New Orleans Daily Crescent.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 17, 1856.

☞ SEE FIRST AND FOURTH PAGES. ☜

☞ We are indebted to the clerk of the steamer Cora No. 2 for late Yazoo city papers.

☞ We are much obliged to our distinguished Senator, Hon. John Slidell, for a bound volume of maps and surveys, to accompany the President's message and documents, for the years 1855-'56. The volume is very valuable for information and reference.

☞ We refer the reader to the communication on the subject of the sugar crop of Louisiana, which will be found in another column.

Talk on 'Change—Cotton.

The very fine weather yesterday was one topic for remark, and the accounts of a rise in the waters of the Upper Mississippi another, not overlooking the very great and important tributary of the Lower Mississippi, Red River, of which we have flattering accounts. From all accounts at hand cotton from north-west Louisiana will be rapidly shipped to market. In fact, we have heard of only few parties either in Mississippi or in this State who have been holding back their cotton for higher prices, or to dictate terms to buyers what they should pay for it. But the mass of cultivators or planters have been willing to submit to the immutable laws of supply and requirement. There have not been any combinations or coalitions to run up prices, to counteract the movements and resolutions on the other side of the water, particularly in that supposed to be fast anchored isle, Great Britain. Whilst spinners in Manchester and dealers in Liverpool have only been participating in our market this season to very restricted limits, parties for the continent of Europe have been operating at the current prices, basing their purchases on the well grounded assumptions that a real deficiency of growth has been satisfactorily and fully demonstrated. Not so with the buyers of the English market. They have through the fall, from the time the first bale of cotton was received in market, been assiduously decrying the estimates of the growth; impeaching every account from the interior, regarding the effects of storms of wind and rain, and barely giving the least particle of credence to assertions emanating from the most respectable cultivators, confirmed by the most respectable and influential factors in our city.

Whilst all this doubt has been husbanded, buyers for the different markets of continental Europe have been judiciously purchasing for their constituents unawed by the thunders of the Bank of England and its adherents, in creating what it is really believed to be, a fictitious scarcity of money. Nor have the repeated demonstrations of hostility and ill-feeling towards the great cotton interests been regarded with other than mirthful regard by the cotton factorage community of New Orleans. Whilst we were ruminating on this news, a distinguished individual salutes us with the remark, "how is cotton?" Well we could only reply that cotton is cotton, and it is likely to remain cotton, under the present indications of 2,850,000 bales.

The large arrivals of vessels the past three days has tended to restrain the advancing tendency of freights. Yet present rates pay well. Produce operators in the West can send their large stocks of flour and grain to this city, with the assurance that all facilities for transportation will be at hand, and of course it is unnecessary for us to refer to the very low rate of charges which prevail here, compared with Northern marts. We can, however, assure one thing, there will not be any detention from ice or cold weather in this market.

The Northern mail failed again yesterday, so far as papers were concerned. The English papers due by the Arabia made their appearance also, the letters having been received on Saturday last. Where is the blame to attach?

The next regular steamer from Liverpool will be the America, due at Boston via Halifax, to have left on the 6th inst.

COTTON.—The receipts for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 o'clock last evening were, by the Southern Belle, from Vicksburg, 2,129 bales; Swamp Fox, Cane river, 780; Judah Touro, Ouachita river, 1,088; Cora, Mosby, Yazoo river, 2,130; Amanda, Texas river, 832; Magnolia, Vicksburg, 2,500; R. W. Powell, Lake Washington, 1,892; Belle Gates, Shreveport, 791; Jackson Railroad, 502; Yazoo Belle, Yazoo river, 1,000. Total 16,606 bales. There were also receipts of tobacco to the amount of 1,411 hhds., and our marine register indicates receipts of other and varied produce.

Our latest circular regarding gunny cloth will be found in another column.

NEW AUCTIONEER.—Mr. Julian Neville, having been duly commissioned according to law, is now prepared, as auctioneer, to dispose of all descriptions of property, real, personal or otherwise. We consider Mr. N. well calculated to make a first-rate auctioneer, and trust that he will receive, as he deserves, a fair share of the patronage of the public. His extensive knowledge of the value of city and suburban real estate will render him exceedingly useful to buyers, speculators or those wishing to invest permanently in town property, while his business qualifications are known to be of the highest order.

