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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 20, 1855.

☞ We are indebted to the clerk of the steamer Florida for late favors from St. Louis.

We are also indebted to the officers of the Grand Turk for late St. Louis papers.

HEAVY TRANSACTIONS.—It will be seen, by reference to our commercial column, that the sales of cotton in our market yesterday reached the large amount of 3,000 bales, at an advance of 1/8, per lb. in prices—the heaviest business, we believe, ever done here in one day. The sales since Saturday morning have embraced 17,000 bales. The foreign news which we published yesterday morning, seems to have been considered more favorable than was anticipated by operators generally.

MISS AGNES ROBERTSON.—We are happy to notice the return to our city, and the reappearance on our stage, of Miss Agnes Robertson—the "Fairy Star"—who, last winter, won an unprecedented success here by the arch and spirited manner of her acting and the originality of her delineations, as novel and pleasing as they were graceful and captivating. Miss Robertson will make her appearance, at the Gaiety Theater, this evening, in the "Chameleon" and "Bob Nettles." In the first piece she sustains four different parts, and in the latter she plays with Mr. Bourdenault and Mr. Owens. Her arch songs and life-inspiring dances will diversify the entertainments. We predict a glorious and hearty reception for the greatest favorite our stage ever knew.

INSURANCE.—The Presidents and agents of Insurance Companies, domiciled in this city, are invited by an advertisement, emanating from the City Council to elect six commissioners to act in conjunction with those named in behalf of the city, as a Board of Commissioners, under an ordinance concerning the Fire Department.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The annual examination of the public schools of the First District closes to day. The public exhibition will take place to-morrow, at the Lyceum Hall, commencing at eleven A. M. Parents and the public generally are invited to be present.

MISSES SUSAN AND KATE DEVIN.—At the St. Charles Theater, this evening, Misses Susan and Kate Devin make their first and only appearance here, as *Romeo* and *Juliet*, in that play; and, also, in a farce called the "Wandering Boys."

It is their only appearance, those wishing to see them will be compelled to attend this evening.

The continual merriment of the fine audiences of the Circus, corner of Poydras and Baronne streets, is a sufficient test of the ability of the troupe in general and of "Old Joe" (the clown) in particular, and those who want to have a good laughing time, as well as to be entertained by the other presentations offered, had better avail themselves of the present opportunity, as they are not expected to remain any great length of time.

AMUSEMENTS LAST EVENING.

ST. CHARLES THEATER.—The engagement of Mr. Hackett has not been more happy here on any evening than the last, when he played *Falstaff* in "Henry IV." The piece was well mounted and well-dressed, and, as a whole, deserved much commendation.

After the *piece de resistance*, the farce of "Bob Nettles," was produced, with Miss Masarthy as *Master Bob*—a character to which she did no injustice, but, on the contrary, supported very successfully. It has been played here before, by Miss Robertson, and most of our citizens will remember its incidents.

GAIETY THEATRE.—Giralda and Poor Pillicoddy were repeated, last evening, at the Gaiety, to a very good house, though not so large as we would like to have seen. That they were well rendered, should be the same as to say—they were played at the Gaiety.

The other amusements of the evening were well attended and passed off agreeably.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ORLEANS THEATRE.—Verdi's grand opera of "Jerusalem."

ST. CHARLES THEATER.—First and only night of Misses Susan and Kate Devin. "Romeo and Juliet" and "Wandering Boys."

GAIETY THEATRE.—Miss Agnes Robertson. "The Chameleon" and "Bob Nettles," with the farce of "Poor Pillicoddy."

PEET'S SOUTHERN OPERA HOUSE.—Songs, dances and burlesques, by the Campbell Minstrels.

VANNUCHI'S MUSEUM.—Wax statuary and cosmoramas, at 107 St. Charles street.

FRANKLIN MUSEUM.—Statuary, reptiles, etc., at 106 St. Charles street.

SMITH'S AMERICAN CIRCUS.—A grand display of equestrianism at the corner of Poydras and Baronne streets.

AUCTION SALE.—J. L. Carman & Co. will sell to-day, at auction, at No. 60 Magazine street, several fine buggies and phaetons, and a family barouche. These carriages are of the best manufacture, and the sale positive, as the owner leaves town this afternoon.

