THE DAILY CRESCENT.

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31, 1853.

MONDAY MORNING'S CRESCENT.—Inasmuch as the publication of our regular Monday morning's paper would interfere with the proper keeping of one of the most generally observed holidays of Christendom; and more especially inasmuch as we have already sacrificed our wishes to the wishes of our friends once already within the week past, we shall this time consult the comfort of our employees and not issue a paper on Monday morning.

NEW YEAR'S.

Owing to the fact that the next number of our paper will not appear until after the first of January, we take occasion this morning to tender to the patrons of the "Crescent" the customary compliments of the season and wish them all and each a right happy and joyous New Year: a New Year pleasant in its commencement, its continuance and its close: a New Year more prosperous, profitable and pleasant than any of its predecessors. We trust that business may flourish with them and that the amenities of domestic and social life may be increased. We trust that the year about to be inaugurated may realise to our friends so much of the "good time, coming," as it is possible to realize in this world, and bring down to their daily experience whatsoever can be rendered actual of the poet's dreams of a happier life. So far as lies in our power we shall strive to take from our wishes the mere force of words and give them positive being and existence. We shall hope to contribute to the pleasures of our patrons and somewhat lessen the number if not the force of their sorrows. We shall come in our daily or weekly visit, laden with the latest news and the most agreeable information—with every thing we deem likely to instruct, please or profit—and thus render the New Year happy.

MESSRS. GAYARRE AND LA SERE.

When we, the other day, in referring to the pamphlet of Mr. Gayarré, held it up as an example of what reputable democrats ever, in regard to the profound corruption existing among their own party, we must not be imagined to have meant to adopt as either legitimate, the language or as true the individual contumelies, which Mr. G. employs with so much unction. We, ourselves, should be sorry to apply such epithets to our political adversaries as they heap upon each other; and we never molest our enemies—for all we have are political, not personal ones—by any unworthy attack upon their private character. That, we have nothing to do with, unless in some extraordinary case. It is with the public, not the private conduct that we have to do. But if our opponents choose to violate towards each other the rules which we observe, we hold it perfectly proper to let the world see their mutual obloquy. We in no manner, however, make it ours. When Mr. Gayarré, for instance, points at a brother democrat as the son of a soap-boiler, who shall blame us if, being immensely tickled at the use of such a reproach between democrats, we repeat it? Or if he casts upon another of his friends a really infamous imputation, remembering how the purger once made McNulty and have now re-appointed Forney to their best Congressional office, make Cushing Attorney-General, and dignify the abominable Robert Dale Owen with a foreign embassy, shall we not be diverted at their setting up for morals *only* against those who come in their way?

A word, however, of justice to Mr. La Sère. The public must surely be wrong in setting him down as the person pointed at by Mr. Gayarré, along with Mr. Slidell, in what we quoted from the pamphlet. For we have been shown a letter from Mr. Gayarré to Mr. La Sère, in which he declares that he will, as a matter of right, answer no questions as to merely supposed allusions; but approached in a spirit of courtesy, he must, as to the passage, reply "that the mere perusal of it gives the proof of its being written in general terms; and that he willingly declares he did not intend to apply it to Mr. La Sère." Mr. G. then, meant nobody in particular. Of course, there could still less be any imputation designed against Mr. La S.'s parents or family. For though not rich, they were and are most worthy and respected people.

EDITORIAL BOOK-NOTES.

"On the lessons in Proverbs; being the substance of lectures delivered to the Young Men's Societies at Portsmouth and elsewhere, by Richard Chevenix Trench, B. D., author of 'The Study of Words,' etc., Vicar of Itchenstoke; Examining Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Oxford; and Professor of Divinity, King's College, London. Redfield, New York, 1853." 12mo. pp. 140.

We have here something quite worthy of a subject at once curious and wise; a book which forms a most apposite contrast to another, but awhile since of an unbounded success in this country, in spite of its being one of the most utterly senseless productions that ever saw the light anywhere; we mean Mr. Martin Farquar Tupper's "Proverbial Philosophy." That notable performance now coming fairly in our way; we shall seize the occasion of paying a double debt, and of showing through Tupper what Proverbs are not, in order that we may the better explain through Mr. Trench what Proverbs are.

