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NEW ORLEANS:

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 27, 1850.

☞ Mr. CHARLES T. BARKER 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.

The Mail failed yesterday, and even our river papers, by which we are often placed 24 and 48 hours ahead of the Mail, did not come to hand.

THE CROP OF 1850.—Letters received from all parts of the Cotton region, furnish proof that the cotton plant was never more backward at this season of the year. The cold weather of March killed the cotton which had come up in the lower country, while the long continued rains have put back the planting, in the upper. A large extent of country is under water on the Bayou Magon, Black River and other streams. Persons interested, may rely on this, that the prospect for a large crop was never so discouraging. Our information embraces the entire cotton region of the West.

MASONIC.—We understand that at a sitting of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Louisiana, held on the 24th inst., they passed resolutions calling a convention of delegates from the different Lodges in the State, to meet at Baton Rouge on the first Monday of June, 1850, for the purpose of framing a Constitution for the future government of the Masons in this State. The convention will be very large, and will be composed of some able men; and we hope our Baton Rouge friends will take good care of them. They also appropriated, as a donation, $100 to the National Washington Monument at Washington.

VIDO VIN'S sales during the week have drawn crowds of ladies and gentlemen, who bid very eagerly for the glittering articles of vertu. The greatest collector of these unconsidered trifles was Horace Walpole, whose residence, Strawberry Hill, was a large toy house filled with costly trifles. They were preserved with religious care for over a century. But at last one of his spendthrift heirs consigned the show cottage, and its curiosities, to the fate of the hammer. On the first page will be found an amusing description of this "old curiosity shop."

HISTRIONICS—*Mrs. Stuart's Benefit on Monday Evening.*—This lady will be happy to see as many of her friends as can find seats at the Hall. Mrs. Stuart has been as indefatigable in the performance of her duties as any artist in the city. The persons who have received so much pleasure from her acting will, we are sure, make some return. The million have shown their appreciation of their favorite at Placide's, and now, the *select* must not be behind the plebeians.

We again say, the gentlemen who are at so much expense and trouble to furnish so agreeable an entertainment for their friends, deserve the thanks of all Melpomenia; and the actress who has so effectually aided them in their praiseworthy objects deserves to have those thanks coined into dollars.

THE VARIETIES.—*Jesse Rural* continues to draw. The last scene, where he is so delighted with the success of his plans, and the heart breaking grief which crushes him when he discovers his mistake, is unsurpassed by any tragic actor that ever trod the boards.

AMERICAN THEATRE.—We understand that Mr. Gaisford is about to open the American Theatre for a summer season. He is bold, but boldness appears to be his characteristic in every thing he does; with his indomitable perseverance, off-hand business manner, and good judgemant, he may, perchance, succeed. We hope he will.

McALLISTER, the Magician, has the secret of drawing good houses. His apparatus is very extensive, and he is enabled to perform a great number of new tricks. The Editor of the Statesman had better try his wise head in reading those riddles, which put at fault the sharpest eyes. The sleeping lady is one of these painful exhibitions which he ought to dispense with. He continues to delight and amuse his visitors for a few nights longer.

CHANGE IN THE CAMP STREET ORPHAN ASYLUM.—We are informed that the good and faithful Sister Regis, who has so long presided over this institution and whose name has become identified with it, has been called by the church to the care of an Asylum in Baltimore, and that Sister Irene, second only to her late Superior in her untiring attention to the wants of the orphans, will take the vacant place.

NEW ORLEANS NEWS-LETTER.—We are requested to say that this neat little publication, containing the result of the election and the news *local* and *commercial* for the week, will be issued early this morning, and can be obtained of the agents throughout the city. The Falcon sails on Monday, and every letter to California should be written on the "News-Letter" sheet.

