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MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 13, 1852.

☞ See Supplement for official proceedings of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

Deep.—An Irish emigrant, just landed from the ship Windermayer, Capt. Fairfield, has had the misfortune of becoming separated from the members of her family. Catharine Burke, aged twenty-one, Ellen McNeil, aged thirteen, Patrick Burke, aged eleven, and Annie Burke, She is now at James Farrell's, 110 Hospital street, where she waits her missing ones to rejoin her. We hope some one will gladden the widowed emigrant's heart by safely consigning to her those she has lost in a strange city of a strange land. It would be worth a long walk and some trouble to relieve such distress as here, or the children might be sent to her under the charge of some obliging member of our police.

NEW ORLEANS CLAY MONUMENTAL ASSOCIATION. A meeting of the officers of this association will be held at the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company office, on this, Monday evening, Dec. 13, at 7 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested, as business of importance is to be transacted.

WHIG SENATORIAL CONVENTION.

This body meets this evening, at the hall over the Shades, at 7 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. It is understood that it will have to nominate two, and probably three, candidates for the State Senate.

It is to be hoped that there will be a full attendance of the delegates, and that their selections will be made with calm consideration of the interests of the State and city, and the success of the whig party.

Upon the next Legislature will devolve the responsible duty of putting the new Constitution into operation, and upon the ability with and the manner in which this is done will largely depend the future progress and prosperity of our city and State. If this important task should fall into the hands of those unfriendly, indifferent or positively hostile to its provisions, who would feel more inclined to destroy or palsy, than to amend and perfect, we can only see a troubled and discouraging future before us. Hence, we deem it most seriously of great moment to public interests, that our vastly improved Constitution should be put into operation by those who brought it into existence, and will prefer to amend and perfect rather than to destroy.

To this conclusion the people, we are confident, will, if they have not already, come, if competent, reliable and intelligent men are presented as candidates. It will not, however, answer to take anybody who is willing to stand as a candidate, a rampant and aspiring specimen of Young America or a profoundly self-venerated "Old Fogy." Men of mature years, business habits, practical intelligence, liberal views and well-known character must be brought forward; and to secure this, and the triumph of the ticket, the delegates should pledge themselves in advance to no one, and select without regard to *personal* and social acquaintance.

Those already nominated by the whigs are exactly the kind of men we should commend to the people, and be confident of their success. They are popular, worthy and capable gentlemen; and we would hope that they may be induced to stand as candidates. It is in every way important that they should—important to the city, the State and the whig party. If the whigs lose the Senators from the city, they will, in all probability, be in a minority in the Senate, though we deem a majority in the House certain. In case such should be the result, legislation will be inharmonious and inefficient, more embarrassed and disastrous than if the democrats had control of both branches. The defeat of the city Senatorial ticket would, also, be of serious damage to the general State ticket. In view of the probabilities of such results, we earnestly hope that the gentlemen already nominated may be induced to run. Public and party interests both unite to urge upon them to consent, and we hope they will not repel the call.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The brevity of this customary annual document is a commendable feature, and renders all idea of a synopsis unnecessary. There can be no comment upon, as there needs no summary of, the mere synopsis of the reports of the departments, hereafter to be presented.

We can not, however, forbear to notice the remarkable contrast between the first and concluding portions of the message. Of the former we dislike to speak, whilst of the last we can freely say that they present wise and statesmanlike views. Sympathizing thoroughly with the administration of President Fillmore in questions of domestic policy and of domestic nationality, we, yet, reserve to ourself a freeman's privilege, and must question some things in connection with the President's declarations of foreign policy.

In this, we can not recognize that performance has stood abreast with promise, or act with requisition. In this we can not, with all our political sympathies, forget the American in the partisan, or fail to declare that our own feelings urge more strongly, and our own convictions claim more largely than those announced by an administration we have just reason, in many matters, to respect. We are, neither by inclination nor interest, captious or critical in the premises.

But, we must say one or two things, in the plain speech of American manhood. In reference to some foreign questions, the message strikes us as so apologetic and explanatory as to amount to a total surrender of every thing at stake.

It is so with the Fisheries Question. The Message speaks of it as a new thing, not acted upon for want of time; when really it is some several months old, and, in these days of steam intercourse, might and should have been definitely acted upon long since. And the apologetic tone of the diluted explanation is such as to invite Great Britain to claim a total surrender of all those rights, for which the magnificent genius of Henry Clay so strenuously labored and which it so triumphantly secured. Under the language of the message, Great Britain may well claim new concessions and more favorable conditions for even her recognition of now established treaty rights. And such claim she will make.

Then we have Cuba and the Spanish authorities; and it is so with them. The message says:

"But the Captain General of Cuba is clothed with no power to treat with foreign governments, nor is he in any degree under the control of the Spanish Minister at Washington. Any communication which he may hold with an agent of a foreign power is informal and matter of courtesy."