The secret of some people's success is a thing unfathomable. Call it, if you will, the work of Fortune: but how does that account for the matter? The caprices of Fortune may, by a singular concurrence of events, heap wealth upon this man and sluk that other into poverty; lift up the obscure and even the undeserving to such honor (and it is exceedingly little) as the vain buzz of the instant can bestow. When the crowd acts and clamor is the judgment, there must be mistake; indeed, the whole result is but a matter of "hit or miss." But all this is folly and mistake, not fortune: it is not chance, but error; and it would be as reasonable to refer such cases to the power of the goddess Error as the goddess Chance. How does either account for the thing? Literary success is surely not a matter of accident, unless it is a thing no longer decided by the enlightened, but by the ignorant. Now, the wonder and the puzzle to us is, to conceive how any man, with sense enough to enable him to learn to read, could look into any page or almost any sentence of the "Proverbial Philosophy," without discovering that it was as mere splendid twaddle, as absolute high-sounding balderdash, as ever was composed and that Mr. Martin Farquar Tupper was one of the most intolerable of blockheads.

The very name of the book augured no little its folly. For it intimated that Philosophy could convert itself into the practical sense of the common people and deal out their homely wisdom; or that proverb-makers were to philosophize. "Proverbs are the wisdom and the wit of the people," says Lord Bacon, in defining them. The people do not philosophize; the philosophers do not proverbalize: but little Tupper, forsooth, is great enough to embody sages and the people in himself and both to make the rude philosophize and the cultivated catch the peculiar thinking of the rude! But look at what he has produced: scrutinize ever so little the mongrel things which he calls philosophic proverbs. What are they? They are neither the one nor the other; have not a mark of either progeniture; and belong only to that precreation which Milton describes—"the brood of Folly without father bred." They are not proverbs; they are not axioms; they are not maxims: they are simply most weak and mystical nonsense wrapped up in most fantastical forms of expression, and, in a word are most pompous and shallow enigmas; riddles without a solution; puzzles without sense.

But consider, in yet another light, the fatuity of Tupper, the enormousness of his presumption. Who has written Proverbs? Who can say whence they come? They have been wisely and truly said to be "sayings without an author." A true proverb seems to have taken a whole nation to compose it; nay, sometimes, several. For they often pass from land to land; are common to various countries, and bear no special sign of nationality. The earliest—those that are called Solomon's—are evidently only collected by him at most. The great wits of antiquity left sentences behind them, adages, sayings, maxims, witticisms, drolleries; but no proverbs. A half dozen of the lines of Menander, as many of Euripedes; a few each of the verses of Plautus and Terence, passed into something like proverbs. So, again, in the modern world: Moliere, the greatest of dramatic wits, may be said to be the father of less than a dozen French proverbs: all "the wit and wisdom of Shakespeare" could not give birth to more than as many English ones. In short, the greatest geniuses of all ages and countries have hardly been able, in a whole life-time, to hit out *one* of these singular creations of the mind: but Master Tupper, one of the merest Miss Biddys of milliner literature, shall sit down and write you off a whole book-full of Proverbs—probably near five thousand in number!

Enough of Tupper. We return to Mr. Trench. There is much in his little book of very instructive and agreeable. His sketches of the history of the Proverb; his comparison of the proverbs of different nations; his essays on the poetic character, the wit, the wisdom, the morality and the theology of proverbs, are all not only wise, but pleasant.

Among other things, we much like his exemplifications of the recognized truth that the character of a nation is always manifested in its proverbs. Thus Italy abounds, beyond all countries, in such as mark the subtle, politic and revengeful spirit of her people, made, by long slavery, secret, selfish, and sensual. Such is that which Mr. T. does not quote, given to Milton, as his best companion when he set out for Italy: "Il volto sciolto, i pensieri stretti" —the looks open, the thoughts shut: or this, "Fidarsi è bene, ma non fidarsi è meglio"—it is good to trust, but better not to trust. So, again, they say, "Vendetta, boccon di Dio"—vengeance is a morsel for God; or this; "Vendetta di cent 'anni ha ancor i lattainoli"—vengeance of a hundred years old hath still its milk teeth. The following, however, is as good in morals as in sense: "For an honest man, half his wit is enough; the whole is too little for a knave."