FOR CINCINNATI.—The regular packet steamer Indiana, Barber, master, puts out for Cincinnati and all intermediate landings, at the usual hour this evening. John E. Hyde & Co., No. 56 Poydras street, are the agents.

FOR VICKSBURG.—The Southern Belle, Capt. Broadwell, is off at 5 o'clock this evening, with the U. S. mail for Vicksburg and way stations. She is a fine, fleet boat, and those going up river should apply to her agents Carroll, Pritchard & Co., Union Row, No. 52 Carondelet street.

FOR ST. LOUIS AND CAIRO.—The fine, staunch and very fast running steamer New Lucy, Conly, master, will put out this evening for Cairo, St. Louis and intermediate landings. As the New Lucy is one of the finest, so she is almost the fastest boat on the river. John E. Hyde & Co., No. 56 Poydras street, are the agents.

FOR MONTGOMERY AND WETUMPKA.—The new light-draught steamer, Montgomery, Jackson, master, leaves for Montgomery and all intermediate landings on the Alabama river, at 5 o'clock, P. M., via the New Basin John E. Hyde & Co., No. 56 Poydras street, are the agent for the Montgomery.

FOR CINCINNATI.—The fast and fine passenger packet Henry Lewis, Capt. Emerson, puts out for Cincinnati and all way landings at the accustomed hour this evening. For freight or passage, application should be made on board or to John E. Hyde & Co., No. 56 Poydras street.

FOR YAZOO RIVER.—The splendid passenger steamer Lewis Whiteman, Capt. Wallace, leaves this evening, at the regular hour, for Yazoo river and Vicksburg. Application for freight or passage should be made on board or to T. B. Smith, No. 12 New Levee street.

FOR OUACHITA RIVER.—The fine steamer W. N. Sherman, Capt. Gwartney, will leave this afternoon at 5 o'clock, for Ouachita River, making all the landings. Lewis Snapp & Co., No. 37 Front street, are her agents.

FOR BAYOU MACON AND TENSAS.—The regular packet Linden, Capt. Coulter, leaves this afternoon, at 5 o'clock, for the above and all intermediate landings. For freight or passage apply on board, or to L. Snapp & Co., No. 37 Front street.

FOR CINCINNATI.—The fine regular passenger steamer Glendale, Ford, master, leaves for the Ohio, and all landings on the way, at the regular hour this evening. John E. Hyde & Co., No. 56 Poydras street, are her agents.

FOR LOUISVILLE.—The fine passenger steamer Antelope, Brown, master, leaves for Louisville and all ports on the way, at 5 o'clock this evening, taking freight for Memphis, Cairo and Paducah. Betterton & Keefe, No. 29 Tchoupitoulas street, are her agents.

A NEW DODGE AND NEW RUMORS.

The case of Bell vs. Hufty bids fair to be everlasting, assuming the proposition that the plaintiff, his friends, and the influences at their command, are sufficiently powerful to protract a judicial contest to all eternity, in defiance of law, the verdict of a jury, and the clearly expressed wish of a majority of the actual people. For our part, we incline to the opinion that their power is not co-extensive with their disposition, and that the unmistakable fiat of the statute, approved on the 15th of March, 1855, as expressed through the decision of an honest and intelligent jury, will yet, despite the machinations of interested and prejudiced parties, be not altogether annulled and repudiated.

Yesterday, in the First District Court, a motion was made for a rule to set aside the verdict of the jury in the Bell and Hufty case—the particulars of which are well understood by our readers—returnable on Monday next. Can this be done? No, if the law governing the case is worth the paper it is printed upon, and exercises the slightest influence over the court.

To show that we are correct, we will cite the 45th section of the law:

Sec. 45. Be it further enacted, etc., That after ten days from the date of service of the petition of the contestant, and at least ten days notice of the filing of the petition by the voters the adverse party shall be bound to answer; and the issue thus formed shall be proceeded with summarily before the court and jury. The trial shall be conducted and submitted to the jury according to the laws by which other jury trials are governed. A majority only of the jurors shall be required to return a verdict. The jury *shall have power to determine* by their verdict which of the parties is entitled to the office, or to refer the same again to the people. THE COURT SHALL HAVE NO POWER *to grant a* NEW TRIAL, as in other cases, and NO APPEAL *shall be allowed*.

