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A MORNING DAILY CRESCENT,

A FAMILY NEWSPAPER

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 29, 1853.

MR. THOS. ANTHONY, late Collector for this paper, will do us the favor to call, at his earliest convenience, at the office.

UNITED STATES SENATOR.—We understand that dispatches were received in this city last night, stating that the Legislature of our State elected, yesterday, John Slidell to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate occasioned by the resignation of Hon. F. Soulé. Slidell, it is stated, received 70 votes, Hunt 37.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Notice for late Galveston papers.

Also to the Clerks of the steamer Georgetown, for late Galveston papers.

We are indebted to the clerks of the Baltimore Packet, New Orleans and Susquehanna for the last N.O. Louis and Ohio River papers.

WILLIAM ALLEN.—This gentleman, so distinguished in the oratorical world, delivers the last of an interesting series of lectures at the Lyceum Hall this evening at 8 o'clock. The subject of the lecture will be one of general interest—*The Relation of Mankind and the Animal Creation.*

The Rivals of the Prairies at a man of splendid and powerful intellect, it is not well known, wherever he is appreciated. He needs no any remarks from us, and we think that quite totally unnecessary. We anticipate a large, intelligent and gentleman an audience as any lecturer ever addressed, and as any that has ever assembled in a like assembly in the Crescent City.

Prof. Bolmer's lecture at Lyceum Hall, on Thursday night, on the subject of the Caloric Engine, was, we regret to say, very poorly attended. Those present, however, were highly pleased and gave a pretty clear insight into the nature of this new motive power.

Musical and Theatrical.

Mr. Jonas's last concert at the French Theatre, on Friday evening. He will be assisted by the elite of the city, and will doubtless have a fashionable house. In order to secure a seat, application should be made at the box office this day. We trust that Mr. Gottschalk, before his departure, will favor us in this end of the city with one or more concerts at least.

The Museum Theatre.—This evening's entertainment is the last, consequently the last night of the season, and consequently the last night of the engagement of the Ravel Family, who effect is one of the best of the season. We hope to see the St. Charles filled to its utmost capacity.

Mr. Wallack receives his benefit at the Varieties on Monday. He is one of the most talented and deserving actors on the stage, and should be greeted by a full house.

The entertainment at the Museum close this week on Saturday night at farthest. The Negro Serenaders, at Powell's distillery, afford a pleasant evening's entertainment.

We learn that Dr. Jones will open the dramatic season at the Museum in this city, on Saturday next.

Mr. Jones will also take a benefit at the Varieties on Monday next.

Mr. Wallack, we understand, at present in New York, is arranging and improving his residence, preparatory to his tragedy for the stage—by a New Orleans author he intends to produce at an early period.

Mr. Forrest will give a day performance at Vicksburg for the benefit of the public schools. The house was crowded and twenty dollars was realized. The impression that Kim drew the largest audiences ever made in Vicksburg.

Railroad to Bolivar Continues.—We learn from the Memphis (Tenn.) Intelligencer that on the 14th inst., in the Memphis Court for that county, Angus W. McDonald obtained judgment for forty dollars against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, as a penalty for failing to take the passenger up in Paddytown and allow him to travel in the cars on the road. It is stated that several other suits of the same character are pending in that Court.

The Steam Wire Dam.—The U. S. District Court at Milwaukee, on Wednesday of last week, refused to grant a mandamus in a case recently decided before that tribunal against the city of Philadelphia, and in favor of the heirs of Stephen Girard, which involves eleven large coal tracts in the vicinity of Schuylkill, in value exceeding one million dollars. This will be a heavy loss to Philadelphia.

Death of Hon. Benjamin Swift, Esq., father of Mr. Sargent of the Louisiana Republic, died on the night of the 20th inst., at Roxbury, Mass.

Col. P. H. Bonner—Old Bullion—reached St. Louis on the 20th inst. in good health.

Removal of U. S. Revenue Officers.—It is stated that under the late reduction made in the United States Revenue service, five captains, three first lieutenants, two second lieutenants, and eighteen third lieutenants have been removed, leaving about sixty-five officers for the revenue cutters now afloat. It is said that among the number are Capt. Wm. B. Whitehead and Lieut. Smith, of the revenue cutter Harrison, at Oswego, and Capt. Polk, of Maryland, who was but recently promoted.

Real and Personal Estate.—According to an official document, recently published by order of Congress, the aggregate assessed value of the real and personal estate of the District of Columbia, for the year ending June, 1852, was $14,618,874, and for that terminating with December, 1852, $16,430,71. Population on the first of January, 1853, 51,878; average real and personal property to each individual, $268.

Present Queen Mother.—The New York Herald informs that the eldest daughter of Prussian parts, Mr. Waldeyer, has resigned the United States Post Office Department. The Prussian packets between New York and Boston by way of Liverpool and Hamburg for Prussia, frequently reach Cologne without the letters and the envelops torn off; and money, which is often enclosed in the letters, is found in the office, stripped from the letters. A request is made that directions be given to the postmasters here that all letters for Germany be sealed up officially in a suitable manner, and similar proceedings are to be observed in Prussia.

