by auction 50,000 pounds of broken glass and crystal, belonging to the furniture and services of the old Palais National. Broken porcelain has already sold for 6000f.

The following was communicated by telegraph to the Picayune, and published in that paper of yesterday:

CONGRESS.—*Baltimore, March 22.*—In the Senate, yesterday, (Thursday, 21st inst.,) Senator Bradbury's (of Maine) resolution calling on the President to assign his reasons for the removal of those officers who have been displaced, was discussed. Senator Smith, of Connecticut, defended the President.

The House passed the bill carrying into effect the treaty with the Emperor of Brazil.

UNION MEETING IN ST. LOUIS.—On Wednesday (20th) there was a great Union meeting at St. Louis, at which the Nashville Convention was denounced.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE UNION.—The President yesterday said to a Southern gentleman that while at Washington he would use every means to preserve the Union, but if the time should unfortunately ever arrive when it could only be maintained at the expense of forcible measures, it would no longer be worth preserving.

ANOTHER ADDRESS.—Mr. Calhoun is dictating an address to his countrymen.

PROFESSOR WEBSTER'S TRIAL.—Professor Webster's trial for the murder of Dr. Parkman has progressed as far as the third day, and the chain of circumstantial evidence against the prisoner is becoming stronger. Three physicians positively assert the remains discovered to be those of Dr. Parkman; but a fourth could detect nothing by which to identify them. The raw of artificial teeth found with the remains have been identified by the dentist. Public opinion is divided as to the guilt of the prisoner, who is becoming very much dejected.

Telegraphed to the "Daily Crescent."

(BY THE SOUTHERN LINE.)

New York Markets.

BALTIMORE, March 22.—Cotton further declined ½. Eight hundred bales sold. Flour unchanged. Corn, 55 to 56. Pork further declined; Mess $10 80; Prime $10 624; Lard unchanged. Sugar, large supply; 300 hhds. Porto Rico sold at 5 to 5¼. Coffee quiet; 1000 bags St. Domingo sold at 9¼. Tobacco declining.

Trial of Dr. Webster.

On the trial of Dr. Webster, at Boston, to-day, Ephraim Littlefield, the Janitor of the Medical College, testified to many new facts against Parkman. [Webster, we suppose, is meant.] Webster's case looks hopeless.

Mr. Calhoun.

We learn from Washington to-day that Mr. Calhoun is dangerously ill, and that there is but little hope of his recovery.

At New York at 6 P. M. no news had been received of the steamer.

SECOND DISPATCH.

Arrival of the Niagara.

BALTIMORE, March 22, 9½ P. M.—The steamship Niagara arrived at Halifax last night. The news by her is expected here to-night.

THIRD DISPATCH.

News by the Niagara.

Decline in Cotton; Corn and Flour: Provisions slightly improved.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, March 23, 1½ A. M.—The steamship Niagara arrived at Halifax on Thursday evening, but the wires being down near St. Johns, prevented the transmission of the news early. The Niagara brings eighty-six passengers, and London and Liverpool dates of the 9th inst.

The Europa arrived at Liverpool on the 3d inst., and the Hermann at Southampton on the 8th.

The Markets.

The Liverpool Cotton market during the fortnight was dull, and to effect sales holders were obliged to submit to a decline of one-eighth on all descriptions below Fair Uplands. No change in Mobile or Orleans. The committee's quotations are: Fair Orleans, 6¾; Mobile, 6¾; Fair Uplands, 6¾. Sales of the fortnight, 33,300 bales, speculators taking 12,000 bales. The trade still purchasing sparingly. Sales last week, 25,600 bales, speculators taking 3000 bales, wholly American.

The Havre Cotton market very quiet.

The Liverpool Corn market was extremely dull. Prices of most articles have given way. White Corn slightly declined. Yellow declined 9d. per quarter. Best Western Canal, Baltimore, and Ohio Flour declined 1s. 6d. per barrel....Provisions, slightly improved. Beef in good demand; Old, 65 to 70 and 80. New Hams, dull. Shoulders in better demand. Prices improving. Lard, unchanged. Naval Stores, inactive....Rice freely offered at 19s. 6d. in bond....Prime Coffee in limited demand. Speculators and holders disinclined to operate until after the great sales in Holland, advertised for the 11th. Considerable business in Porto Rico. Sugar, rather lower prices....Tobacco advanced, of month nearly 2000 advanced 1d. per pound on Virginia and Kentucky.] [We give this as in dispatch, and understand it as meaning sales of nearly 2000 hhds. during the month, with an advance of 1d. per pound on Virginia and Kentucky.]

The London Money market has slightly improved. Consols closed at 90¾ for money. American Securities in better demand, and at improved rates. U. S. 6's 7½ to 8 premium....The accounts from the manufacturing districts are less encouraging. Many Manchester and other Mills are working short time, and some have stopped altogether, but only temporarily.

Political News.

The political news is uninteresting. France is quiet. Greece still blockaded. I will send a brief synopsis of the news in another dispatch.

FOURTH DISPATCH.