We can, however, follow him no further, except to give three proverbs of another nation, which bespeak its long degradation. These are Egyptian: "Do no good and thou shalt find no evil." "Kiss the hand which thou cans't not bite." "If the monkey reigns, dance before him." We will add one more for our friends the democracy of the spoils: "He that takes the raven for a guide shall light upon carrion."

The City.

The latter portion of the last week was hardly favorable to out-door exercise, and yet we were struck by the crowded state of some of our principle streets and the thronged condition of many large thoroughfares. Early in the morning and during the subsequent hours of sunshine, it was no easy matter for a man in a hurry to wend his way up St. Charles, Camp, Canal, Chartres or Carondelet streets. The ladies and the loafers seemed to have taken a pre-emption right and determined to put the pavements in a state of blockade. So far as the ladies are concerned, we are always glad to see them out, even though compelled to cross and re-cross the streets in order to advance. They give a lustre and polish to every place and occasion, which renders their presence not only endurable but even very desirable—especially when they are pretty. For the loafers we have no such excuses to offer. If they must exist, it were well they should do so at one side and not cumber space needed for more practical purposes with their valueless carcasses. To be detained ten minutes on a street crossing by half a dozen man-milliners, staring at the moon with blank eyes, is hardly endurable, and is not lessened in its enormity by the contented air of stupidity and amazement expended upon one driving hurriedly forward in pursuit of business.

The city is filling up. Our country friends and cousins come down with every fresh arrival, desirous of witnessing the pleasures of the season and enhancing them by their presence. The pleasures of the country are ended and over. Dead leaves and decayed vegetation can offer no inducements to a longer stay. The pleasures of the city just begin. Balls, operas, theatres, soirees, dinner parties and drives are in the full tide of successful experiment. The fashions are here and all we now desire is the importation of foreign beauty to render the fashions of this season equal to those of the seasons which have preceded them. There are a great many amusements to be enjoyed; a great deal of love and nonsense to be talked; a great many matches to be made. The holidays are ending and we hope to see a perfect inundation of up-country folks to hurry on and augment the millenium of this year.

Business, too, has begun; and business men, leaving behind all reminiscences of the last summer's amusements, devote their whole faculties to the performance of present duties. The Levee is not so cumbered with merchandise as we have seen it, nor are the drays driven so vehemently forward and back as sometimes heretofore—but there are a great many evidences of increasing business apparent in all directions. Our port is filled with ships up for Liverpool, up for Havre, up for New York, and up for a market. The steamboats come down laden with two and three thousand bales of cotton, or a numberless lot of hogsheads of sugar. In a few days, when the waters shall have risen to their proper level, business and pleasure will come bowling down the broad bosom of the Mississippi, even handed, sending new and stronger pulsations of life through every artery of the city. We are waiting the close of the holidays and anticipate then an unequalled inundation of strangers and business.

Amusements.

PLACIDE'S VARIETIES.—The beautiful bill which has won terough the entire past week was performed last evening at the Varieties in the same creditable and complimentary manner as before. The audience was much larger than from the unpleasantness of the weather yesterday morning, we had supposed it to would, and evinced the highest gratification at the character of the pieces and the manner in which they were played. The comedietta of "Our New Lady's Maid," the domestic drama, entitled "A Father's Love," and the farce called "Out for a Holiday," will be performed this evening for the last time, and we earnestly advise those who are fond of really good acting to attend the representation.

To-morrow evening Mr. Manager Placide brings forth a new bill, which ought to draw as large houses as were ever convened in this city. The play called a "Christmas Carol" will be produced in the best style and with an exceedingly strong cast, followed by a "New Year's" piece which has not been played here before. The merit of the plays, in connection with the ability of the actors than whom a finer company was never assembled, should attract every lover of the drama and ensure a crowded house. The same bill will be performed on Monday evening.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams remain at this theatre this evening and to-morrow. The character of the pieces played by them will undoubtedly attract a great many, though they will, at the same time, keep away a great many others. We, most certainly, do not esteem their bills worthy of patronage or entitled to regard, and yet we are not unwilling to add that both Mr. and Mrs. Williams perform the parts assigned them with considerable humor and ability.