This section of the law settles the whole matter, so far as the Sheriff's business is concerned. The election of Hufty was contested by Bell. The case went regularly before a court and jury, and a majority of that jury found in favor of Hufty. Their decision entitles Col. Hufty to the office of Sheriff, for the law explicitly directs "that the court shall have *no power* to grant a new trial as in other cases, and *no appeal* shall be allowed."

Hence, it follows as an inevitable consequence, that as the finding of the jury cannot be reversed, some sinister and unfair motive must lie at the bottom of yesterday's procedure, or else the motion would never have been made. But, were the 45th section susceptible of misinterpretation, section 46 clinches the nail so strongly that honest mistake cannot possibly be made. We will now proceed to quote section 46:

Sec. 46. Be it further enacted, etc., That the judgment rendered upon the *first finding of the jury* SHALL BE FINAL; and on certifying the name to the Governor, a commission *shall be issued by him* in favor of the person in whose favor the verdict may be.

The foregoing reads so clear and orders so explicitly, that the most ordinary honest mind cannot fail to understand its plain purport. Why, even rank dishonesty, backed by consummate ingenuity, could not find a pebble stone upon which to base a superstructure.

As yet, we understand, Col. Hufty has not received the certificate to which he is entitled by law. We presume it will be granted him to-day, as it is impossible to see any solvent reason for a further postponement. It is now Thursday. He was entitled to it on Monday, according to the imprescriptible rights guaranteed by the statutes of the commonwealth and universal usage.

While on this point, however, we feel constrained to advert to a painful rumor that was prevalent on the streets yesterday, which was this: that the judge would not grant a certificate until the motion for a new trial was decided on next Monday, and that on next Monday he would adjourn court until after the Eighth of January! We are unable to credit this rumor, and only give it for what it is worth.

There is also another report current that the State authorities intend giving the commission of Sheriff to Mr. Bell, regardless of the law and the decision of the jury under it. This report, too, we do not credit.

But, where there is so much smoke there may be some fire; and if there is any fire, it may be well for "all the world and the rest of mankind" to recollect that the last drop caused the cup to overflow—the last ounce broke the back of the camel—and that the last strain rends asunder the mightiest cable ever wrought by machinery and skill.

THE HILLOTYPE.—A few years since a great deal was said about a discovery made by a Mr. Hill, who resides in some secluded place in Ulster Co., N. Y., of a method of taking daguerreotypes with all the natural colors of a landscape, dress, or person. Some time since, the announcement was made that the discovery was after all a failure, and could not be rendered of any practical value. But the Saugerties Telegraph states that the indefatigable experimenter has been constantly at work in bringing his new thing to perfection, has at length succeeded, and seems likely to reap a handsome pecuniary reward, in addition to the fame which belongs to the persistent artist. He has already received an offer of $30,000 for the Hillotype, says the Telegraph, provided he will go to Europe and obtain foreign patents. This offer he has declined, deeming it insufficient.

Mr. Walters, a passenger on the steamer Anthony Wayne, was taking from Chicago back to Philadelphia the remains of a fond and loving wife, to be buried among her relations and friends. During the trip the ill-fated boat exploded all her boilers, killing nearly every one on board. Mr. W. was lifted several hundred feet into the air, and fell into the water almost lifeless. The night was dark and dreary, and in his struggles to keep himself afloat he accidentally struck against a box, to which he clung all night long with desperation. When daylight appeared, he discovered that the box which had saved his life contained the corpse of his wife.

On the 15th of November, a terrific hurricane was experienced in the region around Messina, in Sicily, whereby whole villages were destroyed, with considerable loss of life; and the scene, for twenty miles around Messina, is said to be lamentable in the extreme. The lemon gardens, and the greater part of the corn mills, have been destroyed and washed away.

The Oswego (N. Y.) Chronicle contains the announcement of the marriage of two Doctors, *bona fide* M. D.'s, viz: Albert E. Miller, M. D., of Rome, N. Y., and Mary E. Walker, M. D., of Oswego town. Thus paired the two established themselves in Rome, and commenced business under the firm of Drs. Miller and Miller Walker—the wife still retaining an identity of her own in the business affairs by making use of her maiden name.

A man named Samuel Hudson was murdered in cold blood in St. Louis, on the night of the 11th inst., by a notorious courtezan named Sarah Hayeraft. She was arrested and is in prison.