GRAND EXHIBITION BALL TO-NIGHT.—The exhibition ball of the pupils of Mr. Bruns, at Armory Hall to-night, promises to be a most interesting and attractive exhibition. We understand that sixty pupils dressed in costume, will perform all the different fancy dances so popular at the present time. The Polka, Cachucha, Cracoviense, Mazurka, National dance of Germany, Highland Fling, Viennese Flower and Scarf dance, Chinese Comique, and a number of beautiful Waltzes, Hornpipes, etc., will be presented. Several of these dances will be given by 20 young ladies, forming a fairy hand linking—

"————Grace and harmony in happiest chain."

The pupils of Mr. Bruns are remarkably perfect, and the programme which we publish in another column should call together a brilliant assembly to witness this pleasing exhibition. Seats have been arranged for the guests, and the indefatigable and very courteous manager will see that every accommodation is prepared for the public. The price of tickets has been placed at a small sum, and we expect to see emphatically a crowded house.

POSTPONEMENT.—In consequence of the indisposition of Mlle Augusta, the Concert of these talented young artistes did not take place last evening at the Hall of the Commercial.

THE GRAND CONCERT.—The Grand Concert of Strakosch and Wallace, which will be the most brilliant of the season, takes place on Wednesday evening next at the Lyceum Hall. On this occasion Strakosch will perform a new polka—the Sea Serpent Polka—which he has composed since he was last with us, and which was received with the greatest applause in Havana.

BENEFIT OF MR. AND MAD. BRESIN.—On Monday evening the fine opera of the Barber of Seville, and the grand opera of Lucia di Lammermoor, will be performed at the Orleans for the benefit of these deserving and popular artistes Mr. and Mad. Bresin. A crowded house should testify the public estimation of these talented performers.

ORLEANS THEATRE.—The charming opera of Le Caid will be performed this evening. The entertainment cannot fail to please every lover of melody. Le Caid is a sprightly musical gem.

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FOR CALIFORNIA.—The fine bark Elizabeth, Capt. Jones, leaves this evening at 5 o'clock for Chagres, and offers an excellent opportunity to persons going to the "Gold Diggings," as she has splendid accommodations and gentlemanly officers.

ANOTHER REGATTA.—The Second Spring Regatta at Lake Pontchartrain will take place on Tuesday, May 14. We are glad to see this announcement, and anticipate a day's entertainment as different from the hound-as-fleet of the city as the blue sky and refreshing breezes of the Lake are from the gas-lights and heat of a crowded saloon.

SCENE IN CAMP STREET.—In Camp street, on Thursday last, several ladies surrounded a young and good-looking man, extended on the sidewalk, in a state of beastly intoxication. The ladies were, it appears, pupils of Fish's Hygienic, or Psychological class, and prompted by benevolence, no doubt, as well as a desire to practise and test the truth of the science, they went to work, striking the pose girl on the back, making passes, and occasionally saying the magic words, all right! all right! In a short time the patient with a look of wonder and astonishment cried out, "Sure its all right, I am sure enough;" an awakening which was accompanied by roars of merriment from the crowd around, none of whom seemed to enjoy themselves more than the ladies in question, who led their patient into a house to complete the experiment, and we understand that they were entirely successful in making the woman perfectly sober.

Our foreign exchanges say that the Irish people appear to be much pleased with the proposed abolition of the place of Lord Lieutenant. Sham royalty will be superseded by an equality of position with Scotland and Wales.

The Lion and the Gad-flies.

The Free Trader thus speaks of the recent comment by the Crescent on its denunciation of Mr. Benton:

"The New Orleans Crescent administers a salty reproof to the Free Trader for sustaining Gen. Foote in his late assault in the Senate upon Col. Benton, and then, as if forgetting his own advice, turns round and assaults Gen. Foote worse than we assaulted Col. Benton. We only called the latter a Senatorial ass and solemn owl, while the Crescent says of Gen. Foote, that he is 'a man of yesterday, never heard of beyond the circumference of the county court yard.'"