MORE OF THE NIAGARA'S NEWS.

Sir John Franklin.

BALTIMORE, March 23.—The Queen of England offers £40,000 reward for the discovery, or for information leading to the discovery of Sir John Franklin, or any of his party.

The French Revenue.

The French revenue is fully adequate to the public demand, without loan or increased taxes.

The Greek Question.

France and Russia, it is said, are completely united on the Greek question. Letters from Toulon say that the French fleet in the Levant has sailed for the coast of Greece. Lord Palmerston's conduct towards Greece is condemned. Russia protests against it. It is believed the Czar will aid Greece. The London Gazette says a message has gone from the Queen to give orders to cease hostilities against Greece.

Reduction in the French Army.

The French army is to be reduced to four hundred and eighty thousand men.

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

England [the ministry we suppose] proposes to abolish the Lord Lieutenancy of Ireland, and the Vice Regal Court, intending Irish affairs to be managed by the Home Department.

Canadian Annexation.

This subject excites little interest in England.

FIFTH DISPATCH.

Further by the Niagara.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The Armistice is to be prolonged between Denmark and the Duchies. It is reported that Denmark has concluded a private treaty with Prussia.

The commercial advices from India are favorable and an import duty of 3 per cent. is about being imposed on Cotton.

The prospects for peace are good. The Russian troops are about occupying Transylvania, to allow the forces of Austria to pass over the German frontier, and also into Italy. Haynau is raising additional troops.

The Pope has not returned.

The news by the Niagara has depressed the Cotton market. It is now unsettled, with no sales. The sales for the week foot up 6000 bales.

Flour has slightly declined. Pork improved, Mess is quoted at $10 25. Groceries and other things unchanged.

BALTIMORE, March 23.—A snow storm is falling.

SOUTH-WEST PASS, March 24, 5 P. M.—The steamship Falcon arrived at 3 o'clock.

☞ Within the last thirty-five years the Austrian commercial marine has received an addition of Austrian built ships amounting to 598 vessels, of 168,622 tons.

Married:

On the 24th inst., Mr. PATRICK HOLLAND to Miss MARY M. MCDONALD, both of this city.

Died:

On the 24th inst., HENRY S. LANE, aged 54 years; for the last 18 years a resident of this city.

☞ The Funeral will take place THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock, A. M., from his late residence opposite the New Levee. His friends and the friends of the family, are respectfully invited to attend, without further notice.

On the 23d inst., GEORGE K. STOREY, a native of Troy, N. Y., aged 48 years; 18 years a resident of this city.

On the 23d inst., JAMES THOMPSON KELLY, aged 27 years, a native of Warrentown, Va.; 15 years a resident of this city.

On the 23d inst., OSCAR BRADFORD, formerly of N. Y.

On the 23d inst., CHARLES MILLS, aged about 45 years.

On the 23d inst., MRS. CHARLOTTE DAVIS, (col.), aged 37.

Arrivals at the Principal Hotels.....24th.

VERANDA—J. Brough and lady, J Bobbin, M Chazaza, R Chazaza, J Curtis, J S Pounds, W Lobach, A Rosser, E Schleisen, Mrs Turbleun, Mrs Landawes, T M Murrill, Mrs Landwehr, R M Walsh and Son, G Lastape, Mexico; J King and family, C D Salmon, J C Lurue, S Hart and family, B Dunn, Lex; D Hanna, Ruth; A A Adams, R M Ewing, J B Robinson, Tenn; M M Tiler, A J Pentz, D S Pattison, J W Shipp, J H Willis, Miss; C Vanderpool and lady; Miss Dardaizon; R C Harne.

ST CHARLES—M G Baldwin, N Y; E W Hale, Mo Oakford, Col A Lumsden and family, F H Haist, N O; D Geary, R M Reuben, Mobile; J C Calverten, Ind; M F Woodruff, Ala; J S Hall, W S Barry, Miss; F M Hereford, P C Smith, La; Mr McDermott, Ark; J Berry.

COMMERCIAL—T Greenleaf, J R Terrell, J P Blaxley, D Finney, J Holombine, M Brewender, A Black, R F Miller, Miss; E Houston, Memphis; T J B Rockwell, Ark; Capt J Moore, W D Wardlow, La; V Chambers, T F Brown, J Osborne, C Ridgway, Ohio; John Drummond, Tenn; W Owen, Pittsburg; J Sedrick, St Louis.

PLANTERS—G G Dunn, J Rhodes, St Louis; S Butler and son, Miss; J H Bestwick, La.

HUNTLEY'S—S F Pennington, G W Scutell, La; H Hosmanns; J W Tumpkins, Ky; D H Townsend Tenn.

☞ 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 Cleveland street, between the New Custom house and the River.

He offers the following certificate from the physicians of Memphis:

"Dr. S. Gilbert.—We have been intimately acquainted with Dr. S. Gilbert's practice for four 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 judgment, been far more successful in the treatment of the class of diseases he professes to cure than any other physician in the world.