As our Government had sent instructions to Minister Wheeler not to recognize the new Nicaraguan Government, (but which could not have been received by him before he did so,) Parker H. French will not, it is thought, be received as its accredited Minister.

On Friday last a man named McCoon shot Mr. Cross, the City Marshal of Columbia, S. C., with a pistol. The wound was thought to be mortal.

A Washington dispatch says that the Naval Constructor has pronounced the propeller Niagara building here, a failure.

LANGUAGE OF MOTION.

In the wild parlance of these latter days, when poetry, romance, beauty and other endowments, are given, with a free hand, to qualities and characteristics by no means deserving of them, we shall not be deemed trenching on the general habit or infringing on the general custom by alluding to the poetry of motion—a style of progression and go-ahead-ativeness very remarkable among the swans of human life, that swim here, on Canal and our other fashionable streets, with an easy, undulatory gait that conveys an idea of Arabian entertainments, renewed at the close of the nineteenth century. That there is something characteristic in the motion, the walk, the gait of a human, as well as a horse, can be denied by none who have ever seen, with open eyes, the progress of either. The high-blooded, high-bred descendant of the Sultans of the Strecca, steps in a dainty, elastic manner, suggestive of Pegasus and his air-snorting progeny. The heir of labor and drudgery goes, with half-closed eyes, heavy step and, perhaps, heavy heart, to the renewal of his work and the re-commencement of his hard labor. No stimulant can supply him with the elasticity which makes the glory of the blood-horse. Rest, only, renders him rounder; food makes him fatter; and that which completes the physical depletes the spiritual.

The same rule holds good with the biped that obtains with the quadruped. The man who takes his feet from the earth as though they were of lead, and lets them back in a heavy leaden manner, never is anybody—never can be anybody. He exists rather than lives, and his normal condition is anything but intelligent. He was moulded for a hewer of wood and a drawer of water; to respire such a period and then expire, without any life-product whatever. The heavy-gaited, slow, unwieldy step, is worth all the phrenological—physiological certificates that could possibly be accumulated as a criterion, and testimony concerning the individual whose nature is therein developed. A deep-thinking, introvertive intellect, sometimes moves slowly—comes, perhaps, to a dead halt in its progress. The cause of this is, however, that the operations of the mind require and use up all the physical as well as mental machinery, and leave nothing for the external being to accomplish. So soon, however, as the idea is born, the body jumps forward, quickened and relieved from its momentary pause. The blood circulates, the eye goes ahead as a pilot, and the feet follow one another in that active, energetic manner, which no mere provender can produce. This fact, based on the world's experience and observation, has the merits of an axiom, so that the best certificate of character a person can possibly have is that which writes itself on the ground with the feet for a pen.

There are, however, distinctions and subdivisions of testimony in this general evidence. Two men walk together. The one plants his feet like pillars of marble—the other touches them with the elasticity of india-rubber. Of these, the former will endure the most—the latter will do the most. The one will follow his original business with unwavering, unfaltering constancy, into the grave—the other will try his hand at every thing. The one will live in the old homestead and be buried by the side of his father—the other will hunt gold in California, climb the Himmalayas, and be buried at sea. The one will be permanent and reliable—the other erratic, and not always to be depended upon. The feelings of the former are deep and eternal—of the latter, hot and brief. The one is content with the old coach—the other invents steam engines and electric telegraphs. Neither may be thoroughly satisfied with what they accomplish, but the latter is invariably disgusted as soon as the toy is turned, and leaves to seek something strange and novel of which no man has ever dreamed. The one lives in Old England—the other is born in New England, and is a cosmopolite. He cannot even rest in his sleep, but dreams of some activity ahead. In heaven—and he will most undoubtedly get there, if there be any other way of reaching it except by the old beaten track—he will stir up the cherubims and offer to build a plank-road for Gabriel across that Corbonian bog which engulphs so many. He will hold up his head and march the golden streets as vigorously and independently as he does Broadway, shake hands with the head-angels and try to kiss the female divinities. Perhaps he may be a politician—in which case caucuses will go to glory with him, and annual elections be held for the celestial sheriffalty. He will make a mill to clothe the Graces, and set up shop to supply his side with revolvers and Mississippi tooth-picks.