Now the only difference between the strictures of the two papers is, that the Crescent spoke the truth, while the Free Trader did not. Is not Mr. Foote a man of yesterday? Has he a national reputation which any man envies? Is he in the first or even second class of Senators? Is it not notorious that he has *talked* more than any other Senator during the time he has been in that Chamber? He is troubled with that disease, so annoying to every body, the *cacoethes loquendi*. Hence his incessant talk on every subject—until the ear and the mind of the Senate are worn out. "Mr. Foote is as much a member of the bar of the Supreme Court as Daniel Webster is." Every respectable man, who is a licensed attorney of any State, may become a member of the bar of the Supreme Court by paying the Clerk's fee. But surely the Free Trader does not pretend to claim any rank for Mr. Foote as a lawyer? Mississippi has an able bar; no Southern State can boast of a superior. Holt and Prentiss, Mayes and Yerger, Boyd and McMurran, are men who would appear well in the Supreme Court, by the side of Daniel Webster or Walter Jones. Mr. Foote's notoriety is undoubted. He is the Merry Andrew of the Senate. On one occasion we heard him at a political meeting attempt to take off the personal bearing of Clay and Webster; representing Mr. Clay as feigning *trembling age* to avoid personal responsibility.

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But the worst sin, the most inexplicable puzzle is, that the Crescent "has recently assailed Mr. Clay's judgement upon the California question." If the Crescent were a whig paper, it would say, that when Mr. Clay goes against the important measure of a whig administration, he must expect the criticism of the whig press. But the Crescent happens to be an independent paper, having a mind of its own, and does not hesitate to praise or blame, without asking favors of any party. The Statesman, which, we are told, occupies a very equivocal position in the whig party of Jefferson, must, by excess of zeal, make up for its somewhat doubtful standing, just on the principle which makes a woman of tarnished reputation always the most vigilant sentinel on the conduct of others.

The Crescent should be judged by the opinions it advances, and not by those it does not announce. By-and-by, the negative power will become the great element of action. We hope our neighbor will continue his astronomical observations on the phazes of the Crescent, and enlighten his readers by the publication of his discoveries.

A BISHOP SENTENCED TO DEATH.—The Pesth journals publish the verdict of the Austrian court-martial against the Bishop of Ladislaus, of Grosswardein. The verdict sets forth, that the Bishop was convicted of having yielded obedience to the orders of M. Kossuth's government; that he had attended sundry sittings of the illegal Hungarian Parliament, and sent an address of homage to Kossuth; and that he had promoted the ends of the summons to a general crusade against Austria. For all and each of these crimes, the Bishop has been found guilty of high treason, and sentenced to die a traitor's death on the gibbet.

THE MOBILE RACES.—The spring term of the Mobile Trotting Club commenced on Thursday. The day was fine, and a large concourse of citizens was in attendance. The race was for $100, for trotting horses, in harness, mile heats, best three in five. The following is a summary of the result:

C. S. Ellis's *Boston*	2	1	1	1
W. Cottrell's *Marshall*	1	3	1	2
R. Hall's *Rullion*	3	withdrawn		
T. McAuley's *Sir Peter*	4	2	dis.	

Time—2:36, 2:35, 2:36, 2:37, 2.

THE RIVER.—The Advocate of the 20th, published at Trinity, Catahoula parish, says: "The rivers here are swelling slightly, but it bodes no evil. The reports from above are favorable. The Ouachita has fallen 5 or 6 feet at Camden, the Mississippi is falling at Natchez, and no rise of consequence is reported from above. The people of Trinity are yet walking the plank in some parts of the town. Some can walk it, and some can not, at all times. About half the tillable land in this part of the swamp is out, and the people are pitching into it. For the other half, they will have to wait awhile."

A Mr. Napier, of Swansea, has announced to the Scientific Intsitution of that town, that he has discovered a new explosive substance, which he designates "white powder," having ten times the force of common gunpowder. It is composed of the following ingredients: One part yellow prussiate of potash, well dried; one part sugar, well dried; two parts chloride of potash. These materials are finely ground separately, and then intimately mixed.

Tight sleeves are again in fashion in Paris. Between the shoulders and elbows there is worn a double row of bullion fringe.