M. GARRETT, M.D. WM. DENNY, M.D.
J. LEE, M.D. JOHN WILSON, M.D.
J. HAMMOND, M.D. S. W. SEAT, M.D.
B. CURTIS, M.D. mh25 2t

ELECTRO-BIOLOGY AS A REMEDIAL AGENT. Those who have been taking lessons of instruction of Mr. Fiske in the new science of Electro-Biology, have had an opportunity in several instances of testing its practical utility in curing diseases. Some very remarkable cases have occurred, which almost surpass belief. The subject is producing almost universal interest in our city at present. This evening Mr. F. will Lecture again at Armory Hall.

☞ Mr. Disney, of Ohio, and Mr. Gorman, dem., of Indiana, have delivered conciliatory speeches in the House of Representatives on the slavery question. These are among the most favorable signs of an adjustment we have seen. Mr. Gorman castigated the Hon. Mr. Mann, of Massachusetts, without mercy.

☞ The highest title known at London for twenty years occurred on the 29th Jan., when the water rose to within two inches of the level of the entrance to the Thames Tunnel.

☞ The President has recognized Samuel Price as Consul of the Republic of Chili for California.

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

HARMONY Division, No. 15, at Crystal Fount Hall, No. 222 Tchoupitoulas street, at half-past 7 o'clock.

LAKE Division, No. 9, at the Methodist Church, Algiers, at half-past 7 o'clock.

Auction Sales This Day.

SYKES, HYDE & Co. will sell, at half-past 10 o'clock, at 108 Magazine street—Rio Coffee....At 1 o'clock, at Post H, Second Municipality—Bricks.

FLORANCE & TAYLOR will sell, at 11 o'clock, on the premises, Lease of the Commercial Exchange, St. Charles street; also, the Wines, Liquors, Plate, etc. of said establishment.

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

Steamboat Departures This Day.

☞ SEE ADVERTISEMENTS ON THIRD PAGE.

Mobile.....CALIFORNIA, Reynolds, 3 P. M. Cars.
Red River.....WOODSMAN, Ambrin, 3 P. M.
Cincinnati.....BUCKEYE, Dixon, 4 P. M.
Pittsburg.....LOWNDES, JR., 4 P. M.

☞ The new, magnificent and swift running passenger steamer LOWNDES, JR., Tom Brown, master, will positively leave THIS DAY, Monday, at 4 o'clock, P. M., for Princeton, Lake Providence, Yazoo, Shelburn's Bend, Wolverson, Grand Gulf, Rodney, Natchez, etc. mh25 T. B. SMITH, 96 Magazine st.

☞ A Card.—AMERICAN THEATRE—*Benefit of James Gulick Fire Company No. 17.*—The Members of this Company beg to announce to the citizens of New Orleans that the Manager of the American Theatre has, in the kindest manner, set apart MONDAY EVENING, March 25, for their Benefit, when they trust the pieces selected, a favorite Tragedy and Farce, in which Messrs. Jamison, Chirles and Jonas, and Mrs. Coleman Pope, will appear, will insure them a share of public patronage, the object being to obtain funds for a New Banner and Engine. mh23 3t

☞ Benefit of Mrs. J. M. Field.—ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 27.—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. PITT have kindly volunteered, and will appear in the new Play of

TREVANION.

Mr. T. BISHOP will appear in the Cloak of Opera of

THE WATERMAN.

Mr. T. PLACIDE having in the handsomest manner tendered aid on the occasion, Mrs. F. has the honor of announcing the names of Mesdms. HILARIOT, MARON, MARTIN and JULIA VALEE, who, with Messieurs MAUGIN, BOUXARY, VEGAS and PINGUELY, will appear in the favorite Divertissement of

LA ARRAGONESA.

HOLLAND IN CALIFORNIA will conclude the entertainment. Mr. H. appears for the first time in the St. Charles Theatre. mh25

☞ Cure of Disease by Electro-Biology.—Mr. FISKE respectfully informs his friends and the public that Dr. C. A. STEVENS, of Buffalo, N.Y., a popular and highly successful practicing Physician, will give his attention to those requiring his medical services, on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS, from 9 until 12 o'clock, in the forenoon, for Gentlemen, and on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS for Ladies, at the room in Armory Hall. Spectators not admitted. The charge for examination and treatment for each time the patient may be operated upon will be $1 00, when visited at their residences, an extra charge will be made. mh23 tf

Louisiana Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons.

☞ An Adjourned meeting of the above will be held at Masonic Hall, corner of Perdido and Baronne street, on TUESDAY EVENING, March 26, at half-past 6 o'clock.....The Officers and Members are ordered punctually to attend. By order of R. W. ROBERT MOORE, Grand Master.

Attest: D. BLAIR, Grand Secretary, pro tem. mh25

Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana.

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Temple Meeting.

☞ A Regular Meeting of ODEON TEMPLE OF HONOR No. 8 will be held in Crystal Hall, No. 222 Tchoupitoulas street, on TUESDAY EVENING, March 26, at 8 o'clock. M. W. MOGARITY, W. R.

☞ 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, at Armory Hall, at early as the hour which will permit. 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