Steam Navigation to Australia.—Prince's London Times of the 1st inst., by way of warning to the public, calls attention to the excessive shipments of merchandise, as well as the rush of emigration to Australia. In about that a fortnight previous there were loading from the port of London and Liverpool alone, 113,645 tons of shipping and 26,000 tons of foreign shipping for Sydney, Melbourne, and other Australian ports, besides 6378 tons from the Clyde, and at least 10,000 from other ports; making in all, 207 vessels. In consequence of the enormous rushes which some speculative exporters had realized, the shipments to that country, vast numbers are embarking in the business, so that immense quantities of merchandise, gentlemen, and unsalable commodities are crowded for shipment, and the demand for freighting, as well as passengers, exceeded all precedent. Freights had risen within the last five or six weeks a hundred per cent, and were still rapidly advancing.

The World's Fair Crystal Palace, which is expected to be opened in New York at the beginning of June, will receive some valuable articles from home. The New York Post says:

We are pleased to learn that several gentlemen of wealth and taste in possession of valuable works of art, have tendered the use of them for exhibition, to the managers of the Crystal Palace. Among the more beautiful objects that have been seen, the Eve of Powers, the Greek Slave and Proserpine by the same artist, the Flora of Crawford, and the Lion and Cherubs of Greenough. These are amongst the best specimens of sculpture in the country.

A splendid service of silver plate, presented by the citizens of Boston to the wife of a friend of theirs in this country, will also lend interest to the show, together with a magnificent set of jewels, representing all the famous gems of the world—the Koohinoor diamond, for instance, which is superior to the famous Koh-i-noor, and many other of these precious gems owned by Mr. Hope, of London.

The Natchez Fencibles celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary on Thursday of last week. The Natchez Free Trader says that the beauty of their equipments, the high excellence of their drill, and the manly and martial character of their bearing, excited universal admiration among the citizens of Natchez, with whom the Fencibles has always been a favorite corps.

The Columbus (Miss.) Argus states that crops of cotton and corn are coming up most promisingly. Rains have fallen rather often and profusely, but with this exception the season so far has been decidedly favorable.

PHILADELPHIA TO THE CRESCENT.

By the Southern Line.

FURTHER BY THE CANADA.

Commercial Intelligence.

NEW YORK, April 28—1 P. M.

The advices by the Canada state that 60,000 bales of cotton were sold during the week, of which 37,000 were to the trade. Prices had advanced ¼d.

Flour had improved, and the closing quotations were 23s. 6d. to 24s. for Western Canal, and 22s. 6d. for Ohio.

Wheat was in good demand and prices stiffer, but the quotations unaltered.

Indian Corn in good demand at 6d. advance; white 30s. and mixed 31s. per quarter.

Of Provisions, the imports were heavy. Pork dull and the market overstocked.

Bacon active at a shilling decline.

The Canada at Boston.

The Canada is due at Boston on Friday morning at daylight.

FOREIGN NEWS BY THE CANADA.

NEW YORK, April 28.

The Canada mails are due here on Saturday morning.

England.

The house of Louis Kossuth has been searched by the London police. A large amount of arms and ammunition were found, which, as might be supposed, from recent events, caused a lively discussion in the English Parliament.

Kossuth's friends deny his connection in the matter. Lord Stuart accused the English Government of getting up false charges against the distinguished Hungarian.

Lord Palmerston denied casting any imputation against Kossuth, and said that the subject would be a matter for future inquiry.

Mrs. Stowe.

Mrs. Stowe's reception at Liverpool was a brilliant affair. She left for Glasgow, Scotland, soon after her arrival.

Spain.

The Spanish Ministry have resigned. There are rumors of an insurrection at Catalonia.

Mazzini.

It was rumored that Mazzini had gone to Turin, but it was subsequently rumored that he had crossed over into Sicily.

India.

The Indian mail has arrived at Marseilles. Accounts state that the English have been repulsed at Donnabew with the loss of one hundred men.

China.

The Chinese rebellion is progressing most fearfully. Preparations are being made to defend Nankin. The rebels are evidently gaining ground.

By the National Line.

Boats Passing.

VICKSBURG, April 28.

The steamer Cincinnatus passed down at 9 P.M., last night.

Something for Every Body.

Mr. W. H. Maffit, son of the Rev. John Newland Maffit, it is said, has been reinstated in the navy.

The ship Annapolis arrived at Philadelphia from Liverpool on the 20th with 181 passengers.

The omnibus proprietors of New York are about to raise the omnibus fare from three to six cents.

Professor Allen, of Girard College, has been held to answer a charge of imprisoning a boy in the college.

James Gardette has been appointed by the President Consul of the Republic of Ecuador for the port of New Orleans.