Tribute to Mr. Calhoun.

To-night our citizens will assemble at the St. Louis Ball Room to pay appropriate honors to the distinguished dead. Addresses will be delivered and resolutions adopted. Burke has said that "death canonizes a great character." The hour of death is like that of danger. Differences of opinion are forgotten and all units without a selfish division. Thus may it be with us. In the highest of all senses every American in heart and purpose is of the same political party with Mr. Calhoun—the party which reverences the liberties, honor and integrity of the Republic. For this the great statesman lived. He died as he lived, and a nation's tears commingle with his ashes.

Who has not, in the circumstances of his death, been reminded of the last hours of England's great statesman, the immortal Chatham! He had come down to the House from the bed of sickness and disease, for the cause of his country was at stake. "My lords," said he, "I rejoice that the grave has not closed upon me. I hold on still alive to lift up my voice," etc. "Pressed down as I am by the load of infirmities, I am little able to assist my country in this most perilous conjuncture. But, my lords, while I have sense and memory I never will consent to tarnish the lustre of this nation by an ignominous surrender of its rights. Any state, my lords, is better than despair. Let us, at least, make one effort, and if we must fall let us fall like men!" The Duke of Richmond replied. Lord Chatham, who appeared greatly moved during the reply, made an eager effort to rise at the conclusion of it, as if laboring with some great idea, and impatient to give full scope to his feelings; but before he could utter a word, pressing his hand upon his bosom, he fell down suddenly in a convulsive fit.—(*Belsham's Hist. of Great Britain.*)

RALPH WALDO EMERSON.—This American, having received the seal and impress of trans-Atlantic approbation, is now recognized by his independent countrymen as a profund thinker and eloquent "utterer." His lectures were listened to with much interest in the cities of Great Britain. Since his return to his native country, he has been lecturing in the Northern cities. We hope that another winter may bring him to New Orleans. Agassiz, Raphael and Emerson, would do much to arouse the interest of our citizens, and lead the mind from the dollar to the contemplation of higher objects, both of matter and of mind. The recent work by Gilfillan, contains a very flattering criticism of the great American, who doubtless is recognized in England as next to Mr. Webster. We think that writer, however, was misinformed, when told that Mr. Emerson was the least popular clergyman in Boston. On the contrary, we well recollect the Rev. Mr. Emerson as one of the most interesting pulpit orators of New England. We shall never forget the first time we saw Mr. Emerson. It was in the pulpit of another clergyman of his then faith. We did not know who he was. It is some twenty years ago, when he was a very young man. His pale face—his musical voice—his simple manner—his strange out-of-the-way thought, all announced him as a marked man. His duties as a pastor of a church were not of long duration. He refused to administer the Sacrament, and of course gave up his charge. His congregation parted from him with deep regret; for they loved him as a man, as well as admired him as a clergyman.

But though his refusal to perform the pastoral sacrament of the Lord's Supper dissolved his connection with his church, he still continued to preach. Accident threw the writer in close contact with him during a summer, when a similarity of taste in the study of natural history led to many a ramble, over fields and through forests and by river banks. Mr. Emerson had not yet become a great man, and the boy was not awed by the fame of his companion. But years of study and contemplation, of travel and seclusion, have called forth from the fertile soil "the golden fruitage." He is now recognized as one of the first minds which American institutions have produced. He is as powerful, in his peculiar domain, as Daniel Webster.

He has been lecturing, this winter, at New York, and produced quite an excitement. But this proves nothing. The opinion of the upper ten of New York is entitled to but little weight; it is all the mere effect of caprice. But in sober Philadelphia he has been equally fortunate in affecting the public mind.