Taken as a whole, the man with a gait is an entity of note and merit. If, in his unending progress, he sometimes gets into the wrong field, he is sure to push ahead till he comes out in the right. If he takes hold of a thing, it has to be done. If he starts a project, its realization must be reached. He does much that is wrong from want of reflection, and accomplishes much that is good because he cannot help it. If he is a rogue, he is a big one; if he is a saint, he is a seraph. At all events, he is somebody—with warm friends, warm enemies; with great possessions or none at all—nevertheless, a Croesus in the future.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

THE HEART OF MABEL WARE. A ROMANCE. New York: J. C. Derby.

There is a very considerable amount of novelty in the new romance which we have been favored with; but between novelty and originality there is a very broad distinction, and one the author has left open for observation. The incidents are sometimes striking, the characters quaint, the development, if not absolutely *outre*, yet not altogether natural. The plan and its execution betray a laboring after effect, not consistent with literary success. The story is of love and its concomitants; of hope and disappointment; of green fields and blue skies; brooks, birds, and those other natural ingredients of a tale of the heart. The volume is neatly printed and handsomely bound. We are indebted to J. C. Morgan for a copy.

FLORENCE DOMBEY AND LITTLE PAUL—From "Dombey & Son." OLIVER AND THE JEW FAGIN—From "Oliver Twist." New York: Redfield.

Of the above little volumes, all extracted from the popular and well-known works of Dickens, it is necessary only to say that they are beautifully printed and bound, and that they will make admirable gift-books. Every one has read them, and the world has passed its verdict upon their character.

HARPERS' NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE. January, 1856.

We have received, through Mr. Morgan, an advance copy of Harper for the first month of the year to come. It is embellished with very many handsome cuts, and contains its usual amount of interesting matter. The present is the right time to subscribe, and Morgan's is the place to do so.

NAVAL STORES, PAINTS, ETC., ETC.—Alfred Kearney, No. 72 Magazine street, has a very large and excellent assortment of articles in his line of business, which is well indexed in our advertising columns. In the catalogue will be found varnish, zinc, plaster, glue, guano oakum, oils of many kinds, nails, glass, naval stores, etc. Those who deal in commodities of this description, or who wish to purchase for their own use, will find as good a quality and as reasonable prices at Mr. Kearney's as any where in the city. See the advertisement.

A DANGEROUS REEF OR SHOAL.—Capt. Irvine, of the Calrugorum, just arrived at London, from Canton, reports that while standing to the southward, the ship, one evening, suddenly struck three times on a reef or shoal, situated in lat. 1 20 S., and long. 106 54 E. The ship was backed immediately, and soundings were taken, but no bottom was found at 20 fathoms, and there was no appearance of shoal water near. On the passage out, Capt. Irvine saw, at Anjer, a notice left by the American ship Celestion, of her having tacked within fifteen feet of some rocks above water, in lat. 1 18 S., long. 106 50 E., which are not laid down in any chart.

A letter in the St. Louis Democrat, dated Leavenworth, December 1st, says: M'Crea escaped from prison and informed the Territorial Marshal that he would appear at Tecumseh on the day of trial. The Laurence people say that Sheriff Jones never produced a warrant for the arrest of his prisoner.

We learn that the Department of the Interior has decided to issue drafts in payment for work done under contract, or for salaries to land officers themselves, and not to make payment to assignees; the decision to take effect from the first of April next. The General Land Officer will act in conformity to this decision, and will shortly address a circular to the different land offices, setting forth the manner in which their officers will be affected by this rule.

The annual statement of the trade and commerce of Cincinnati shows to good advantage the resources, trade and commerce of this great city of the Ohio valley. The annual value of its manufactures is $52,109,374. Its imports annually are valued at $75,000,000, and its exports at $60,000,000. There are 6,000 miles of railroad now diverging from the city, and 4,000 miles under construction.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.—An Irishman, named Michael Cullen, fell into a vat of boiling water at Union Factory, in Norwich, about six o'clock on Tuesday evening. He remained in the boiling cauldron about three minutes before he could be rescued, and when taken out he was dead and his flesh dropping from the bones.—[N. Y. Express.

LATER FROM HAVANA.

ARRIVAL OF STEAMSHIP BLACK WARRIOR.