In a few days Miss Julia Dean will make her appearance at the St. Charles, and we shall have the pleasure of beholding plays worthy of note and commenting on pieces deserving of criticism.

ORLEANS THEATRE.—Rossini's grand opera of "Othello" will be performed this evening at the Orleans Theatre, with Mme. Berghese and MM. Bordas and Genibrel in the principal characters. On Sunday evening there will be three new vaudevilles with dancing by Senorita Sota.

Meyerbeer's great opera of the "Prophet" will be performed on Monday evening, with splendid scenery and new costumes.

PERSONAL.—Among the late arrivals in town we notice our old friend Mr. Chs. Bass, stage manager of the Varieties. He looks in excellent condition and will add much to the merits of the company already assembled at Placides. During his absence Mr. Bass has doubled himself and ought, therefore, by all the rules of Arithmetic to be twice as good an actor as before—which is hardly to be hoped.

DISCOURSE.—We are informed by Mr. Manuel de Grandfort, that owing to illness, he was not able to pronounce his advertized discourse last evening, but will do so on Wednesday next, the 4th instant.

We trust that Mr. Grandfort's discourse will receive its merited amount of patronage.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

TO THE NEW ORLEANS DAILY CRESCENT.

By the National Line.

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Africa.

COTTON FIRM AND ACTIVE.

BREADSTUFFS FURTHER ADVANCED.

Interesting General News.

RESIGNATION OF LORD PALMERSTON.

FURTHER FROM THE EAST.

ANOTHER NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

GREAT BATTLE ON LAND.

FOUR THOUSAND TURKS KILLED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Cunard steamer Africa arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning, bringing dates from Liverpool to the 17th inst., three days later than the accounts brought by the Pacific.

Her advices state that there had been an active demand for cotton since the departure of the America on the 10th inst., and especially during the latter part of the week, and the sales of the entire week embraced 53,000 bales, including 12,000 taken for speculation. The market closed with firmness, though without any material change.

The market for breadstuffs has been active, with an upward tendency in prices for all descriptions. Flour had advanced 6d per bbl; wheat 2 to 3d per 70 lbs, and corn 1s per qr.

Lard was dull and prices had declined 1s per cwt. There was only a moderate demand for provisions, and prices were more in favor of buyers, but without a quotable decline.

HAVRE COTTON MARKET.

The Africa brings dates from Havre to Friday the 16th inst. The sales of cotton for the preceding week embraced about 6000 bales, the closing rate for Middling Orleans being 91 francs.

GENERAL NEWS—EASTERN AFFAIRS.

Hostilities on the Danube continue suspended.

Accounts from Vienna state that the question will soon be settled by an arrangement between the belligerent nations.

ANOTHER NAVAL BATTLE.—Another naval engagement is reported to have taken place between the Russians and Turks, in which the Russians were the losers.

GREAT BATTLE ON LAND.—A great battle had been fought on the frontiers of Armenia, and gained by the Russians. The loss of the Turks was 4000 killed.

An insurrection is reported to have taken place in Russian Armenia. (?)

AFFAIRS IN ASIA.—The Turks continue successful in Asia, having been victorious in several recent engagements.

RUSSIAN MOVEMENT ON ARMENIA.—Despatches from Vienna state that the combined Russian and Persian armies were about to march upon Erzerum, the capital of Armenia.

RUSSIANS SURROUNDED.—Prince Woronow, with the forces under his command, at the latest accounts was surrounded at Tiflos by the Turkish and Circassian army, and his retreat was entirely cut off.

MILITARY EXECUTION.—Wetole Radzewich, late Secretary to Prince Gortzchakoff had been shot at St. Petersburg for treason, he having been discovered in correspondence with the Turks.

SLOOP-OF-WAR ST. LOUIS.—The corvette St. Louis, Commander Ingraham, had arrived at Alexandria.

ENGLAND.

RESIGNATION OF LORD PALMERSTON.—Lord Palmerston has resigned his seat in the British Ministry.