A dispatch from Washington states that the general impression seems to be that Dr. Gardiner will be convicted of the charge of fraud against the General Government.

Father Badiu, the first Catholic Priest ordained in the United States, died at Cincinnati on the night of the 20th. He was 88 years of age and had been a priest upwards of sixty years.

It is now confidently anticipated by the officers and directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, that the receipts of the company for the year ending the 1st of March next, will reach $4,000,000.

Of the one thousand men who formed the New York regiment in the Mexican war, only sixty are now alive, and but about forty are able to earn their living. This is a sad commentary on war.

It is rumored that Matt. Brown, late Marshal for Middle Tennessee, is largely a defaulter—variously estimated from $30,000 to $80,000. Mr. B.'s intimate friends here speak of the defalcation as a fixed fact. [Knoxville Statesman, April 13.

A slave of a clergyman in Boone county, Ky., who had learned to read, got hold of a copy of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and read it stealthily to his fellows. The result was that twenty-five of them ran off on the 24 of April, and had not been recaptured at the last accounts.

The ship Helena, Capt. Cave, which was the first vessel from New York with emigrants for Australia, returned on Wednesday morning, the 20th instant, via Shanghae, with a cargo of teas. She left on the 9th of last June, and has been absent a little over ten months.

Mr. Andrew Jackson Allen, the father of the American stage, it is said, will be the first actor entitled to a pension from the American Dramatic Fund. On the 1st of August he will be entitled to a life annuity, derivable from the fund, of $520 the year.

Hon. Caleb Cushing, it is stated, has taken the house of Mrs. Contee, on Seventeenth street, Washington, from the 1st of May. He is working very laboriously in his investigations of the current law cases of the government, being at it late and early.

A girl about fourteen years of age, who was at Sunday School at New York, on Sunday the 17th inst., in good health, undertook the next day to jump the rope two hundred times without stopping. She did so, but the unnatural exertion threw her into an illness, which proved mortal. She was buried on the 19th.

A large number of whales were seen off Southampton, L. I., on Monday, the 18th instant. Two or three schooners from Greenport and a number of small boats chased them all night. One whale, making twenty or thirty barrels of oil, was captured by one of the small boats and sold for $800.

The New York Express says it is settled that the Custom-house in that city will not receive ingots, or bars of gold, in payment of duties—only coin. What is to be done with the ingots, then, when there is no demand for specie abroad—more especially, if the banks will not receive them on deposit.

The remains of the great Napoleon are to be made the occasion of another pompous ceremonial in Paris, on the 8th of May. They are to be removed on the 6th from the Chapel of St. Jerome to the Church of the Invalides, and on the 8th the tomb will be "inaugurated" with great ceremony.

The strikes of the workmen in the Eastern ship-yards, it is said, have suspended operations there, as the employers are unable to pay the wages demanded. The strikes of the building operatives in Cleveland have caused the abandonment of building projects to the amount of $100,000.

Fitzgerald and Neary have both been convicted in New York, during the past week, of murdering their wives. Both were intemperate men, and committed the horrible deeds whilst under the influence of liquor. In the case of the latter, the son was a witness against his father, as was the case with Spring, the murderer, in Philadelphia.

Col. Fremont, the California millionaire, who has been in Paris for the last six or eight months, will probably remain there until the autumn. With all his wealth he is plainly republican in his habits. The only expensive article he indulges in are horses. His stud is the envy and wonder of the French. Not even Napoleon has a finer.

The Legislature of Virginia, at its late session, abolished all militia musters, to take effect after the year 1853. All persons who will be liable to do militia duty are to be registered by the Commissioners of the Revenue, and to pay 75 cents per annum, which sum is to be collected by the Sheriffs in the same manner as other taxes.

The sum of $60,000, (of which six citizens gave $5000 each,) has been subscribed at Wilmington, N. C, for deepening and improving the bar off Cape Fear; and at Petersburg, Va., it is stated that $100,000 have been subscribed to improve the navigation of the Appomattox river. At Savannah, also, efforts are making to improve the navigation of the Savannah river.

An anti-rent case was decided on the 19th instant, in the United States Circuit Court in New York. James Schutt and wife (the latter claiming as their to the late Chancellor Livingston, under the Hardenberg patent, which embraces some sixty by thirty miles of country,) brought the suit against Noll Benson, in relation to about 10,000 acres in his possession, and the jury rendered a verdict in favor of plaintiffs.

At the General Post-office in Great Britain, during the last six years, the average increase amounts to no less than 250,000 letters, and 14,000 newspapers, daily. It is estimated that the number of letters which will pass through the General Post-office in the present year will be about 96,000,000—the newspapers nearly 2,000,000—*over and above* the numbers which passed through it in 1846, though the reduced postage law had then been in operation for some years.