The U. S. mail steamer Black Warrior, S. B. Miller, commanding, arrived at her wharf yesterday morning, from New York, via Havana, having left the former port on the 10th, and the latter on the 16th inst. The Warrior brought the following passengers:

H D McGinnis and lady, W Palmer, lady and two children, Mrs H Perine, J C Marsh, Mr Weir, Miss Monseaux, N Morschi, M Brown and lady, Miss M J Kennedy, A Wheelock, M McCarthy, J W Metcalf and lady, F N Lawrence and lady, D N Hennen, Mrs H A Buckingham, Mrs Rindon, two children and servant, F S Anderson, Capt Rennel, Mr Edgar, J Jottenot and servant, M Mathews, W D Rickaby, P G Taylor, J Bickenhood, J Bennoo, Miss Sheridan, Mrs Strickland and child, Mr Houghton, lady, three children and servant, Judge Amoe, Miss E Pope, H De Lucey, Mrs J F Rodgers.

Captain Miller reports that everything was quiet at Havana, and no news of interest stirring.

The Habaneros were to celebrate the funeral obsequies of Gen. Tacon, formerly Captain General of the island, with great pomp and splendor, on the 17th.

As we have already announced by telegraph at the time the Black Warrior sailed from Havana no tidings had been received of the steamship Crescent City, which left New York on the 3d, and was consequently eight days over due at Havana. Serious fears are very naturally entertained for her safety.

On the morning of the 12th the Warrior passed a large steamer supposed to be the Granada.

As the Black Warrior came out of the harbor of Havana, the British bark Omer Pacha and American brig Henry Luds were going in.

By this arrival we have received our files up to the 16th, but they furnish no news of interest. The *Diario* says:

"According to our information, it is quite probable that within a few days we shall have the satisfaction of seeing in our port the greater part of the English squadron gathered at Bermuda under the orders of its worthy Admiral. The presence of the naval forces of friendly nations will now, as always, be a cause of satisfaction to the people of Havana."

Whether this visit of English war vessels has anything to do with the recent difficulty, in which two or three English wreckers were fired upon and killed by a Spanish launch, we are not prepared to state. Although it was evident from the accounts of the affair that the Spaniards were in the right, it was intimated at the time that vessels would be dispatched to Havana from the West India squadron to seek an explanation.

A Chinaman at Sagua la Grande, who had been baptised with the name of Ciprian, on the following day murdered one of his companions in cold blood. He was tried and immediately executed.

Thirty-Fourth Congress—First Session.

SENATE.—The following are the remainder of the Standing Committees organized on the 12th, a part of which we have already published:

Committee on Public Lands—Messrs. Stuart, Johnson, Foot, Clayton, Pugh and Mallory.

Committee on Private Claims—Messrs. Benjamin, Biggs, Thompson of Kentucky, Foster and Wilson.

Committee on Indian Affairs—Messrs. Sebastian, Rusk, Toombs, Brown, Reid and Bell of Tennessee.

Committee on Claims—Messrs. Brodhead, Fessenden, Geyer, Iverson, Yulee and Wade.

Committee on Revolutionary Claims—Messrs. Evans, Reid, Hale, Foster and Durkee.

Committee on the Judiciary—Messrs. Butler, Toucey, Bayard, Geyer, Toombs and Pugh.

Committee on Post-Offices and Post Roads—Messrs. Rusk, Collamer, Adams, Hamlin, Jones of Iowa, and Yulee.

Committee on Roads and Canals—Messrs. Siddell, Bell of New Hampshire, Briggs, Durkee, Jones of Tennessee, and Wright.

Committee on Pensions—Messrs. Jones of Iowa, Clay, Thomson of New Jersey, Seward and Sumner.

Committee on District of Columbia—Messrs. Brown, Allen, Mason, Pratt, Reid.

Committee on Patents—Messrs. James, Evans, Stuart, Brown, Thompson of Kentucky, Fessenden.

Committee on Retrenchment—Messrs. Adams, Fitzpatrick, Fish, Biggs, Crittenden.

Committee on Territories—Messrs. Douglas, Jones of Iowa, Collamer, Bell, Sebastian, Biggs.

Committee on Contingent Expenses—Messrs. Evans, Wright, Foot.

Committee on Public Buildings—Messrs. Bayard, James, Hunter, Thomson of N. J., Pratt, Hale.