Not one word of dissent or protest against the self-assumed powers of the Captain General of Cuba! On the contrary, a clear recognition of his right to communicate "with the agent of any foreign power" as only "informal and matter of courtesy"! The Chief Executive of our Republic recognizes the right of a subordinate of Spain issue this or that order, within or without the regulation of treaties, comity and common sense, and then to issue just such explanations as he pleases, as "informal and matter of courtesy," or no explanation whatever under heaven! What is this but a virtual, if partial, recognition of Spain's subordinate as a proper expounder of a portion of our treaties and of national law, with the privilege of a dilatory reference to the Court of Spain? If the Captain General of Cuba, a titled subordinate, has this right, why not *our* officers and officials? Why cannot Mr. Davenport judge of treaties and their force with as much propriety as Mr. Canedo? We say nothing of Mr. Davenport's refusing to be guilty of the folly of directly or indirectly judging of Canedo's right to place this or that distinction or condition between the faith of treaties and the rights of American citizenship. What would our Government say to any United States official who should claim and exercise the same interdiction claimed and successfully exercised by Canedo, the Cuban Captain General?

If any American official should pretend to act as this Spanish official in Cuba has, he would have a very brief settlement with his Government—republican as it is. The idea of our Government admitting the right of an individual subordinate to judge of the conditions of its diplomatic relations only in a manner "informal and as a matter of courtesy," palsies our strength of American manhood, and abases our national pride.

We had hoped that our Government would take the just and statesman-like ground, that the Captain General should be so far "clear in his great office" as to obtain the sanction and authority of his Government before taking action so important as to affect the regular commercial intercourse and relations of the two nations, and the just rights of American citizenship. We were not prepared for this singular recognition of his kingly right to take such action at his arbitrary pleasure, be unquestioned by our Government, and send us, good, peaceable souls, thousands of miles across the ocean, to sue for tardy and meaningless diplomatic explanations. Such a position invites to renewed insults, embarrasses our intercourse, indirectly encourages the growth of "filibusterism," and must finally provoke war.

Our sentiments, educational and political, are for peace; but the honor of our country is the temple of our faith, in which all Americans should worship truly, honestly, consistently, in the echo of Henry Clay's voice in the war of 1812, and in the wisdom of Henry Clay's counsel in the treaty of Ghent. To us, the Past illuminates the Future; and the patriot of Ashland leads the column in which we follow. Our Dead are before us, and we march behind the hitherto unsullied banner of the Union they have borne so proudly in the path of History, Fame and Honor. We would scorn an argument—though there are slight grounds—upon the Lobos Islands. Even upon such dung-hills we are not permitted to stand; and if we pass from the gloom of the irresolution of our outgoing Administration, we are not comforted by the darker shade of hopeless though wordy promise cast by the incoming upon the future.

We cannot too highly commend the statesman-like views of President Fillmore upon the subject of intervention; nor can we fail to note with praise the business-like character, the finished style and dignified tone of his last annual message.

We shall, hereafter, have occasion to review the career of his administration; and if we have a few words of censure for that excessive prudence which has the seeming of irresolute timidity, where there is the least question of war, we shall not fail to acknowledge the calm wisdom and self-reliant manhood exhibited in every question and in every trial of domestic policy. The administration of President Fillmore has pandered to no ultraism, foreborne the expression of no conviction and used no sectional speech. For these things it will be honored in history.

CITY BONDS.—To-day, at 12 o'clock, the Commissioners of the *consolidated debt* will proceed to open the bids for the purchase of the second series of one million three hundred thousand dollars of bonds—to be issued in accordance with the terms of an advertisement in another column. We anticipate that the bids will be fair and even liberal, owing to the credit of our city having been so decidedly re-established and its resources fully made known by the intelligent and active course of the Commissioners. We do not believe the capitalist could seek for a more reliable and profitable investment.

It may, also, be noted that the Commissioners are still receiving proposals for the exchange of the matured obligations of the former corporations, now consolidated, for the bonds of the city as now organized. Thus far they have received proposals for the exchange of nearly a million and a quarter of dollars.

COL. P. O. HEBERT.—Can't some of our contemporaries, professedly or indirectly democratic, make some remarks on two facts? They are these:

1st. Col. Hébert, the democratic candidate for Governor, voted and spoke against a proposition to report the proceedings of the Convention in the French as well as in the English language; and he, a Creole of Louisiana, made a claim of special merit in doing so.

2dly. Col. Hébert proposed that the officers of the army should be allowed to vote, but soldiers ("common folks," we presume, he ranked them) should be, by the Constitution, prohibited from voting.