The Baltimore Sun says that the pirates of Borneo have commenced operations afresh. The dreadful castigation they experienced at the hands of Sir James Moore has kept them quiet for a long time; but one of their leaders, named Rentah, lately mustered all his forces, and sailed down the river Rejang, where he attacked and routed a party led by two Englishmen. Many were killed on both sides, and among the number, one of the brave English leaders.

The timber trade in North Carolina is an extensive business. The Newberne News mentions a single firm, Messrs. Tatum & Hubbard, from Virginia, who have been engaged in the trade for twenty years, in Beaufort county. They constantly employ 22 axe-men, besides a large force in getting the timber shipped. Some times they send to Norfolk $15,000 or $20,000 worth of timber in a single lot, ranging from 1¼ to 3 feet square, and from 50 to 70 feet in length.

Mr. John King, of the Clearspring District, the Hagerstown Herald says, was bitten on the wrist by a hog, a week or two ago. Several days after, he was taken violently ill with lock-jaw. Dr. Magill, of Hagerstown, was called in, who immediately administered chloroform, and laid the wound freely open, applying an excellent poultice, and continuing the chloroform with opium. In five hours under the treatment the spasms were arrested, and Mr. King is now entirely recovered.

REDUCTION OF FOREIGN POSTAGE.—The Post-office Department has just adopted regulations by which the postage on newspapers, when sent from the United States in the British or open mail to Great Britain, for transmission, is two cents each, to be prepaid, instead of four cents, as stated in the postage tables last published, being the United States postage only.

Further by the Arabia.

ENGLAND.

There have been numerous desertions from the ships of war lying at Plymouth. The cause is said to be disgust with the recent flogging of one of their comrades.

A new committee has been formed in London with the laudable purpose of relieving and procuring employment for Italian refugees.

Mrs. Stowe's illness has, as was natural, caused much regret in religious as well as abolition circles, it having been understood that one object of Mrs. Stowe's selecting April for her visit to Britain was to attend the May meeting at Exeter Hall. Some of Mrs. S.'s friends looked for her by the Canada, from Boston, 30th ult.

FRIGHTFUL DEATH OF A ROMAN CATHOLIC CLERGYMAN.—The Limerick Chronicle contains the following account of a frightful and fatal accident which befell the Rev. Mr. Conway, curate of Cahirconlish, when on his way to attend the bedside of a dying parishoner:

The Rev. Mr. Conway, R. C., curate of Cahirconlish, encountered a terrible death on Thursday night, near that village, where he fell, it is supposed, upon the spikes of a gate, and was impaled by the neck, until the police patrol came up and extricated him, but the immortal spirit had been forced from its earthly tenement before their arrival at the fatal spot. The account in town is that the reverend gentleman was suddenly called out on a very urgent sick message, and in his anxiety to respond to the summons, neglected ordinary precaution, striving in a dark stormy night to make his way to the bedside of a dying parishoner by the shortest route, and against all obstacles. With this view, struggling to surmount an iron gate, he sank exhausted upon the spikes, and there expired.

A MAN WITH EIGHT WIVES.—At the Oxford Assizes, on Wednesday, William Wardle was indicted for intermarrying with Sarah Martin—his former wife, Ellen Wormsley, being still alive. This was one of the most extraordinary cases, perhaps, that ever came before a court of justice. The prisoner was a most determined Benedict, having married no less than eight wives in different parts of the country.

FRANCE.

Count d'Escayrac de Lanture has arrived in Paris from Constantinople, to prefer a complaint to the Emperor against the Turkish Government, and to demand redress for an attack upon his house, and violence offered to his person, by a mob in Damascus.

The Marquis Ricci, the Legate from the Apostolic See, who arrived in Paris on Sunday last, brought a Cardinal's hat, which the Emperor is, on Sunday next, to bestow on the Archbishop of Toulouse. The ceremony will take place in the Chapel of the Tuileries.

There is quite a civil, or rather uncivil war, raging at present in the Gallician Church, with an immense expenditure of ammunition in the shape of pamphlets, sermons, speeches, attacks and reports. The dispute, as before mentioned, arose respecting the comparative merits of the religious and civil ceremonies in the sacrament of matrimony, but has since spread to other subjects. The Bishops and the Archbishop of Paris have joined the field.

The mail coach of Marseilles was stopped a few nights since, near Cigliaro, by an armed band of some twelve or fifteen robbers. The passengers having been made to alight, the robbers took possession of a box containing 12,000 francs of the Piedmontese coin, called mouttes. This *coup de main* is attributed to a notorious robber named Mottino, alias Beresgliere, who recently escaped from prison at Turin.

HOLLAND.

The *Emancipation Belge*, of the 16th, says that the re-establishment of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in Holland is not to be carried into effect without opposition by the Protestants. A petition signed at Utrecht by 4,528 persons, demands that the King, in virtue of the powers conferred on him by the Constitution, shall refuse his authorization to the title of either metropolitan or suffragan Bishop. Petitions to the same effect are in course of subscription at Amsterdam, the Hague, Rotterdam and other principal cities.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Swiss and German newspapers continue to wrangle concerning the existence of the clause in the protocol of London which will give Russia the right to assert its sovereignty over Neufchatel. The German papers maintain that such a clause does exist, while the Swiss stoutly deny it.