There are so many eloquent men in the United States, that we will not call him eloquent. There is not a village bar which does not rejoice in an Erskine or a Curran. We never open a paper without falling on the name of some distinguished orator. In fact, eloquence is a weed so common, that it grows luxuriantly in soils which will not sprout peas. Mr. Emerson is not eloquent in that sense of the word. He is rather above the middle height, spare, with a pale complexion, brown hair, large grey, dreamy eyes, which only wake up when some strange thought flashes across his mind. His manner is extremely quiet, with but little gesticulation, and that not studied at the mirror. His voice is low, silvery, musical, its intonations unearthly; he seems talking to himself. Next to Dr. Channing, he is the most fascinating man who, in our age, has occupied the pulpit or the desk of the lecturer.

He has not published much. His thoughts are to be weighed, not counted. Two volumes of Essays and a volume of Lectures, under the style of "Representative Men," and one delicate volume of poetry are all. These are to be found at the bookstores in the city. We commend them to those who have not already become acquainted with the finest thinker of his times.

FROM FLORIDA.—By the arrival of the U. S. transportation steamer Fashion, Capt. James McC. Baker, from Fort Brooke, Florida, we learn that Gen. Twiggs was at this port, and that "Bowlegs" had returned to his town and expressed his determination never to emigrate. The Fashion touched at Fort Pickering and landed Col. Garland and lady, Capt. Howe, Adjt. 4th U. S. Artillery, and the band; she brought as passengers to this port, Dr. W. H. Bullard, G. G. Barkley, H. Hart, Jim Bowlegs' Indian interpreter, and "Alligator," a young Seminole chief returning West.

NAVAL.—The U. S. ship Germantown left Laguayra on the 11th inst., homeward bound, having on board two pirates, who committed the murder on board the schooner J. B. Lindsey, of Norfolk.

HURRICANE AT NASSAU.—We learn from Captain Hudson, of the schooner Aurora Borealis, which vessel arrived last night from Matanzas, that a report arrived at that place previously to his sailing, that a severe hurricane had visited Nassau, N. P., blowing down houses, trees, and almost every thing, in its course, and killing some eight persons. Capt. Hudson did not learn the date of the disaster.

Sir Francis Jeffrey married, as his second wife, a daughter of the late Charles Wilkes, of the Bank of New York. He was consequently the brother-in-law of D. C. Colden, Esq., of that city. Lady Jeffrey survives, and her only child is now the wife of Professor Empson, editor of the Edinburgh Review.

The proposed sub-marine telegraph between Dover and Calais, is said to be approaching completion. The tower for the battery, offices and general works, at Dover, is nearly erected; the insulated wires are in a forward state of progress, and expected to be sunk across the channel, in the course of the month of April.

Two steamers and two ships were to leave England this month, to renew the search for Sir John Franklin.

EXECUTION OF MCCANN.— We noticed, a few days since, the execution of this man, after four years imprisonment. The Columbia (Ga.) Democrat of the 20th has the following: "James McCann, jr., convicted of the murder of Joseph Toland, was hung near this place yesterday evening at 3 o'clock, in accordance with the sentence of the law. An immense crowd was present to witness the execution. The criminal, we are told, made no confession of his guilt, though he expressed himself penitent and resigned to his fate. While on the scaffold, with the dreadful preparations of death before him, he appeared calm and self-possessed, though the heavings of his breast told of the powerful working of his inward feelings. After a fervent prayer to the Throne of Grace by Rev. Mr. Weir, he accepted the proffered hand of the minister in silence, and then resigned himself passively to the sheriff and his assistant. During the whole of the awful scene, he kept his hand over his eyes until they were bandaged, apparently unwilling to look at or notice the crowd around him. At 3 o'clock precisely the drop fell, and he was launched into eternity.

The Odd Fellows' Celebration.

The celebration on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the splendid hall now in the course of erection opposite Lafayette Square, by the Order of Odd Fellows, will take place on Monday next. The procession promises to be a very handsome affair. We subjoin the order of exercises at Placide's Varieties:

By the permission of Mr. T. Placide, the efficient Orchestra, Sig. Gabici, leader, and the following distinguished artists, of the "Varieties," have volunteered their valuable services, viz: Mrs. C. Howard, Miss Melville, Mr. Duffield, Mr. McKeon, and Mr. Speer.