ARRIVAL OF THE ALPS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The steam propeller Alps has arrived at Boston from Liverpool. Her news is anticipated by the Africa's accounts.

EASTERN MAIL.

MOBILE, Dec. 30.—The Eastern mail due in New Orleans to-morrow morning has failed beyond Philadelphia. The mail boat California has not arrived. The St. Charles grounded at Horn's pass on her way here yesterday. The Eastern mail brings more of the Hermann's letters and some dropped papers.

MOBILE COTTON MARKET.

MOBILE, Dec. 30.—There has been a fair demand for cotton in this market during the past week, and the sales embrace 12,000 bales. Prices are without any change of moment, and Middling closes at 9c per lb.

The receipts of the week are 23,600 bales. The exports for the same time have been 18,250 bales. Stock remaining on hand this evening, 78,190 bales.

THE MAIL BOAT.—The steamer California, mail boat from New Orleans, did not arrive here until 5 o'clock this afternoon.

NEWS OF THE CITY.

MEETING OF THE FIRST DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.—This body held a meeting last night at the City Hall. The object of the meeting was to play out the annual farce of electing teachers of the Public Schools.

All the members of the Board were present, with the exception of Mr. Richardson, who was kept away by sickness.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hahn offered a resolution granting a holiday for the purpose of celebrating New Year, to all the schools, on Monday, the 2d of January.

The resolution was unanimously passed.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to examine into the qualifications of teachers, reported that they had visited the Marshall School, and found all the teachers well qualified. They bestowed great praise on Mr. McCann, the Principal of this school, and regretted that some unpleasant circumstances had compelled him to resign, and that the public was to be deprived of the services of one of the best teachers ever connected with our Public Schools.

The same committee reported favorably on the Franklin School; and stated that on account of the annual examinations, they had not had time to visit the other schools.

On motion of Mr. Lusk, the Board went into Secret Session for the purpose of electing teachers, after discussing their characters and qualifications.

For the following details, in addition, we are indebted to a member of the Board:

Mr. McNair, the present Superintendent was re-elected. After several ballotings for the Principal of the Girl's Department of the Paulding School, there being no election, it was postponed until the next regular meeting. The candidates were Miss Effray, Miss Falkner, and Mrs. Richardson.

Mr. Mead was elected Principal of the Marshall School, vice Mr. McCann resigned. On motion of Dr. Axson all the teachers now in the schools were re-elected to the positions they at present occupy.

The following is a correct list of the teachers elected for the ensuing year:

SUPERINTENDENT.—R. H. McNair.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.—Mrs. Jamison, Principal; Mrs. Richardson (temporarily) First Assistant; Mrs. Abbott, Second do.; Mr. Roux, French Teacher.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.—Mr. S. Torrey, Principal; John McNair, Assistant; Mr. Delis, French Teacher.

MARSHALL SCHOOL.—*Boys.*—Mr. Mead, Principal; Mr. Fish, First Assistant; Miss Whitney, Second do; Mrs. Kusta, Third do; Miss Packard, Fourth do; Miss Canter, Fifth do.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL.—*Girls.*—Mrs. Bartlett, Principal, Miss Falconer, First Assistant; Mrs. Campbell, Second do; Mrs. Whitney, Third do; Miss Castello, Fourth do; Miss Frances Hart, Fifth do.

FIRE SCHOOL.—*Boys.*—Mr. Bly, Principal; Mr. Alfred Shaw, First Assistant; Miss Susan Driscoll, Second do.; Miss Ruth Kasson, Third do.; Miss Isabella Pelzotto, Fourth do.

Girls.—Mrs. Olmsted, Principal; Mrs. Sale, First Assistant; Mrs. Marks, Second do; Miss Wagner, Third do; Miss Clarkson, Fourth do.

JACKSON SCHOOL.—*Boys.*—Mr. Bent, Principal; Mr. Meyler, First Assistant; Miss Savage, Second do.; Mrs. Mather, Third do.; Mrs. McCrea, Fourth do.; —— Fifth do.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL.—*Girls.*—Miss Kate Calder, Principal; Miss Pinckney, First Assistant; Miss Allston, Second do.; Miss Ilsley, Third do.; Miss Mullen, Fourth do.; Miss Davis, Fifth do.

