

Amusements—This Evening.
PLAID'S VARIETIES—Cora of Chalmers—Helen—David Cooper—
Auction—
S. of T.—Meetings This Evening.
WASHINGTON DIVISION, No. 4, at their new hall, 1000
Washington street, at 8 o'clock.
CATHY FLOYD DIVISION, No. 4, at Crystal Front Hall,
Washington street, at 8 o'clock.

The Daily Crescent.

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NEW ORLEANS.
THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 8, 1851.
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By an oversight, we neglected to give the Pickens credit for the telegraphic dispatches in yesterday's Crescent.

PLAID'S VARIETIES—The new fifty drama, called "Ghosts of Chalmers," by one of our citizens, was brought upon the stage for the first time, on Tuesday evening. We intend making a critical notice of this drama after the presentation, which will be made on Wednesday. From what we have heard—not having been present at the first representation—the piece is clearly written, the plot good, and the characters well drawn.

The Jackson Railroad.
The Texas Delta states, yesterday, that the project of a continuous railroad from New Orleans to Jackson had been abandoned—than which nothing could be further from the fact. Not only has it not been abandoned, but the committee appointed by the Convention to superintend it preliminarily, assure us its prospects are very flattering—yes, even beyond the expectation of its most sanguine advocates.

Already the amount subscribed is so near the sum required before breaking ground, that there is no doubt whatever of obtaining the trifling balance, and even much more, indeed, the manifestations in favor of this enterprise are so decided, that the committee have it in contemplation to employ surveyors immediately to reconnoitre the country, to ascertain the most desirable route, etc.

New Hooks at Morgan.
THEORY OF PENALTY—of the Theory of Punishment, by M. J. Morgan, from the German, J. S. Morgan, New York, 1851. It is a strange book. Its great object is to overthrow the system of Materialism and consequent infidelity. Secondly, to accumulate a strong array of undeniable facts in the department of the supernatural, and to place them upon their proper basis, thereby, to cast a light on the state of the soul after death; and, lastly, to promote personal holiness, in heart and life.

Lake and River Fares—Steamers Ohio has favored us, as usual, with news from Mobile. "Where indeed," says the paper, "the late St. Louis papers, we have late St. Louis papers from the steamer Patrick Henry."

Bayou Sara.—The St. Francisville Chronicle congratulates the people of Bayou Sara, that within a few days more the streets leading to their landing will be free from water.

HON. A. G. PENN.—The Point Coupee Echo notices a visit to that parish by this gentleman, who represents the third district of this State in Congress. He has information from Mr. Penn of his intention to cross the district again sometime during the summer.

OPOLUNAS AND NEW ORLEANS RAILROAD.
Meetings of those interested in building this road are announced to be held in various places designated, in the wealthy Parish of St. Mary. The calls for the meetings are signed by many of the leading people in that Parish. Addresses on the nature, cost, and expediency of the road, are to be delivered, by gentlemen of St. Mary and adjoining Parishes, and delegates to be chosen, to attend a meeting to be held in New Orleans, on 4th June next, etc. to be elected.

Water in Pointe Coupee.—The river, on the 31st inst., had fallen three feet or more below high water mark, and was lowering in earnest. The Echo has this promising paragraph:
"The water recedes rapidly from the back fields, in the neighborhood, which were less than a week ago, and the crops which were in the ground by the river, are now in the hands of the planter. The planter on Bayou Focher, we understand, have commenced planting in those places which have been under water."