Berlin papers contain a statement of the infamous treatment to which a party of German emigrants, sent by contract from Hamburg to Rio Janeiro, recently were exposed.

M. Kenshaefer is named Minister of Finance for Austria, and Gehringer, Minister of Trade.

The Archbishop of Rouen and the Bishop of Versailles, have received the appointment of "assistants to the pontifical throne."

The Government of the Grand Duchy of Hesse has authorized the establishment at Darmstadt of a central bank of Southern Germany, with a capital of fifty millions of florins.

The Arabs have been and are sustained in their struggle against the French by confidence in certain prophecies which are current amongst them, to the effect that the day of Frank rule will pass away. They believe God will raise up a man to chase away the French, and establish a new Empire in Northern Africa.

A new writer on consumption advocates the use of emetics in treating this disease.

Pathology is rapidly advancing, it is said, by studying the influence of general states of the system upon individual organs or parts.

The Isabel (screw steamer) is to depart for Behring's Straits—another proof of the devotion and zeal of Lady Franklin in her husband's behalf. The Admiralty have rendered some assistance in the equipment of the Isabel, but the expense of provisioning and storing the vessel, and paying the crew, is defrayed by Lady Franklin.

A new work has appeared, on "Cretins and Idiots," in which it is stated that idiocy and goitre prevail in England to an uncredited extent, and that cretinism of the most undoubted kind, exists there as truly as in the Alps and Andes.

They are growing very catholic and pious just now in Paris; the "Passione" of Haydn, has been performed at the Madeline; and such composers as Lesseur and Cherubini are coming into notice again.

England and Russia, according to an English journalist, divide Europe between them at the present day. Every other monarchy marked upon the map is a shadow. Spain is a seventh rate power, Italy is enslaved, Germany is disunited, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Sweden possess few traces of the ancient renown.

The Chevalier Kestner, late Hanoverian Minister at the Papal Court, is dead, aged 76 years. He was a great favorite with the English Society in Rome. He painted well, possessed great taste in and knowledge of the arts, and was the author of some valuable works on art. He possessed a choice collection of objects of art, which he has bequeathed to the University of Gottingen. He leaves also a very interesting volume, the correspondence of his father with Goethe—his father having married the original of Charlotte in "The Sorrows of Werter."

General Politkessky, the Russian Privy Councillor, confessed on his death-bed that he had embezzled 1,800,000 silver rubles. The corpse of the penitent man was degraded in its coffin by the executioner.

The Parisians have been swindled by a man who assumed successively the different names of Prince de Schawlioborg, Baron de Drombemil and Count Delzack. He collected a quantity of goods on false pretences, but was finally caught by the police.

Abd-el-Kader has addressed a letter to Lord Londonderry, thanking him for his exertions on his behalf. It is addressed "To his Lordship the magnificent, the highly exalted, the man of heart, the key of happy issues, before whom misfortune flies, the General Vane Londonderry, the Irishman."

A religious war is waging on the west coast of Africa, among the different tribes—the difficulty being about drinking. The Mirabows are the Maine Liquor Law party, and the Scrawollows and the King of Combo are in favor of the fire-water. Trade is much interrupted.

Edinburgh is projecting a great Industrial Exhibition, to be held next year.

In forty cities and towns in Scotland, every one hundred and forty-nine of the population supports a dram shop.

A portrait of Shakspeare has been found, painted by a contemporary of the Bard of Avon.

Emanuel, the richest Jew in England, is dead.

They have discovered pure gold in Mayo, at Castlebar, Ireland.

Lamartine is dying. His physicians have no hopes of him.

A vessel built of zinc has been launched at Nantes.

Excellent sugar is now made in the Sandwich Islands.

Items from the Interior.

LOUISIANA.

The Opelousas Courier of the 23d contains the following:

POISONING.—An accident resulting from imprudence or negligence has occurred on Thursday last near Flat Town.

Mrs. Lafleur, a widow, aged about 50 years, had sent a boy into the woods in quest of Tetchi roots, very much used among our Creole population, in the way of tisanne. She had tea made of it, and drank a cup full. Her daughter also tasted some of it, but finding it bitter, set the cup down again, and paid no further attention to it.

A few hours afterwards, Mrs. Lafleur was dying amidst the most excruciating pains, which poison creates, and her daughter was extremely ill when last heard of.

The fact was, that instead of the "tetchi," the boy had brought her the root of the yellow jasmine, a most deadly poison, and very similar in appearance to the roots of the "tetchi."

We clip the following from the same paper:

TERRIBLE AFFAIR.—On Saturday last, 16th instant, the town of Washington was thrown into commotion by the result of a frightful accident.