THE MAIL.—The mail failed yesterday from beyond Montgomery. A few straggling exchanges of ancient dates came through from beyond that point. Verily our mail arrangements are great.

We are indebted to the clerk of the steamer Delta for river favors.

Thanks to the George Collier, Capt. Gosloe's fine boat, for late Memphis papers.

We are indebted to the Clerk of the steamer Crescent for St. Louis papers.

Thanks to the clerk of the fine steamer Reindeer for Louisville papers.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—The St. Charles was crowded from pit to ceiling last night, and the acting of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams was applauded as enthusiastically as on any former occasion. The play of "Ireland as it Is" is different from the usual run of Irish pieces, inasmuch as there are several good characters in it. Mr. Williams as *Ragged Pat* and Mrs. W. as *Judy O'Flaherty*, were every thing that their great reputation in the characters demanded. Mr. Lynne as the venerable *Don O'Cureico*, Mr. Nagle as *Neil O'Carolin*, Mr. DeBar as *Shaun*, and Mark Smith as *Mons. Voyager*, were excellent. Mark Smith in particular, as the Frenchman, was inimitable.

Mlle. Henrietta Vallee appeared in one of her beautiful dances, which was encored. This lady is a bewitching *danseuse*, but she labors under great disadvantages at this house, as the ballet is not made a prominent feature in the entertainments.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams appear again to-night.

COOK FOR SALE.—A gentleman, whose representations are entirely reliable, advertises in our columns a fine cook for sale. The servant has been a cook for several years, and he is a healthy and valuable negro.

THE WAX FIGURES.—The exhibition of wax figures and the beautiful dioramas in the Hall of Commercial Exchange, on St. Charles street, is daily attracting more attention. To the dioramas has recently been added a splendid picture representing a portion of the interior of the great Crystal Palace. It is well worth a visit.

FOR NAVY BAY AND SAN JUAN.—Passengers by the brig Sylphide for these places will be on board this evening at 8 o'clock precisely; those who have not yet secured their tickets can do so by applying on board, Lower Pleasure Ter. at an early hour, or to the agents. See advertisement in another column.

COMFORT AND ECONOMY.—Murphy's Restaurant and Boarding-house, No. 98 St. Charles street, is one of the best conducted public houses in the city, and affords all the comforts and conveniences of any of the larger hotels at less than half the price. The lodging rooms are well furnished, airy and comfortable, and the table all that could be desired.

Whig Meeting.

Agreeably to public notice given, the whigs of the Parish of Orleans (right bank of the river) met on Saturday evening, December 11, 1852, at Wilson's Coffee-house, for the purpose of choosing a candidate to Representative in the next Legislature.

The meeting being called to order by Mr. Reese, Trice J. CASEY, Esq., was appointed President, Victor SEAR, Esq., Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Dohm, it was ordered that a committee of five be appointed to report to the meeting a suitable candidate, and Messrs. Dohm, Reese, Thayer, Hassum and Velkar, were chosen on said committee.

After a recess of a few minutes, the committee reported the name of A. B. Seger, Esq., for Representative, and the same being submitted to the meeting, was unanimously accepted.

On motion, the meeting adjourned, to meet again on Thursday next, December 16, 1852, at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of organizing ourselves for the approaching campaign.

T. J. CASEY, President.
VICTOR SEAR, Secretary.

GRAND CONCERT.—Mrs. Lindop, a vocalist of great excellence, gives a grand concert at the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, on Wednesday evening next. The concert is given under the immediate patronage of the Mechanics' Society, and Mrs. L. will be assisted by some of the best talent in the city. The programme is well selected, and we anticipate a pleasant entertainment.

THE AMPHITHEATRE.—Whitbeck offers a bill of rare excellence at the Amphitheatre to-night. Mr. Jeames O'Connell, who was shipwrecked in a whale—or, on one of the Fejee Islands, will appear in a fashionable tattered polka, taught him by a celebrated *ambitie de danse*, who flourished in that age on one of the aforesaid Islands. The equestrian troupe, generally, will appear.

THE MUSEUM.—Dan Rice's Museum and Menagerie, on St. Charles street, near Poydras, is becoming, each day, a place of more attraction. Visitors are astonished at the number of curiosities, and additions are daily being made.

THE GIANT.—The Nova Scotia Giant continues to draw crowds at Odd Fellows' Hall. He is decidedly a fair specimen of humanity.

CASSADY'S OYSTER SALOON.—We take pleasure in calling the attention of epicures to the collection of good things which can be found at the old saloon, No. 44 St. Charles street. James Cassady, the proprietor, is a worthy successor of his father in the business to which he has succeeded. His stock of oysters, received at a late hour last night, are second to none in town.