Commerce and Robbery in Mobile.
Mr. McFarland, from Aberdeen, Miss., having received four thousand dollars in gold in Mobile, on Saturday evening last, had it carefully wrapped in a package, in the counting-room of Mr. Wm. Eckford, commission merchant there, and gave it to a black boy of Mr. E. to carry to the steamer Clara, on which he had taken passage. Mr. McFarland did not accompany the boy, and did not find him when he was down on the boat. After a time, the boy returned and said that he had given the money to a stranger, who said that he was the proper person to receive it, and walked off. Information was immediately lodged with the police, who went to work with dispatch to trace the robber and the money. A man named William Taylor was found to have a large amount of money with him, and was arrested. This man, it is supposed, arrested him, and along with him, thirty-nine hundred and eighty dollars of the money, all in gold. Taylor has been examined in court, and his counsel has asked and obtained time to lead witnesses, he remaining in confinement the meanwhile.

Havana.—By the steamer Mouthmouth, which arrived yesterday, we learn that a man was arrested in the early part of last week as a spy, and being found guilty, was on Tuesday week condemned to the galleys. His body was exposed to the gaze of the public from 10 o'clock in the morning, until three o'clock in the afternoon.

Boston, April 28.—Frank Oakes, of the ship Rio Grande, from Liverpool, was arrested in this city last night, for throwing a cannon ball against an Indian vessel, which was in the harbor. The Indian is lying at the Hospital.

Daniel Webster's letter was not read this afternoon, in consequence of the sickness of Alderman Rogers. It is said to be a long and able thing, and that his retractation is too late.

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Opolunas, Attakapas and New Orleans Railroad.
At a meeting held at the office of the Crescent Insurance Company, on Monday, the 27th inst., in relation to the opening of the 7th March, in relation to the Opolunas, Attakapas and New Orleans Railroad, on motion of Mr. A. E. Lawrence, Mr. M. Cohen, Esq., was called to the Chair, and on motion of R. B. Sumner, Esq., Mr. John Barns was appointed Secretary.

In connection with the reading of the report of Backer H. Payne, Esq., the agent appointed by the meeting of the 11th March, to visit Opelunas for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of stock likely to be taken up in the country through which the proposed line would pass, it was, on the motion of A. E. Lawrence, Resolved, That the report of Backer H. Payne, Esq., be published in pamphlet form, for distribution.

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee of fifteen members, adding his own name thereto, to take charge of the information on all points connected with the contemplated line of railroad, and the capability of its successful prosecution; to make the necessary arrangements for the holding of a meeting of the stockholders on the 4th June next; and to convene a second meeting of the parties now present, whenever they may consider that they are sufficient subject matter for renewed consideration.

Committee nominated by the Chairman in pursuance with the foregoing resolution: John Hall, Wm. Fellows, C. N. Oliver, R. B. Sumner, J. W. Lawrence, P. S. Simms, Thomas A. Adams, J. W. Stanton, Peter Gourey, Jr., H. O. Norton, J. B. Bell, P. J. Pavy, C. Toland, S. M. Darby, B. H. Payne.

On the motion of Mr. P. S. Simms, it was Resolved, That Backer H. Payne, Esq., be empowered to return to Opelunas, to visit the Parish likely to be affected by the operation of the proposed railroad, and which he has not already visited, with a view of ascertaining to what extent the Parish is willing to take the same, and to report thereon to the meeting to be held on the 4th June next.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the daily papers.

JOHN BERN'S SECRETARY.—The Albany (N. Y.) Register gives the particulars of the lynching, by a band of "Indians"—twenty or thirty in number—of a man in the employ of Mr. Van Rensselaer, while he was surveying some land in B. N. T. The Register says: "The cowardly assassins, who were completely disguised, and armed with rifles, sawblades, etc., surrounded his land peacefully, with a rope, laughing and jeering, and commenced their preparations for tearing and flogging the man. 'It was a fine built, tall, and well-dressed man, and he was entirely stripped of his clothing, and his body was then torn and pulled upon him, and he was then thrown on the ground, and covered with mud. The man, who was a Quaker, had been in the neighborhood for some time, and the assassins who had him in charge being fed and treated by the Indians.'"

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Harpers' New Monthly Magazine, For May. JOHN BALL, Publisher and Proprietor, 25 Nassau street.

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