Madame Dessaure, the wife of a French engineer of this parish, had suddenly disappeared, and no reason could be assigned for her absence, and searches for her were vain and fruitless. On Saturday last, some one drawing water from a well was startled at the sight of human hair in the bucket. A second trial was attended with the discovery of a greater quantity of hair. He called for assistance, and by the aid of a hook, the body of the lost Madame Dessauze was drawn out in a state of putrefaction.

It has not yet been ascertained whether this terrible affair has been the result of accident or of design.

On the 1st instant, a serious affray, growing out of previous difficulties, occurred at Greenwood, in the parish of Caddo, in which Colonel Joshua G. Jones was shot and severely wounded by Dr. Young, who discharged a shot gun at him. Col. J. was armed with a bowie knife and pistol, and the provocation he gave the Doctor was very great. We are glad to state that he is recovering fast and considered to be out of danger.

DRY WEATHER.—The Louisiana State paper, published at Clinton, says:

"We have had a six weeks' spell of dry weather, and the planting of cotton seed has been suspended in consequence of the dryness of the soil."

ALABAMA.

CADETS.—The following young gentlemen were appointed by President Fillmore before retiring from office, Cadets to West Point from Alabama: George W. Holt, 1st District; Geo. A. Cunningham, 2d; Thomas J. Herbert, 3d; William L. Parker, 6th. They are required to report at West Point on or before the 20th of June next.

MOBILE TROTTING CLUB RACES.—The Mobile Advertiser of Wednesday says. We had a beautiful day yesterday for the commencement of the Trotting Races. The attendance, however, was rather small. The first was a stake race for $300, three mile heats, trotting to harness. The entries were *Sam, Marmion* and *Telegraph*. At the start, before getting to the draw gate, the tyre came off of *Telegraph's* buggy, and he in consequence, turned round and came back; he was, therefore, declared distanced. The race was then left to *Sam* and *Marmion*. It was too easy a thing to give a description of, *Sam* winning in two straight heats. *Marmion*, we may state, was very lame.

The second race was a pacing race to saddle, mile heats. The entries were *Butcher Boy, Brown Kitty* and *Tornado*. The latter was distanced the first heat.* *Butcher Boy* won the heat in 2:47.

The second heat was very pretty, *Brown Kitty* keeping close alongside of *Butcher Boy* all the way, coming in neck and neck *Butcher Boy* was declared a winner of the heat and race.

ARKANSAS.

We clip the following items from the Pine Bluff Republican of the 23d:

Quite a number of young and enterprising gentlemen from this place, are fitting up an expedition to Oregon, under the supervision of J. T. Jeffreys, Esq. They design driving some five or six hundred head of cattle to that lucrative market. Success to the enterprise.

We are sorry to learn that our esteemed fellow-citizen, W. Flynn, Esq., had his entire buildings, some seven miles from this place, burned down on the night of the 20th inst. It was the result of accident.

The weather during the week has been quite shifting—some beautiful sunny days, others wet and disagreeable.

The river is falling at this point, though a rise is conjectured by the prevalence of warm weather in the mountains.

FLORIDA.

SUBSCRIPTION OF $250,000 AT PENSACOLA.—The citizens of Pensacola, on Monday the 18th inst., in public meeting, agreed to instruct the Mayor and Council to subscribe $250,000 to the Florida and Alabama Railroad. The large majority of the citizens were present, and the vote was unanimous. The subscription was made next day by the municipal authorities, and the Mayor was also instructed, we learn from the Democrat, "to appoint delegates to meet the citizens of Montgomery on the 1st of May next, for the purpose of agreeing with them on the ways and means to bring this undertaking to completion."

Local Intelligence.

ROMANTIC HOMICIDE—*Man Killed by a Woman.*—At a late hour on Wednesday night, Mr. William Taylor, who has for some time past been employed in the wholesale boot and shoe store of R. G. Hobbs & Co., Customhouse street, was killed by a woman named Agnes Anderson, in a house on Rampart (late Hercules) street. The woman on committing the horrid act, delivered herself up to the police of the First District, acknowledged that she had done the deed, and declared that she had been impelled to it in self-defence.

Her version of the affair is, that Taylor, who had been living with her in illicit intercourse, came to her house on the night of the catastrophe, and after getting into bed displayed in his hand a knife, and addressing her, said, "D—n you, you shall never get out of this bed again—I intend to kill you!" Saying this, (she proceeds to relate) he made an attempt to stab her, when she wrested the knife from his grasp, and in self-defence inflicted on him the wounds of which he died. So much for her part of the story. The circumstances attending the tragic affair, as far as we have been enabled to gather them, are as follows:

Months ago, Taylor found Agnes living in a rather suspicious manner in a house on St. John street. An intimacy sprung up between them, not the result of esteem, but the offspring of a passion that the possession of peculiar personal charms in Agnes engendered in the too susceptible soul of her unfortunate admirer. Agnes was redeemed from the "slough of despond" in which her many iniquities had engulfed her, and was at once transported to the heart of hearts of her victim, and to the comforts and luxuries of a private and respectable home. Things went on thus for many a month, and the rosy hours danced happily for the loving twain. At last the gentleman grew tired of the charms of Agnes, as by too much use they cloyed upon his appetite. Rs regretted the connection and made overtures to her for a separation. This as a matter of course created jealousy in the heart of Agnes, and the "green-eyed monster" rankled there as only it can rankle in a woman whose dear affections have been crushed by neglect. Agnes did not fail to display the fiery feelings that possessed her, and on one occasion, in an unseemly disguise, watched around the place of business of her treacherous love, threatening revenge. Her declarations of intended hostility did not escape the ears of some, and there are respectable witnesses to prove that she had vowed to have *his heart's blood!* How her eye flashed when she made such threats, and how she gnashed her teeth and stamped her tiny foot, did not fail to be remembered by those who will testify against her at the time of trial.

A few weeks ago she went to the store of Messrs. Hobbs and there, in the presence of witnesses, Mr. Taylor paid her $400 in cash to go away and trouble him no more. To this arrangement she consented; but musing on her supposed wrongs, she fanned in her bosom the fires of revenge, till they grew to a flame that nothing but blood could quench. Yet she staid quietly at home, and it had been well for her victim if he had been content to forget her. After a separation of some days, the unfortunate young man went to her lodgings—from what motive is unknown, save by surmise, that a lingering affection for an "old flame" drew him to her presence, contrary to the promptings of propriety and a chilled discretion. He again went to see her, and persons may form their opinion of how he came to his death, by the circumstances which we shall relate.

The body of the deceased, when first discovered, was lying on the pavement in the back yard of the house inhabited by Agnes, with nine deep and ghastly wounds upon it, several of them mortal—one having severed the jugular vein. The bottom parts of his socks were soiled, showing that he had walked upon them after the infliction of the wounds. His body lay in a pool of blood. On the floor of the room where Agnes slept were prints of human feet, marked by blood. The clothes of the deceased were nicely folded, and hanging on a chair in the same room.

Every thing about his cast off apparel gave evidence of perfect order, as if the hand that had placed them there had been unshaken, and unagitated by a thought of the dreadful deed that the woman might induce others to suppose he intended to commit. If he had intended to murder her, as she represents, would he have taken off his clothes; and, being off, would he have disposed of them with such studious care by the side of the bed? Let the authorities determine this as they may—with the facts only have we to do. Laying upon the floor of the chamber, was the knife with which the fatal deed was done. It bore evidence of having been recently ground. Portions of the room showed signs of disorder, as if the deceased had battled bravely in his death struggle.

Yesterday the accused was brought into the office of Recorder Winter to plead to the charge against her. She seemed slightly agitated at first, but seeing the crowd gathering around her, she threw back her veil, and boldly confronted the battery of eyes that poured mercilessly upon her. She was dressed in deep mourning, in token of distress for the calamity that had befallen her, and withal seemed quite self-possessed. Her age is about twenty, and notwithstanding a dissolute life she yet bears traces of considerable personal beauty. She was remanded to prison to await her examination.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—Last night about half-past nine o'clock a fire broke out near the corner of Notre Dame and Tchoupitoulas streets, amongst a lot of old and dilapidated buildings, and favored by the dry state of the weather, and a light wind from the east, extended along the front of Tchoupitoulas until it reached Girod street. Along Girod it progressed towards Magazine, and by 11 o'clock it had enveloped about one-half of the block in that direction. A lumber yard was amongst the property consumed, and several grain and feed stores. From the vast crowd that had collected around the scene of conflagration, we were unable to obtain the particulars of the disaster, or to learn the names of any of the sufferers.

The fire department was promptly on hand and contributed by their exertions to stay the progress of the devouring element.

From appearances the damage must have been great, but we are unable to form an estimate of the losses.

The fire is still raging at the time we write, but from the energetic labors of our gallant firemen, it is hoped the flames will not extend much beyond their present limits.

HABEAS CORPUS CASE.—Yesterday the First District Court was occupied during the greater part of the afternoon in the trial of the case of Mary Leddy, brought up on a writ of *habeas corpus*, at the suit of her mother, against one Nulty, defendant.

It appears that the girl Mary, who was a Catholic by birth, and about 15 years of age, had been hired out to service in the family of defendant, and while in his employ had become a convert to the Methodist persuasion, and joined that sect.

The mother, not liking this change in her daughter's religious sentiments, and supposing her conversion to the new faith to be the result of improper influences on the part of her employer, had sought to get her released from his custody. Quite a row was raised between certain factions in consequence, which we have not space to particularize.

A great crowd collected in and around the court-room to witness the trial, and no little excitement was evinced.

After hearing the parties by their counsel, the Court ordered the young lady to be delivered into the custody of her mother—the mother giving bonds in $1000 not to maltreat the daughter.