FANCY GOODS.—Huffy, No. 20 Camp street, has just received a most extensive addition to his stock of fancy goods. Those in search of presents for the holidays will find his assortment tempting.

LINENS.—Giquel & Jamison, No. 18 Chartres street, have received a very heavy stock of French, Irish and Scotch linens of all descriptions. They import their own goods and can sell them cheap.

THE SHADES.—Those who feel like partaking of a fine lunch, which includes more than an ordinary share of the luxuries the market affords, will do well to call at the Shades to-day.

THE CAMPBELL MINSTRELS.—Large and fashionable audiences grated the concerts of these celebrated artists the last two evenings. We hear every body speaking of them in the highest terms of praise. Those who heard them here some twelve months ago, assure us that finished and attractive as were their performances then, they are much more so now. We can safely say to our readers that if any of them wish to spend a long evening pleasantly, they can hardly find a better opportunity of driving dull care away, than by going to hear the Minstrels. While they will be treated to fun enough to make even a Nestor laugh, they will see and hear nothing at which the most refined and fastidious taste could justly take offence.

The Vicksburg Whig of the 5th thus speaks of this splendid troupe, which is soon to appear at the Odd Fellows' Hall in this city.

Park Benjamin is lecturing large audiences in Cincinnati.

The Legislature of Arkansas has agreed to adjourn on the 18th inst.

Mayor Seaver, of Boston, has been renominated for the office he now holds.

There continues to be great complaint in New York at the high prices of provisions of all kinds.

NEW BOATS.—Boat building was never more brisk on the upper rivers. Launches take place almost daily at Louisville, Pittsburgh, Brownsville and other places.

THE VOTE OF KENTUCKY.—The Frankfort Commonwealth has published the official vote of Kentucky for Presidential Electors. It shows the whig majority to be 16,912.

A WINDFALL.—Mr. W. S. Manison, a native of England, for many years a resident of Cincinnati, received intelligence a few days since that by the death of an aunt, he comes into a legacy of £135,000—about $670,000.

RAPID GROWTH.—Two years ago the "town" of Buena Vista was organized in Michigan, and polled seven votes, all there were in the place. At the late election the same town cast 337 votes for President.

A ROOSTER.—The editor of the Louisville Journal has received from a subscriber in the country, as a Christmas gift, a pumpkin weighing 124 pounds. "To use a novel and original expression, we should say this is some pumpkin."

POISONED.—The Madison (La.) Journal mentions the death of a youth of sixteen, son of Mr. Ezra Rundell, of that parish, by poison. The deceased was sick and was attended by a negro, who gave him several doses of strychnine by mistake.

WRECKED.—The British ship John S. DeWolfe, from Liverpool for Savannah, which went ashore near the latter port a few days since, will prove a total loss. The passengers and crew were saved.

U. S. MINT.—The following is the monthly statement of the Philadelphia Mint: Receipts, $7,254,000 in gold; coinage, $4,900,043. Total receipts of the eleven months in 1852, $47,099,324.

RAILROAD PROFITS.—The Memphis and Charleston Railroad, the Treasurer reports, received $4,449 21 for the month of November. This was done with but one locomotive, and that in a crippled condition, and running the road only 24 miles, to Collierville.

WEATHER AND CROPS.—The Pine Bluff (Ark.) Republican of the 4th, says: The weather, though fine at present, was very unfavorable in the early and middle part of the present week. Farmers who are unfortunate enough not to have all their cotton picked out will sustain losses, owing to the rain that has lately fallen upon it.

AFFAIR OF HONOR.—We learn from the Columbia Palmetto State Banner, that Dr. W. J. Kelit, of Orange Parish, and Mr. O. M. Dantzler, of St. Mathews, exchanged shots on Friday, the 3d inst., at the North Carolina line. The former gentleman received a flesh wound over the shoulder blade.

POST-OFFICE OPERATIONS.—Among the new post-offices established by the Postmaster-general for the week ending on the 27th ult., is the following:

At Greenland, Covington county, Ala., W. G. Williams, postmaster.

The names of the following offices have been changed:

At Weir's, Bexar county, Texas, to "Valley."

At Fort Duncan, Kinney county, Texas, to "Eagle Pass."

CAUGHT.—We learn says the Louisville Journal, that a fellow is now under arrest in Jeffersonville, on the charge of having placed force rails on the railroad to run the cars off the track. No punishment is too severe for the scamp. It is said that he is a farmer in good circumstances, and the cause he assigns for the deed is that the company did not pay him enough for the right of way through.

AFFRAY.—The Louisville Journal states that an affray occurred at the Gulf House, in that city, between a man named Jones and another named Howell. Jones chased Howell into the dining room, while the boarders were at dinner, and fired a pistol at him, the ball ranging the whole length of the room. It is hoped a mistake that no one was hit.