Voluntary, by Orchestra. Prayer, by Rev. C. P. Clarke.

ODE....WRITTEN BY G. W. CHRISTY.

AIR—"*Auld Lang Syne.*"...Solo parts by the above-named artists.

Hero, Brothers, let us cast aside
Ambition's pensing care,
And with united voices raise
To God our humble prayer.

CHORUS—All praise to Him, the Mighty Lord,
Whose goodness now we own;
May "Friendship, Love and Truth" unite,
To build on Earth his Throne.

His love hath smiled upon our hopes,
Our feeble youth sustained;
His hand upheld our tottering steps,
Till years and strength were gained.

CHORUS—Then swell the Anthem loud and long;
Our cheerful voices raise;
Let "Friendship, Love and Truth" unite,
To celebrate His praise.

Hope's golden day hath pierced the cloud;
Doubt hangs no longer nigh;
Bright aims are near—then onward press!
We may not—cannot die!

CHORUS—Oh! father, yet, let onward press;
Fear not Time's wasting Tube,
Such names as "Friendship, Love and Truth,"
Forever shall abide.

With hand to hand, and breast to breast,
Through Life we journey on:
Our proudest sins, to dry the tears
That gush from hearts forlorn.

CHORUS—Then father not, strain every nerve
Our Order to increase;
Let "Friendship, Love and Truth" be one,
And Sin on Earth will cease.

This day we rear our Earthly Fane,
Its walls must soon decay;
But does the Soul immortal die,
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But the worst sin, the most inexplicable puzzle is, that the Crescent "has recently assailed Mr. Clay's judgement upon the California question." If the Crescent were a whig paper, it would say, that when Mr. Clay goes against the important measure of a whig administration, he must expect the criticism of the whig press. But the Crescent happens to be an independent paper, having a mind of its own, and does not hesitate to praise or blame, without asking favors of any party. The Statesman, which, we are told, occupies a very equivocal position in the whig party of Jefferson, must, by excess of zeal, make up for its somewhat doubtful standing, just on the principle which makes a woman of tarnished reputation always the most vigilant sentinel on the conduct of others.

The Crescent should be judged by the opinions it advances, and not by those it does not announce. By-and-by, the negative power will become the great element of action. We hope our neighbor will continue his astronomical observations on the phazes of the Crescent, and enlighten his readers by the publication of his discoveries.

A BISHOP SENTENCED TO DEATH.—The Pesth journals publish the verdict of the Austrian court-martial against the Bishop of Ladislaus, of Grosswardein. The verdict sets forth, that the Bishop was convicted of having yielded obedience to the orders of M. Kossuth's government; that he had attended sundry sittings of the illegal Hungarian Parliament, and sent an address of homage to Kossuth; and that he had promoted the ends of the summons to a general crusade against Austria. For all and each of these crimes, the Bishop has been found guilty of high treason, and sentenced to die a traitor's death on the gibbet.

THE MOBILE RACES.—The spring term of the Mobile Trotting Club commenced on Thursday. The day was fine, and a large concourse of citizens was in attendance. The race was for $100, for trotting horses, in harness, mile heats, best three in five. The following is a summary of the result:

C. S. Ellis's *Boston*	2	1	1	1
W. Cottrell's *Marshall*	1	3	1	2
R. Hall's *Rullion*	3	withdrawn		
T. McAuley's *Sir Peter*	4	2	dis.	

Time—2:36, 2:35, 2:36, 2:37, 2.

THE RIVER.—The Advocate of the 20th, published at Trinity, Catahoula parish, says: "The rivers here are swelling slightly, but it bodes no evil. The reports from above are favorable. The Ouachita has fallen 5 or 6 feet at Camden, the Mississippi is falling at Natchez, and no rise of consequence is reported from above. The people of Trinity are yet walking the plank in some parts of the town. Some can walk it, and some can not, at all times. About half the tillable land in this part of the swamp is out, and the people are pitching into it. For the other half, they will have to wait awhile."