R. M. Kearney and Dorsey, Esqs., appeared as counsel on the part of the plaintiff, and R. M. Chilton, and A. N. Ogden, Esqs., for the defendant in the writ.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT—*Robbery.*—Thomas Greaves and Patrick Lovis were yesterday tried in this court on a charge of having, on the 25th November last, robbed one Jane Hansen of a small amount of money. The prisoners were found guilty.

FILTHY LUCRE.—Michael Valdetaro yesterday made affidavit before acting Recorder Ker, that on last Monday night, being in an oyster shop in Orleans street, between Royal and Bourbon streets, he there lost a $100 bill of the Bank of Louisiana. On Wednesday evening deponent was informed by the clerk of the oyster shop that after he had gone out of the shop he (the clerk) had found the bill and showed it to the employer, Stephano Tsapani. Trapani, on seeing the note, observed that it was spurious, and took possession of it. Learning the facts, complainant applied to Trapani for the note, and was answered by him that the note was spurious, and that he (Trapani) had destroyed it. The circumstances considered, the complainant asked that Trapani be arrested to be dealt with according to law, and a warrant was issued for his apprehension.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—Louis Moore yesterday deposed before acting Recorder Robert J. Ker, of the Second District, that on Wednesday evening as he was quietly passing on the Levee, near Canal street, he was assaulted and violently seized by the collar by two unknown individuals, who robbed him of two bandboxes, which were only returned to him through the interference of a police officer. A warrant for the arrest of the spoilers was asked for.

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD—*First District.*—A called meeting of the Directors of Public Schools of the First District was held last evening at the City Hall. One of the pupils of the Boys' High School was, on motion of Mr. Harris, expelled for conduct unbecoming a pupil of the school.

On motion of Dr. A. Hart, all secret meetings or proceedings of the Board were ordered to be transferred to the public journal or minute book of the Board; this resolution was unanimously passed.

A motion of Dr. Hart, to give the schools the usual holiday for the celebration of May-day, was voted down. Messrs. Shields, Harris and Cushing and the mover of the resolution being the only members voting in favor of it; therefore, all the schools will be opened as usual on Monday next.

After transacting other business, of no importance to the public, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday evening next.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—This body held a special meeting last night, James H. Caldwell, President, in the Chair.

The following members answered to their names: Messrs. Burke, Braud, Converse, Irwin, Lugenbuhl and Sinnott.

The reading of the minutes was, as usual, dispensed with.

The reading of communications was deferred to the next regular meeting.

A Committee of Conference was appointed to confer with the Assistant Board on the ordinance passed by that Board, fixing the tax for 1852. The President appointed on that Committee Messrs. Braud, Giquel, Irwin and Lugenbuhl.

An ordinance from the Assistant Board, authorizing the Comptroller to put under contract the building of a bridge across the Orleans Canal, at the intersection of Carrollton Avenue, was concurred in.

An ordinance directing that the Hose Carriage belonging to Liberty Hose Company be handed over to Phoenix Fire Company No. 8, was concurred in.

To suppress a house of ill fame on Broome street. Concurred in.

To sell the contracts for the repair of wharves in the First, Third and Fourth Districts. Concurred in.

Authorizing the sale of the contract for laying plank side-walks in the Third District. Referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

Locating the nuisance wharf for the Second and Third Districts at the foot of Esplanade street. Concurred in.

Authorizing the Mayor to contract for certain vaults in the Cemetery of the Fourth District. Referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

To erect three sugar platforms on the levee in the Second District. Referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

On a reconsideration, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to contract for certain vaults in the Fourth District was concurred in.

To sell the contract for reducing the trunks of the bridges on the public road on Front Levee street. Referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

To sell the contracts for the repair of all the paved streets in the city not now under contract. Streets and Landings.

To pay sundry bills. Concurred in.

To pay Ellen Murphy $75 for the unexpired term of the license of a grocery, consumed by the late fire in Hercules street. Concurred in.

Approving the securities furnished by D. C. Labat, Assistant City Attorney. Concurred in.

To sell the contract for paving on Nayades and other streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

Several communications from late appointees on the city police, offering certain persons as their securities for the faithful performances of their duties, were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday next.

CALORIC ENGINE.—Professor RAINEY will deliver one Lecture only at MECHANIC INSTITUTE, on SATURDAY EVENING, the 30th inst., at 8 o'clock, precisely, on the CALORIC ENGINE. It will be amply illustrated by a Model and fully explained. He was on the late trial trip of the Ship, and has had the personal assistance of Capt. Ericsson in verifying this Lecture. He will cheerfully answer all questions.

☞ Tickets 25 cents only. apr29 2t*

TO THE PUBLIC.—77 St. Charles street, NEW ORLEANS, April 28, 1853.—When a man family and honorably, by his professions and promises, you have always been found lenient and indulging towards him, and willing to give way a little when an opportunity occurs for his own advantage. Under these circumstances I feel less diffid