THE ALABAMA RIVERS.—The Mobile Advertiser of Saturday, says: By the arrival of the steamer Sam Dale, from Montgomery yesterday, we learn that rain had fallen in the interior. This will further improve the present boating condition of the Alabama. From Demopolis we have accounts of a rise in the Bigbee at that point of twenty seven inches on the strength of which, the new steamer Mary Bess will leave this evening for Columbus and Aberdeen.

EXECUTION OF BLANC SKUPINSKI.—We have already announced by telegraph that the murderer Skupinski was executed at Philadelphia on the 3d instant. We have the following additional particulars: The prisoner was attended by two Polish priests. He passed a very restless and fearful night, and in the morning, prior to the execution, looked pale and haggard—was trembling constantly.

A short time prior to 12 o'clock he was led out from his cell to the scaffold, attended by his spiritual advisers, who sang and prayed in the Polish tongue, as they passed along. When on the scaffold he looked around for a few minutes, and, after prayers were again offered up, took leave of the priests, the sheriff, the keeper of the prison, and others. Marshal Keyser then adjusted the rope around his neck. It was subsequently fixed by a negro hangman in disguise.

The Marshal then drew the cap and the culprit was left alone on the scaffold. In a moment the drop fell, and after a terrible struggle of five minutes, life was extinct. The body was cut down in about thirty minutes and taken charge of by the keeper of the prison. He died protesting his innocence, asking forgiveness of all and of his maker. The priests refuse to divulge his confession. His last words were that he died as a christian, having been reconciled to God. He then prayed in his own language, and the priests placed a crucifix on his heart and a rosary in his hand. The fall of the trap, being only about three feet, was not sufficient to dislocate his neck. No doubt exists as to his guilt. The priests will bury his body.

Local Intelligence.

LAFAYETTE SQUARE.—The Cenotaph which was erected for the celebration of the obsequies on the 9th instant, still stands in the centre of the Square, adding very much to its appearance, and being an object of no inconsiderable interest to those who, by absence, sickness or other causes, were debarred from an opportunity of viewing it on the day of the celebration. We took a stroll through the Square yesterday afternoon, and observed quite a number of persons engaged in scanning the architecture and decorations of this temple of grief, while troops of bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked, gaily-dressed girls, dressed in that elegance of taste that pertains only to a New Orleans mother, happy in their ignorance of the purpose for the erection of the edifice, with the clear, ringing, merry laugh of childhood, were darting over, through and around the building, their bright dresses glancing among the sombre habiliments of woe like rays of sunlight through an o'ercloaded sky. Many of the buildings which were draped in mourning on the 9th, still wear the symbols of death, showing, that in our city, at least, the demonstrations were not of that evanescent nature which proceeds from an unfeeling association in public display.

CHARITY HOSPITAL.—The following is the report of this institution for the past week: Admissions 346; deaths 43; Discharged 335; remaining under treatment in the Hospital 957.

The monthly statement of the institution for November shows: Admissions 1702; deaths 324; discharges 1329; births 14.

Of the 1702 admissions during the month, but 143 were native of the United States.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held on Saturday on the body of a German named Charles Weigel, twenty-five years of age, who died suddenly at 179 Canal street. Verdict—"Died of apoplexy."

ARREST OF FUGITIVES.—Frank Collins and Henry Sales were arrested yesterday morning on a charge of having committed murder in Selma, Alabama. Capt. Forno, of the First District police, having on Saturday received a dispatch from the authorities of Selma, containing a description of the men, and requiring their arrest, proceeded during the night to the lake end of the Pontchartrain railroad, and on the arrival of the Mobile mail boat at 4 A. M., yesterday, he found the gentlemen on board and saved them the trouble and delay consequent upon hunting up a hotel, by depositing them safely in the lock-up. Nothing but a few papers were found upon the persons of Collins, but Sales was found to have $145 in money, a slung-shot, silver watch and papers. The stay of the accused in our city was rather short, as they left on the Oregon at 5 P. M., yesterday, for Selma, under charge of Capt. Forno and Mr. Boyd Robinson, of the First District police.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT, JUDGE LABEE.—*The Gold Dust Case*—On the motion for a new trial in the case of Rainey, Kahn, Greenhill and Marks, convicted of larceny in having stolen a quantity of gold dust, the court delivered its opinion on Saturday, refusing a new trial. The ground on which the application was based, was that the crime with which they were charged was not larceny under the statute, but breach of trust. The court held that the lesser crime of larceny was involved in the greater—that of breach of trust—and instanced the law applicable in criminal cases, where a party indicted for murder may be found guilty of manslaughter; or charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, may be convicted of assault and battery. It was sufficient in this case that the prisoners had concerted a plan to defraud. A prosecutor was taken to the gold dust office under a representation that it was the United States Mint; he had no intention of parting with the possession of his property and did not part with it with his own consent. It is party is feloniously deprived of his property without his consent, the offence is larceny. The application for a new trial was therefore refused. At the request of counsel, the sentences of the accused were postponed to Saturday next.