Committee on Engrossed Bills—Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Collamer, Wade.

Committee on Library—Messrs. Pearce, Cass, Bayard.

Committee on Engrossed Bills—Messrs. Jones of Iowa, Sumner.

The gentlemen first named on each committee was elected Chairman thereof, and the Senate adjourned.

SENATE—*December* 13.—Mr. Jones, of Iowa, submitted a resolution authorizing certain committees to employ clerks.

Mr. Adams moved an amendment providing that no person shall be appointed who holds an office under the general government. This was rejected, and the resolution was adopted.

The Senate then adjourned.

House—The House again resumed voting for a speaker, as follows:

Banks, 105; Richardson, 75; Fuller, 33; Leiter, 2; "scattering," 0.

At the conclusion of the roll Mr. M. Mullen said: "Before I vote I give notice that unless within the next three days we elect a speaker, I will submit a proposition by way of compromise."

Mr. Giddings, (loudly)—"What is the proposition?"

Mr. Florence—"You can't compromise principles." [Confusion.]

Mr. Giddings—(impatiently)—"Tell what it is."

Mr. Houston—(on the opposite side of the Hall)—"It is that you come over to us—a very fair proposition." [Laughter.]

Mr. Giddings—"Make it now."

Mr. Houston. All of you promise to come over to us, and I'll make it now. [Laughter, and cries of "You can't come that game!" "No doubt you'd agree!"]

The House proceeded with the balloting, and adjourned without effecting an election.

THE HAWAII VOLCANO.—We find the following highly interesting letter from the Sandwich Islands in the Washington Intelligencer:

Hilo, Oct. 13, 1855.—Hawaii still burns. The great furnace on Mauna Loa is in full blast. For sixty-three days the molten flood has rolled down the mountain without abatement. Our Hawaiian atmosphere is loaded with smoke and gases, through which the sun shines with dingy and yellow rays.

The amount of lava disgorged from this awful magazine is enormous. The higher regions of the mountains are flooded with vast tracts of smoking lava, while the streams which have flowed down the side of the mountain spread over a surface of several miles in breadth. The main stream, including all its windings, must be more than fifty miles long, with an average breadth of three miles. This is still flowing direct for our bay, and is supposed to be within ten miles of us. It is eating its way slowly through the deep forest and the dense jungle in our rear, and its terminus must be the sea, unless the great summit fountain should cease to disgorge.

On the 21 inst., Mr. McCulley and myself set off to explore the eruption, taking the bed of the stream, the Wailuku river, as our path. We reached the terminal crater in four and a half days, tracing up the fiery stream from the upper skirt of the forest to the summit of the mountain. In the woods we could not follow it on account of the dense jungle.

The burning stream now runs all the way in a covered duct, so that it can be seen only at its vents, which let off the gas. These are truly fearful. We looked down one of them and saw the fiery current rushing under us, in some places at the rate of forty knots. We returned via Kilauea, and were absent ten days. What we saw, and heard, and felt, cannot be described.

It is now said that there is no foundation in the report that the $50,000 lost by the American Express Company has been found.

Telegraphed to the Daily Crescent.

LOSS OF THE CRESCENT CITY

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PEACE PROBABLE.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

BY THE NATIONAL AND SOUTHERN LINES.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 18.—The British schooner Baltic, Capt. Pruden, just arrived from Nassau, brings intelligence of the loss of the steamship Crescent City, which sailed from New York on the 3d inst. for New Orleans, via Havana. The Crescent City struck on Little Bahama Bank about 20 miles east of the western point of Manilla reef, on the 7th, with a tremendous crash, and bilged immediately.

The boats were lowered, and rafts were constructed to be used in case they were necessary.

Captain Holbrook, in the meantime, sent a boat to Sandy Bay, 42 miles distant, which returned with the wrecking schooner Defiance, which took off a portion of the passengers and carried them to Nassau. Captain Gray, with the balance of the passengers and the crew, arrived at Nassau afterwards in the "Star."

The brigantine, Alma, has been chartered to convey the passengers and mails to their destination. It is thought the vessel will be a total loss. From observations taken during the day, and the soundings up to the time of the accident, it is supposed that the catastrophe was caused by the setting in of a strong south-easterly current.