PAULDING SCHOOL.—*Boys.*—Mr. Bailey, Principal; Mr. Cresswell, First Assistant; Mrs. North, Second do.; Miss Boylan, Third do.

Girls.—Vacant, Principal; Miss Hogan, First Assistant; Miss Hanton, Second do.; Mrs. Leonard, Third do.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL.—*Boys.*—Mr. Ballaran, Principal; Mr. Carter, First Assistant; Mr. Groves, Second do.; Mr. Curtis, Third do.; Mrs. Barnett, Fourth do.; Miss North, Fifth do.; Miss Higginbotham, Sixth do.

Girls.—Miss Cavedelly, Principal; Miss Scully, First Assistant; Miss Effray, Second do.; Miss Tobin, Third do.; Miss Pearson, Fourth do.; Miss Sackett, Fifth do.; Miss —— Sixth do.; Miss Emerson, Seventh do.

The Grand Jury yesterday submitted a report to Judge Larue touching the condition of the Court-house, and particularly the situation of the First District Court, its Clerk's Office and Jury Rooms.

The report sets forth the fact that the Grand Juries have for several years called the attention of the proper authorities to the unsafe condition of the Court-House, with all the records, and that as no attention has been paid to these repeated warnings, it is not to be expected that this report will receive that consideration which the importance of the subject would seem to demand. Yet, notwithstanding, the Grand Jury feel it their duty to hope that the necessary improvements may be made without further delay, before the buildings and their contents are destroyed by fire, or the surer process of decay. They report that not a vault or safe can be found in the whole building wherein can safely be deposited the records which embrace nearly all the property of the city, and a large portion of that of the State since the organization of the United States Court in this city—and that the aforesaid records are at present, and have been for some time, exposed to the visitation of fire and thieves. The report concludes by recommending and specifying the improvements desirable, and pointing out the necessity of their completion during the present vacation, and suggesting that the Clerk be requested to furnish the Common Council with a copy of the report.

RECORDER WINTER'S COURT—*First District.* George Ult was arraigned yesterday, before this court, for stealing a bag of corn from the steamer Saranak, for the purpose, probably, of manufacturing a pot of hominy. Accused was sent before the First District Court.

UP AGAIN.—Michael Horrigan, whose name seems to have become familiar to the records of the police and criminal courts, was up again yesterday for a violation of law—retailing liquors without license. He was permitted to choose between going before the First District Court or paying a fine of $25.

LARCENY.—John Duffy made affidavit that his room, in a boarding house, near St. Mary's Market, was entered at an early hour yesterday morning while he slumbered, and about thirty dollars abstracted from his pockets; and he charges one Patrick Rowley with being the light-footed and light-fingered individual, who committed the deed. He will be examined to-day.

ANOTHER.—Mrs. Phillips, otherwise Ferguson, was sent yesterday before the Criminal Court on a charge of having stolen a lot of jewelry from one Alice Brannan, about five months ago. The property was described as a gold watch, a gold pencil and pin, and a pair of ear-rings, and a search-warrant turned up a number of the articles in Mrs. Phillips's house on Circus street, besides other jewelry not mentioned in the warrant.

SWINDLING.—The papers in the case of Parmelee vs. Schloss, were yesterday sent to the First District Court. This is an affair in which an individual from the Red River country (Mr. Parmelee) claims to have been victimized to the amount of eight or nine hundred dollars, through the false and fraudulent misrepresentations of the initiated Simon Schloss. The further particulars of this case will transpire hereafter, with some details that may astonish the smokers of pipes.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—J. B. Steel, No. 60 Camp street, has just received a choice collection of Annuals and Presentation Books, which for the capital manner in which they are bound and illustrated are unsurpassed by any offered by the trade. They have also on hand a splendid assortment of bibles, prayer books, and juvenile annuals, together with a supply of rare and beautiful goods, well adapted for holiday presents. To those who desire to present their friends with acceptable *souvenirs*, the list published by J. B. S. offers ample variety from which to make selections. See advertisements.