SENTENCES.—Michael Purcell, convicted of murder in killing Perry Kirwan, was brought up for sentence. The prisoner, on being asked whether he had any thing to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon him, answered, that on the trial his witnesses were not present, and if they had been present, his case would not have been so bad.

The Court said, that although his case was no more atrocious than others where a more lenient verdict had been given. He could not, and it was the painful duty of the Court to sentence him to death. He (Purcell) had but a short time to live, and it behooved him to use that short time for the benefit of his soul. The sentence of the Court was, that he be taken from hence to the Parish Prison, the place whence he came, and that between the hours of nine and twelve o'clock, on such day as the Governor shall appoint, that he be hung by the neck till dead.

Since Purcell's conviction he has become very pale and emaciated. His manner has much changed since the day of the trial, he having exhibited on that occasion a strange hardihood—saying, when he heard the verdict of the jury that he be "didn't care a damn!" When the sentence of the Court was pronounced he trembled violently, and hung down his head and wept.

George Henderson, for entering a house and stealing, was sentenced to three years' hard labor in the Penitentiary.

George Powers, found guilty of manslaughter under an indictment for murder, and recommended to the mercy of the Court, was sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labor in the Penitentiary. His Judge accompanied this sentence with the remark that he thought the offence had been committed in a moment of passion, without any intention of killing.

RECORDER'S COURT, FIRST DISTRICT.—*Shalnick Murder.*—The case of M. W. Murphy and others, charged with the murder of the man Shalnick, who was found lying in the gutter at the northeast corner of Tchoupitoulas and Broome streets, came up for examination on Saturday, and after the testimony of several witnesses had been taken, no evidence having been elicited calculated to throw any direct light on the affair, was postponed for further examination.

BAILED.—D. M. Matthews and A. J. Graves, who were arrested for assaulting and dangerously cutting W. P. Tannehill, at 5 P. M. on Thursday evening, in Gravier street, near the Varieties theatre, were on Saturday admitted to bail in the sum of $2,000 each. The representation in the surgeon's certificate that Tannehill is not in danger of losing his life from the effect of his wounds. It will no doubt appear when the case comes to trial, that Graves was implicated in the affray no further than in an attempt to separate the combatants.

LARCENY.—Catherine Kelly was arrested at half-past four o'clock on Saturday afternoon, on the foregoing charges. Officer C. H. Forno, with a search warrant, proceeded to the premises of accused, on Common street, and succeeded in finding a sack of coffee and one or two market baskets.

ROWDIES.—Daniel Brian, Andy McDermott, and John Condon, were arrested at half-past 11 o'clock on Saturday night, at the request of Matthew Higgins, charged with fighting and disturbing the peace of his house on Front street.

BOTTLE DIP.—Charles Brown, at 7 P. M. on Saturday, inflicted, with a bottle, a severe blow upon the head of Mary O'Rourke. For this unmanly act Mary requested that Brown should be arrested and held in "durance" until justice shall be done upon him, thereby redressing her injuries and healing the wounded dignity of the State.

SUSPICIOUS.—Michael Riley was arrested by Officer Ryan, on Tchoupitoulas street, at 6 P. M. on Saturday as a dangerous and suspicious character. The charge will be investigated to-day.

DANGEROUS ASSAULT.—Michael Kelly, charged with having, on the 24 instant, with intent to kill, assaulted and struck Mrs. Mary Berth on the head with a piece of plank, was on Saturday returned to answer the charge before the First District Court.

THE GOLD DUST CASES.—The examination of Charles Caumeyer and Thomas Hatfield, heretofore noticed as having been arrested for swindling Alfred Higgins and a lady named Elizabeth Wilmot, out of a quantity of gold dust amounting to about one thousand dollars, was concluded on Saturday before Recorder Genois.

The accused were sent to be tried before the First District Court on the charge of larceny in both cases. Bonds in the sum of $1,000 each was required in the first case, and $500 in the latter.

COMMITTED.—William Rafferty, concerned in the Lerwe riots mentioned some time ago, was committed for trial before the First District Court, charged with an assault and battery upon Wm. R. Smith.

BURNING.—Mary Cassidy and Ellen Sullivan are under arrest in the Third District for setting fire to a building.

Ladies' shoes, of the most elegant styles, of the best materials and the most elegant workmanship, are sold at the fashionable store of Messrs. McDonald & Stewart, No. 18 Camp street. Gentlemen's fine dress boots, and gaiters of the best quality, also every style of shoes for youth and children, are comprised in the stock of this establishment, which sells more ladies' shoes and gaiters than any other in the city, and at less profit. Give them a call.