ADDITIONAL BY THE AFRICA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The London Times says that a peace is close at hand. Austria, it is reported, is about to address an ultimatum to Russia in case of the refusal of Russia to accept it. Austria will treat with the Western Powers. The Morning Post denies the story that the Allies, in the Crimea, are to be reinforced. The Baltic fleet is homeward bound. It is reported that the Russians have taken Kars.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Banks had on the last ballot to-day, 105; Richardson, 73; Fuller, 38. Mr. Huntington introduced a resolution to elect a Speaker by a plurality vote, pending which the House adjourned.

The Message.

It is said that the President is having the message put in type, at the White House, in order to prevent its publication in advance of its delivery in Congress.

The Empire City.

NEW YORK, Dec 17.—The Empire City brings one and a-half million in treasure.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The House has been occupied nearly all day in personal explanations and the defining of positions, and no ballots were taken. The prospect of an election seems more distant than ever.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—After much and exciting discussion between Northern and Southern Whigs, three ballots were had, the last resulting as follows: Banks 106, Richardson 75, Fuller 34.

Domestic Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Cotton is drooping, with sales of 1200 bales; Flour is lower, and Ohio is quoted at $8 62½; Corn is selling at 97½; Southern White Wheat, $2 15.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—Flour, $7 50. Whisky is selling at 30½ to 30½c.

River Intelligence.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 19.—The river is rising, with 9 feet in the canal. The Granite State arrived yesterday from New Orleans, and the Empress left for that port.

BOSTON MUNICIPALITY ELECTION.—The Boston Post of the 11th says:

We are happy to record the election of the "Citizens' Ticket," yesterday. The plurality is about two thousand for Mr. Rice, in the largest vote ever cast at a city election. In this result there is no partisan triumph, but the success of men nominated for their peculiar fitness for the places to which they have been chosen—men worthy and capable—men of high character, of responsibility, and of integrity.

The Thibodaux Minerva of Saturday last says:

The weather up to yesterday morning has been clear and delightful. Our planters are still busily engaged in sugar-making. There appears to be no increase in the yield of the cane; and it is now positively certain that the present sugar crop of the State will fall materially short of that of last year. The health of town and parish is excellent. Business, though not precisely brisk, cannot be considered dull.

Our bayou is still in a good navigable condition, though the water is now at a stand.

We are pleased to hear that the bridge project meets with great favor; and there remains not a doubt that it will be constructed during the coming summer. The bridge and a shell road to the railroad alone can save our town from going down; and it devolves upon the owners of property to put their shoulders to the wheel and keep the ball in motion.

Bermuda papers of the 27th ult. announce the arrival of seven British war vessels from England and Halifax, as reinforcements to the West India squadron. One of the steamers will run as a mail boat between Halifax and Bermuda during the winter.

☞ Capt. Gwartney, who was recently burnt out on the Unicorn, is again in the field with the fine steamer FULTON, and prepared to transact the business of his hosts of friends and customers with his accustomed promptitude and correctness. The Fulton is now at the landing receiving freight for all the landings on the Yazoo River. She leaves SATURDAY, 22d inst., at 5 o'clock P. M. Her agents are Lewis Snapp & Co., No. 37 Front street.
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☞ A meeting of the members of the American Party of the Second Ward, between Julia and Thalia streets, will be held at No. 9 New Stole, on SATURDAY, Dec. 22, at 7 o'clock P. M.

☞ As business of importance will be brought forward, all members of the Party are requested to attend.

☞ Exponent and Creole please copy. d18 5pt

☞ A meeting of the members of the American Party, residing in the First Ward, First District, between Felicity Road and Thalia street, will be held at the corner of Nayades and Tchupitoulas streets, on SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 22, at 7 o'clock.

☞ Business of importance will be considered. All are requested to attend. 450 5pt

☞ We have frequently heard the celebrated German Bitters, sold by Dr. C. M. Jackson, 120 Arch street, Philadelphia, spoken of in terms of the highest commendation, and we believe that it is one of the best medicines advertised for the complaints for which it is recommended. They are pleasant to the taste, and can be taken under any circumstances by the most delicate stomach. The press, far and wide, have united in commending this invaluable remedy for dyspepsia, debility, etc.; and such are the healing effects of this panacea, that we hope it may be introduced to every family where dyspepsia has or is likely to have a victim. See advertisement. d4 1md&W

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