LADIES' FAIR AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL.—The ladies intend holding a fair at Odd Fellows' Hall on the evenings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next—the three evenings preceding Christmas—for the benefit of St. Paul's Church. It will be a beautiful affair, worthy everybody's patronage. We are indebted to the lady managers for complimentary tickets.

BALL AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL.—A grand military and civic ball will be given at Odd Fellows' Hall on Saturday night next, for the benefit of Fusilier Company No. 1, Louisiana Legion. We are indebted to the managers for tickets of invitation, which we will endeavor to honor.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Miss Maggie Mitchell appears in three characters to-night—*Gretchen*, in "The Little Treasure;" *Molly O'Shea*, in the comedietta of that name, and *Molly*, in the "Maid with the Milking Pail." These three performances will bring out Miss Mitchell's strong points, in the way of acting, singing and dancing. The performances will conclude with Vining Bowers, in his laughable character of *Fright*, in "Crimson Crimes."

SPALDING & ROGERS' MUSEUM AND AMPHITHEATRE—*Benefit of Mr. Ramsay*.—Mr. Ramsay, the accomplished banjoist and imitator of the dandy negro, takes a benefit to-night. He is a capital performer in everything that he undertakes, either in performing on the banjo or drum, in singing, in conducting dialogues, or in burlesque acting. He is a handsome man and a first-rate fellow to boot, and is entitled to a crowded house, which we are sure he will receive. The bill offered on the occasion comprises everything that is "rich, rare and racy." Go and secure your seats early.

CHIEF'S GAIETY.—*Camille once more, and for the Last Time*.—Miss Matilda Heron appears to-night, for the last time, in her favorite character of *Camille*. Those who admire the piece, and Miss Heron's particular rendition of her part in it, should not let this last opportunity slip.

HON. THOMAS H. BENTON.

Events seem to indicate the return of this venerable, but vigorous statesman, to the Senate of the United States, from Missouri, notwithstanding the Benton State Ticket was awfully defeated at the August election. Still, the Benton members of the legislature, combined with the Whigs and Americans, constitute near, if not quite, a majority on joint ballot; and it only requires, at the outside, a very few regular Democrats, as they style themselves, to come over to render the thing certain beyond a peradventure. The question may be asked: Will this diversion be effected in favor of Old Bullion? We are inclined to think so, owing to recent out-givings of journals highest in the confidence of the President-elect. An ingoing President possesses, in the very nature of affairs, a powerful, almost an autocratic influence, and has only to suggest a preference, either directly or through his accredited mouth-pieces, to produce a remarkable change in the minds of a given number of individuals. Those who are too careless or too stupid to pay due heed to such suggestions invariably find themselves without the pale of Presidential countenance; and as an ostracism of four years would be the result of carelessness or stupidity, State politicians rarely prove themselves careless or stupid in such matters.

As one of the evidences that Mr. Buchanan would be pleased to see Mr. Benton in the Senate once more, we copy the following article from the Philadelphia Pennsylvanian. As the Pennsylvanian has ever been his most ardent supporter, and is known to be his trusted home organ, the views so unqualifedly expressed are more than ordinarily significant:

HON. THOMAS H. BENTON.—It has been our fortune at times, under the convictions of public duty, to differ widely from several of the policy advocated by this distinguished gentleman; yet we cannot but feel the utmost pride, and, we venture to add, some degree of reciprocation then feel. We allude to his candor and uprightness in his course, and, we are quite sure his nature is too lofty to have caused an equal instance in the course of his career to the contrary. While this distinction is, and, we always contended for, Mr. Benton, these great qualities of patriotism, fitness and capacity, which have conferred so conspicuous a place among our ablest public men, and attracted to him a respect of States, even at home and abroad. No difference of opinion, and no difference of a disagreement could induce us to ignore these qualities, and truly, we more than we could forget the force of his overwhelming claims to us.

In recurring to these events of the present time, it is for the purpose of giving expression to sentiments more congenial to our own tastes, and doubtless more acceptable to the body of the wise and intelligent. But it is, when a long and uncompromising war has attached to Col. Benton, his numerous devoted adherents, selfless, unfeeling and merciless services in the recent Presidential contest, with our admiration and respect. Admitted, if the nearest ties of blood with Col. Fremont, and kindred interest, he only followed the dictates of family feeling and interest, he only followed the dictates of family feeling and interest, he only followed the dictates of family feeling and