A Mr. Napier, of Swansea, has announced to the Scientific Intsitution of that town, that he has discovered a new explosive substance, which he designates "white powder," having ten times the force of common gunpowder. It is composed of the following ingredients: One part yellow prussiate of potash, well dried; one part sugar, well dried; two parts chloride of potash. These materials are finely ground separately, and then intimately mixed.

Tight sleeves are again in fashion in Paris. Between the shoulders and elbows there is worn a double row of bullion fringe.

Died:

On Friday morning, the 25th inst., at half-past 7 o'clock, of consumption, MARY FROST, late of Gibraltar, aged 28 years.

Arrivals at the Principal Hotels.....26th.

VERANDA—W J Donalson, R G Gibson, Memphis; P B Woodruff, Ala; Wm H Simpson, A F Magill, Italy and sevt; W A Moncuver and servt, W E Campbell, Miss; C D Lane, San Antonio, Texas; Mrs M Porter and family, Mr Heilbrandt, La; A Carson, Chester, Miss; W Sparks, J W Metcalfe, Natchez; J K Marble, Richmond, Va; J W Bailey, New Orleans; Geo G Barkley, Pensacola; H B Pettetone and lady; Mrs Anne Tetterson; Wm Hall.

ST. CHARLES—Sam'l Jerry, R G Smiley, Nashville; Mr Guthrie, Washington; A Hunt and servt, Jefferson county; George Firman, New Orleans; Mrs R Lancaster, Natchez; James Brown, Jr. W H Ballard, La; Capt Clay, U S A.

HEWITT'S—R H Robertson, Macon, Ga; Tuttle H Andrus, Sparta, Ga; John J Long, Ga; E M Tucker, A M Gibson, S M Telfut, Woodville, Miss; James Hill, Thomas Jennings, W Rush, Miss; Thos Rea, J W Paine, New Orleans; J B Williams, Texas.

PLANTERS'—Moses Gillen, Ohio; Jas L Armstrong, R F Evans, Tenn; A P White, Ky; B G Conner, Ala.

LOUISIANA—James Short, Lavaca; John Bellgin, Mississippi Cotton Press; Jas H Hankins, N Orl; John Cushing.

BANKS ARCADE—Joseph Friedman, Ala.

Auction Sales This Day.

STEES, HYDE & CO. will sell, at 10 o'clock, at 51 Magazine street—Hogsheads, Shoes and Brogans; and at half-past 10—Groceries, Provisions and Liquors.

Steamboat Departures This Day.

☞ *SEE ADVERTISEMENTS ON THIRD PAGE.*

Mobile .....JAMES L. DAY, Gibertson, 24 P. M.
Mobile .....MOBILE, Capt. Rutton, 6 P. M. Cars.
Red River .....KOSKAY, Davis, 12 M.
Red River .....AMAZON, Dobbins, 5 P. M.
Red River .....WOODMAN, Ankton, 3 P. M.
St. Louis .....WESTERN WORLD, Norton, 1 P. M.
Cincinnati .....EUROPA, Pierce, 5 P. M.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Alabama River.....DAILY PRATT, Johnson, 9 A. M.
Louisville .....ALEX. SCOTT, Sturgeon, 10 A. M.

☞ The tack ELIZABETH, Capt. Jones, for Chagres, will positively leave at 5 o'clock, p. m., THIS DAY, at which hour passengers will please be on board.

C. J. MEEKER & CO., Agents.

☞ For St. Louis.—The splendid passenger steamer WESTERN WORLD, will leave for the above and all intermediate landings, THIS DAY, Saturday, at 1 P. M. punctually.

HYDE & COLESBY, 12 Poydras st.

☞ The U. S. Mail Steamer EUROPA will positively leave for Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and all intermediate landings, THIS DAY, Saturday, at 5 o'clock, P. M., from Poydras street wharf.

HYDE & COLESBY, 12 Poydras street.