TODD'S CARPET WAREHOUSE.—The assortment here comprises a full stock of every variety known to the trade, and at prices as low, if not lower than any other house in the city. Purchasers are advised to look at their goods, and compare quality and price with those of their neighbors.

Fresh Arrivals.
JOSEPH HUFTY,
IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
STAPLE AND RICH FANCY GOODS,
NO. 20 CAMP STREET,
☞ Respectfully solicits the attention of his friends and the public to the LARGE AND ELEGANT STOCK OF GOODS selected by him in the European and Northern cities, for the present season, among which may be enumerated
PAPIER MACHE
BONNS, WORK STANDS, FORT FOLIOS, FORT MONNAIES, PORTABLE DESKS, ETC., ETC.
CANES.
GOLD AND SILVER MOUNTED, SWORD AND FANCY WHALE BONE AND OTHER VARIETIES.
CUTLERY,
COMPRISING FINE PEN AND POCKET KNIVES, RAZORS, SCISSORS, BOWIE KNIVES, ETC.
GUNS AND PISTOLS,
DIRECT IMPORTATION—WARNER'S AND COLT'S REVOLVING PATENT RIFLES, COLT'S REVOLVERS, ETC.
SHELL COMBS,
A LARGE AND ELEGANT VARIETY.
BRUSHES, PERFUMERY,
SOAPS, RAZOR STROPS,
SHAVING CASES, ETC.
WATCHES, JEWELRY, ETC.
☞ Per steamer Cherokee—large additions, comprising
FINE ENGLISH LEVERS, IN HEAVY EIGHTEEN CARAT HUNTING CASES;
LADIES' GOLD HUNTING ANCHORS;
GOLD FOB, VEST AND GUARD CHAINS;
NEW AND ELEGANT STYLES BROOCHES;
BOX AND GLASS PINS, FOR MINIATURE OR HAIR;
GOLD PENS;
EAR RINGS, BRACELETS, STUDS, SEALS AND KEYS;
SILVER CARD CASES, FORT MONNAIES and an endless variety of goods in this branch, too tedious to enumerate.
For the holidays, this stock presents unusual attraction, and is believed to be the best selected of any in the Southern country.
Wholesale purchasers and city customers are requested to examine before purchasing elsewhere, as the whole will be offered at unusually low prices.
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Tapestry Velvet Carpeting.
☞ We have just received, per ship Maid of Orleans, a choice assortment of
VELVET CARPETING,
together with new styles of TAPESTRY BRUSSELS, and a large choice of the choicest styles of
THREE-PLY AND INGRAIN CARPETING.
dec6 1m4p CHITTENDEN & DAMERON, 56 Chartres street.

Arrivals at the Principal Hotels.—Dec. 12.

VERANDA.....R F Smith, Wm Brown, S G Grady, C S Golding, P McKenzie, W Jordon, S C; A Wilcox and lady, Hunt; Zawalsky, J H Oakenhusen, N Y; D Noble, R H Foster, J W Foster, Ala; C B Miller, W Reid, Mobile; C C Hilton, Pioneer U S N; Mrs Porter, Mrs W Taylor, J C Thorn, T H Lewis, W H Henderson, W L Swind, Jr., La; A P Moore, lady, three daughters and two children, Miss; J V Nuckles, Ky; Dr S C Jordan, Miss A Jordan, Tenn; W J Wynne, steamer Princess No. 3; W H Hudson, steamer Alabama.

ST. LOUIS.....J M Jones, U S revenue cutter Dana; P Randolph, W B Ralston, R Pierce, J V Dorsile, La; M K Rance, Gay M Green, C Haggerty, J Burnside, NO; P S Justice, Phil; J W Singer, Ky; A Irving, Mobile; D Nichols and lady, NY; J Berkwith, Ky; Wm C Little, 110 Wood street and lady, W B Thornton street, Tenn; R Christmas and lady, Miss; M C Hunton and lady, Ala.

CITY.....T G Polk, M W Stewart, J B Murphy, G W Miller, La; S G Valentin, J W Calloway and lady, Ala; J M Slaughter, Miss; John A Schwager, N Y; R W Seymour, NO; H L White, J H Connelly, Ky; R S Armstrong, Mo; A Pfeil and lady, Ohio; P S Petty, Miss.

ARCADE.....N Raiford, Mobile; W P Normandy, J A Kennedy, T W Gilbert, D S R Cason; J R Ryan, D P Collins, O Meek, W Smart, W P Williamson, La; R F Nickinson, J Howard, Miss; H J Kennedy.

Died:

Sunday morning, 12th inst., on his plantation, in the Parish of Jefferson, Dr. P. BURTIE, aged 87 years.