CHAMPAGNE.—We are indebted to Sewell T. Taylor, No. 15 Royal street, for a capital specimen of Champagne, of the *Fleur de Sillery* brand, which as a gentle titillator of the hilarious system, challenges comparison with any other vintage offered in this market. We have imbibed the article to the health of the enterprising importer, and could wish that our other friends of the trade would give us like opportunities of remembering them.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—Among the numerous assortments of articles advertized in our columns fit for presents during the holidays, there are none better deserving of notice than that of S. N. Moody, corner of Canal street and Exchange Place. The days appointed for purchasing holiday gifts are not yet ended, and we advise all desirous of keeping the customs of the times to visit Moody's emporium before purchasing elsewhere.

CENTRIFUGAL SUGAR MACHINES.—G. B. Hartson, the exclusive Manufacturer of these celebrated Machines, is at present in New Orleans, and will remain but a few weeks. Planters wishing to secure them for the present or next season, can now, by addressing Messrs. Fellowes & Co., have the benefit of his experience. He will visit their respective plantations, and give such directions as will enable them to erect and operate them satisfactorily. d22 2tu w2*

Arrivals at the Principal Hotels.....December 30.

ST CHARLES....Mr and Mrs Weatherell and servant, La; Mr and Mrs Weatherell, Phila; Henderson Smith, J Madison Smith, Miss C S Decker, Ala; A B Baldwin, Mobile; J Allen, Jr, N J; W H Dunn, Mobile; J M Waters, S C; Judge Hewlin, Texas; G N Parks, R Richardson, Miss; S G Kenricks, Ohio; L M Goldsmith, Edward Gratenhain, N O; W D Hume, C G Auter, Miss; Ed P Sears, Miss Scott and servant, Va; Mrs Dunlaver and child, Washington City; R H Chinn, R C Adams, N O; A T Barnsly, N S Rey, Ky; G Ralston, lady, child and servant, Miss; Mrs P C Hebarkson, La; C Fellows, N O; C S Tarpley, Miss Tarpley, Mrs Birdsall, W Adams, Miss; S M Routh, W Bailey, Miss J Barrow, A Barrow and servant, La; E F Skelton, Memphis; Hon J Rutherfoid, Isaac Rutherfoid, Chicago; S Sawyer and lady, R B Castleman and lady, Texas; Dr H Metcalf, Thos Ford, Miss; Miss Frank and Mr Frank, La.

CITY HOTEL....H S Jones, Wisconsin; E Campbell, La; John Smith, Mobile; Cheng Moon, Ah Hee, Yau Shaw, Wan Sing, Chin Gan, Yan Gum, Amam and lady, Chinese Artizans, Mobile; W R Cunningham, S C; Saint P Graves, S S Stevenson, A Stewart, J B Westmoreland, S C; Dr O M Hanson, A W McAlister, Miss; Sidney Mateaff, J L Towns, Nashville; A B Baldwin, Mobile; W D L Maffar, N O; J S Stoia, La; M Moore.

ARCADE....Sam T Palmer, N O; A T Hawley, La; Wm Blanck, N O Opelousas; R R; A Freitinder, N O; J M Tyffee, Texas; T J Edwards, La; J V Gaines, Ky; F Hoar, Miss; Sidney Smith, steamer Storm; Capt R H Marin, La; A F Jones, Texas; John Gallagher, Kentucky.

VERANDA....John Loper, Phila; Mrs Josephine M Taylor, Samuel J Powell, Ben Lyons, G A Neafie, lady and servant, W O Tatchner, Joshua James, La; John Watkins, John Mardon, Miss; J Pugh, Ky; E B Denton, N O.

ST LOUIS....S F Farron, Phila; G M Whitney, Mo; O J Auzay, G W Johnson, N Y; Miss McCall, Miss Adams, H G Winter, La; M A Delaney and servant, Mobile; Prof S Harper, A Terrasine, Miss; C Holmes, Cin; H A Chotard, St Louis.

☞ We publish the following from the "Keepers of Sailors' Boarding House," in reply to an article in the Bee, of the 29th inst., and in dolorous, must take occasion to say that we have nothing to do with the merits of the controversy, and only admit the communication as an advertisement and in order that the parties assailed may have a chance of being heard in their defense.