☞ The new, elegant and swift running passenger boat ROCKAWAY, Capt. Johnson, A. DAVIS, will positively leave THIS DAY, the 27th inst., at 5 o'clock, P. M., for Bayou-sept, Natchitoches, and Alexandria. T. R. SMITH, 96 Magazine st.

☞ SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.—The steamer OLIVIA will hereafter leave New Orleans after the arrival of the 1 o'clock p. m. cars, instead of 11 a. m., as formerly. Returning, leaves Covington at 5 o'clock, a. m., Every Day, Sundays excepted, arriving at the Railroad in time to catch the 10 o'clock, a. m. cars for the city.....Due notice will be given of the Sunday trips. sp27 tf

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

WASHINGTON FOUNTAIN, No. 1, at the Hall of Crystal Fount Division, 22 Tchoupitoulas street, at 8 o'clock.

PEARL DIVISION, No. 8, at Pelican Hall, corner of Common and St. Charles streets, at 8 o'clock.

.... *To-morrow Morning* ....

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

CRYSTAL FOUNT DIVISION, S. OF T.—Officers for the Quarter commencing April 4, 1850:

W H Watson	P W Golding
W H Ellis	W A N B Sterry
E W Ferry, Jr	R S A Cobett
Francis Jourdan	A R S John Alexander
Edw Booth	P S John Reynolds

Visiting Committee:

A Hero	27 Gravier street
W H Ellis	Florence House
M Golding	St Mary street, betw Nayades and Apollo
W H Watson	126 Apollo street
N G Morehead	St Thomas st, betw Edward & Benjamin
N B Sterry	52 Gravier street
Edw Booth	35 Gravier street

Grand Temple of Honor, State of Louisiana.

☞ The Regular Semi-Annual Session will be held at Temple Hall, No. 31 Royal street, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 15th May, at 8 o'clock. Delegates will please be punctual.

A. H. HEART, G. W. R., pro tem.

Grand Temple of Honor, State of Louisiana.

☞ The Regular Annual Session will be held on MONDAY EVENING, the 29th May, at 8 o'clock, at Temple Hall, No. 31 Royal st. Punctual attendance is requested.

T. B. HEARTT, Acting G. W. R.

Grand Division Sons of Temperance, State of Louisiana.

☞ The Annual Session of this Division will be held on MONDAY, the 29th inst., at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M., in Pelican Hall, corner of Common and St. Charles streets.....By order of the G. W. P.

EDWIN L. LEWIS, Grand Scribe.

Masonic.

☞ The Sir Knights members of JACQUES DE MOLAY ENCAMPMENT will assemble at Masonic Hall, corner of Perdido and Baronne streets, THIS EVENING, the 27th inst., at 7 o'clock. A punctual attendance is requested, as business of the utmost importance will be transacted.....By order of the Grand Commander:

W. W. JOHNSON, Captain General.

Strokosch's Concert.

☞ M. STRAKOSCH has the pleasure of announcing to the citizens of New Orleans that he will give a GRAND CONCERT, in the course of next week.....Mr. WILLIAM VINCENT WALLACE, the celebrated composer, has kindly consented to give his valuable aid on this occasion.....For particulars, see future advertisement. sp28

Grand Subscription Concert, under the Direction of Mr. Hoffner.

☞ The Subscribers to the Series of CONCERTS are respectfully informed that the series will be continued EVERY WEEK, at the Commercial Hall, St. Charles st. sp19 tf

☞ **Protection Hose Fire Co.**—Attend Regular Monthly Washing on SUNDAY MORNING, the 28th inst., at 8 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested.

By order: JOS. F. RUBIA, Secretary.

☞ **Perseverance Fire Co. No. 12.** Attend the Regular Monthly Meeting on MONDAY EVENING, the 29th inst., at half-past 7 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested.

By order:

HENRY J. HYAMS, Sec'ry.

☞ **Odd Fellows' Procession.**—The Procession will take place on MOND