☞ The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully written to attend the funeral to-day (this) afternoon at 4 o'clock, at his residence, which will take place THIS AFTERNOON, at 4½ o'clock, at the residence of Lieut. Millandon, Tenbroeck street, between Bourbon and Dauphin, No. 157.

On Sunday afternoon, at twenty three minutes past 1 o'clock, JAMES H. MURPHY, aged 32 years.

☞ His funeral will take place THIS AFTERNOON, (12th) from the residence of his mother-in-law, John Hearn, No. 79 Triton Walk. His friends and those of his brother-in-law, John Hearn, are most respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

☞ CLAY MONUMENTAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the officers of this Association will be held at the Office of the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company on THIS EVENING, December 13, at 7 o'clock. By order:

J. B. WALTON,
E. W. ADAMS, } Secretaries.
WM. MUNAGHAN,

☞ TO THE BOARDS OF ALDERMEN AND ASSISTANT ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.—The undersigned inhabitants of New Orleans respectfully represent, that they have lately learned that your honorable body has changed the name of portions of certain streets, and amongst others that of Carondelet street.

Your petitioners beg leave to represent, that Mr. Girod, at the time of his death, had been an inhabitant of this city for nearly seventy years, during which period he rendered it most important services to this city, as well as to the State and to the whole country, as Mayor of the city and as private citizen. During the invasion of the State in 1811 and '12, he being Mayor at the time, his services were such as to elicit from General Jackson a letter of thanks for the important services he had rendered. As a private citizen he donated to the Orphan Asylum of the city, the property situated at the corner of St. Charles and Julia streets, worth at the time upwards of $40,000; and in life he had will and testament, he bequeathed unto the same large legacies made in favor of many other charitable institutions of the city, and particularly in favor of the relief of poor and indigent children. If this provision of his will cannot be carried into effect, it is not owing to any fault of his. Wherefore, your petitioners hope that you will be pleased to take their petition into consideration, and that you will restore to the street its former name of Girod street, and as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Joseph Girod, S. Bacon, S. W. Fullerton, Aug. Mollard, D. Friere, A. H. Boudousquie, Dorvillier Dabdy, A. Delachaise, A. Hardtner, J. Tousant, L. Adam, Jos. Rillieux, S. Lafontaine, J. Mouserat, Duffilo, Jr., Wm. Nelson, A. Cerné sr., F. O. Valdi, F. Lanna, R. D. Blossman, M. Marigny, A. Gerrier, G. Gelpin, J. B. Hawkes, J. E. Tourre, R. Gamble, I. Guna, N. Fleischmann, Wm. H. Wright, C. Gaudin, C. Simonides, A. Jacob, C. Gaudin, E. V. Wilz, jr., R. J. Fabry, J. Lanhoum, G. W. Delulle, Geo. G. Sleeper, Geo. W. Zedlacke, Thos. Sauer, Edwd. Pilsbury, Robert Reid, T. N. Blake, G. Schmidt, Jonas D. Dougherty, Samuel Aycock, Egrie, Saml. J. Peters, Francis Arnoux, J. Lonsche, J. B. Fortier, Chas. H. Kennedy, J. Cuccia, C. Gaudin, J. Sidney Reid, John Pemberton, J. Tinin, M. Tousant, Thos. Kice, M. J. Bigny, J. C. Avon, C. Rousseau, J. Kelly Smith, J. Tibbier, G. Rousseau, Arthur Dardy, M. Tousant, C. Rousseau, G. Rousseau, C. Rousseau, Fort Cabo, Wilcox Wells, A. Fourcade, Kock & Charpentier, Kock Dormaire, Ad. Rousseau, George Harris, T. T. Mather, Victor Wells, P. Meyer.
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☞ SOUTH-WESTERN BIBLE SOCIETY OF NEW ORLEANS.—A meeting of the members of the SOUTH-WESTERN BIBLE SOCIETY OF NEW ORLEANS, for election of officers, agreeably to its charter, will be held at the Repository, Odd Fellows' Hall, on TUESDAY, December 14, at 5 o'clock P. M. All interested are invited to attend. By order of the Board of Directors.
dec13 3t E. B. SHEPARD, Secretary pro tem.

☞ TO THE VOTERS OF THE FIRST REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.—As the solicitation of friends and opponents has argument that any candidacy may be of some service in forwarding your interests, I withdraw my name from consideration and accept the nomination as a candidate for the House of Representatives tendered me.
dec13 1t Respectfully, H. M. SUMMERS.

☞ FOR ALDERMEN—To serve the unexpired terms of James Robb and James Stockton, resigned, P. N. WOOD and SAMUEL JONES, Jr.
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☞ To PERSONS RUPTURED.—The many perman