[Communicated.]

GREAT MEETING OF THE LEADING MERCHANTS OF NEW ORLEANS, AT THE EXCHANGE.

So was the heading of a very large article on the English side of the Bee, of the 29th inst. Sailors rights is the watchword of the President and his colleagues, and the editor of the Bee is received than an exercise shall be wanting on his part, to blacken the characters as the Seamen's Boarding House Keepers, a class of men he has as much knowledge of as they have of his newspaper sheet. The editor, no doubt, will be assisted in his charitable crusade, by a hypocritical individual who made a very lugubrious speech at the meeting of "leading men of New Orleans"—and we unless and a notorious quack dentist; but we advise outsiders this valuable aid to send the Boarding House Keepers as follows to the Penitentiary. Characters are of no value, and with such as Scoundrels is the cloak under which a number of men are to be massacred, and pity for the poor sailors is to condemn the innocent and the guilty, and destroy their reputation and consign their wives and children to beggary or a workhouse.

Kind, amiable Mr. Harmon, will you not, you who can "shell with horse" the editor of the Bee—the Dentist also the vast multitude—charitably unite together for an interested purpose, that if a spermaceti or pore jack, cannot pay, Mr. Harmon, the modern Hercules, will spread yourself into a snug a stance among the leading business men, to be paid out of the hard work of the sailor. Hypocrisy seldom fails for a time, to bolster up reputations for sanctity until the real is exhibited to view and the Mahsuna visage is laid bare, yet you found the Dentist to help you and be sure he will insure your place, as long as you serve him, or until the public discover that you are but a religious hypocrite. Kind Mr. Harmon, the leading men will learn you, that the cases you stigmatize, never receive an advance of season's wages until the vessel reaches the Bar, or in other words, (as you might be shocked at the word bar,) goes to sea.

Dear Mr. Harman, do give us the name of the gentlemen who ships dead men? Man ships with corpses—funny sh't it. We wonder if dead men could handle a royal or reef a topsail; it would be a great saving to ship owners as the defunct would not be able to claim wages and the leading ship owners would profit by it.

The President of your meeting has a deep interest in Jack Quick; how does he like the idea of one of the packets going into Sandy Hook manned by dead men! He would not be bothered with articles, or even pick bills; he would not care whether rum or water was served out to dead Jack, as we are rather afraid the corpse could as rarely swallow grog as the public your misrepresentations, vamped up with the effect of the many with the dead.

Be charitable, Mr. Harman, let your friend the Dentist once extract the p loon from your tongue, and you will find out that there are a good many honest fellows who are floating house Keepers. Tell your friends, the Merchants, to apply to the Shipping Masters and find out when the money is paid for the corpses of the poor Jacks. Learn to tell truth, give a lesson to the Editor of the Bee of plain common sense, and not employ declamation.

Take a glass of brandy and water after reading this, it will accelerate the circulation of your blood, and give you besides a better humor and more sanguinary ideas. Yours,

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December 29, 1854.

P. S. The Dentist, Mr ——, is requested to call at a "Sailor's Boarding House," and pay a debt of honor of $100, due since the Russia was burned—said debt contracted for seamens board detained by him as witnesses to try and gain his insurance—whether right or wrong, we leave the public to judge.

P. S.—We, the undersigned, as Seamen's Landlords and American citizens: Be it known that any English subjects under the control of Queen Victoria, or Stockholder in the Seamen's House, would let us a sou and mind their own business, if not, we shall look into the affair a little closer and show them that we are determined to run our own course.

Yours, SAILORS' LANDLORDS.

P. S.—We would explain the meaning of the term mind, of the members of the honorable meeting, via: "Blood Money." It is a bargain made by the Shipping Masters and Captains to find a Sailor, at a higher rate and in a pinch, but we receive for our Midnight Work only the advances after the ship has gone to sea. In the one price of Rio d'I. Do the leading Merchants pay one-half of the Tax to support the City, that we, the undersigned Sailor Boarding-House Keepers pay? The Listed List will show the Truth. d1*

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