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SEA-GOING VESSELS.

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To sail on WEDNESDAY, 24th instant, at 8 o'clock, A. M.
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FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI AMERICAN ship **Spark of the Ocean**, Capt. Drummond, is now loading and will have quick dispatch. For heavy freight, apply to
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FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI BREMEN ship **D. H. Watjen**, Badger, master, having part of her cargo engaged, will meet with dispatch. For balance of freight, apply on board, or to
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fe22

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING British ship **Golden Light**, Vaughn, master, having part of her cargo engaged, will meet with dispatch. For balance of freight, apply on board, or to
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FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Levi Woodbury**, Captain Bradford, is now loading, and will have immediate dispatch. For freight of 400 bales cotton, apply to
J. P. WHITNEY & CO., 35 Carondelet st.
For passage, apply to the captain on board. fe19

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Emily A. Hall**, Capt. Sawyer, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For freight of 300 bales cotton, apply to
J. P. WHITNEY & CO., 35 Carondelet street.
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FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Success**, Childs, master, is now loading and will have dispatch. For freight, apply to
J. H. ASHBRIDGE & CO., 120 Common st.
For passage, apply to the captain on board, Post 45, Second District. fe19

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE SPLENDID AI packet ship **Westmoreland**, Doane, master, having part of her cargo engaged, will meet with dispatch. For balance of freight, apply to
J. H. ASHBRIDGE & CO., 120 Common st.
For passage, having splendid accommodations for a few cabin passengers, apply to the captain on board.
Passage, $80. fe16

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Shamrock**, Capt. Doane, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For freight of 400 bales cotton, apply to
BAXTER, LOVELL & CO.
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FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI VERY FAST sailing American ship **J. L. Parsons**, Capt Crowell, is now loading and will have quick dispatch. For freight of 500 bales cotton, apply to
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For passage, apply to the captain on board. fe15

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE NEW AI FAST sailing American ship **Enoch Talbot**, Capt. Merryman, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For freight or passage, apply on board.
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FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI REGULAR packet ship **Lemuel Dyer**, Capt. Ward, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For freight of 400 bales cotton, apply to
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FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI AMERICAN ship **Windermere**, Capt. Smith, is now loading, and will have immediate dispatch. For freight of 400 bales cotton, apply to
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For passage, apply to the captain on board. fe10

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI AMERICAN ship **Riga**, Capt. Fristo, is now loading, and will have immediate dispatch. For freight of 500 bales cotton, apply to
J. P. WHITNEY & CO., 35 Carondelet street.
For passage, apply to the captain on board. fe10

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Lady Blessington**, Young, master, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For freight of 450 bales cotton, apply to
J. P. WHITNEY & CO., 35 Carondelet street.
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FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Rochambeau**, Capt. Gilchrist, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For freight of 500 bales cotton, apply to
JONES, MACKINDER & CO., 91 Gravier street.
For passage, apply to the captain on board. fe10

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE NEW AI FAST sailing American ship **Emily Augusta**, Capt. Parker, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For balance of freight, apply to
BAXTER, LOVELL & CO.
For passage, apply to the captain on board, Post 47, First District. fe9

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Mountaineer**, Capt. Wilson, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For balance of freight, apply to
BAXTER, LOVELL & CO.
For passage, apply to the master on board, Post 37, First District. fe9

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI AMERICAN ship **Belle of the Ocean**, Capt. Reed, is now loading for the above port and will have quick dispatch. For freight of 500 bales cotton, apply to
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For passage, apply to the captain on board, Post 29, First District. fe8

FOR LIVERPOOL—The AI fast sailing American ship **Thomas Jefferson**, Capt. Hill, is now loading and will have very quick dispatch. For freight of 400 bales cotton, apply to
JONES, MACKINDER & CO.
For passage, apply to the captain on board, Post 48, Third District. fe6

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Success**, Childs, master, is now loading and will have dispatch. For freight, apply to
J. H. ASHBRIDGE & CO., 120 Common st.
For passage, apply to the captain on board, Post 45, Second District. fe6

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Black Hawk**, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For balance of freight, apply to
J. P. WHITNEY & CO., 35 Carondelet street.
For passage apply to the captain on board. fe6

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Edward D. Peters**, Curtis, master, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For balance of freight, apply to
J. P. WHITNEY & CO., 35 Carondelet st.
For passage, apply to the captain on board. fe5

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI FAST SAILING Hamburg ship **Weser**, Capt. Wenzen, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For balance of freight, apply to
J. P. WHITNEY & CO., 35 Carondelet st.
For passage, apply to the captain on board. fe5

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE MAGNIFICENT New York and Liverpool packet ship **Ocean Monarch**, Capt. Paige, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For balance of freight, apply to
BAXTER, LOVELL & CO.
For passage, apply to the captain on board, Post 42, Third District.

FOR LIVERPOOL—WANTS HEAVY Freight—The AI fast sailing American ship **Forest Eagle**, McLellan, master, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For freight of pork, beef, flour and cotton, apply to
JONES, MACKINDER & CO., 91 Gravier st
For passage, apply to the captain on board. fe30

FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI BRITISH ship **Jos. Howe**, Capt. Driver, is now loading and will have very quick dispatch. For freight of 400 bales cotton, apply to
JONES, MACKINDER & CO., 91 Gravier st.
For passage, apply to the captain on board. fe30

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FOR LIVERPOOL—THE AI AMERICAN fast sailing ship **Elvira Owen**, Capt. Alexander, and having nearly all her cargo engaged, will have immediate dispatch. For balance of freight, or for 200 bales cotton, apply to
BAXTER, LOVELL & CO.
fe20

HAVRE.

FOR HAVRE—THE AI FAST SAILING regular packet ship **Wurtemberg**, McLellan, master, having nearly all her cargo engaged, will meet with dispatch. For freight of 300 bales cotton, apply to
BAXTER, LOVELL & CO.
fe11

FOR HAVRE—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **James Hovey**, Capt. Robinson, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For balance of freight, apply to
J. P. WHITNEY & CO., 35 Carondelet street.
For passage, apply to the captain on board. fe3

FOR HAVRE—THE AI AND VERY FAST sailing American ship **Feliciana**, Capt. Ballis, having most of her cargo engaged, will meet with quick dispatch. For remainder of freight, apply to
BAXTER, LOVELL & CO.
For passage, having superior accommodations, apply to the master on board. fe20

FOR HAVRE—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Cavalier**, Jordan, master, having nearly all her cargo engaged, will have immediate dispatch. For freight of 400 bales cotton, apply to
BAXTER, LOVELL & CO.
For passage, apply to the captain on board, Post 25, Third District. fe30

FOR HAVRE—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Thomas Gosden**, Capt. Gosden, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For freight of 300 bales cotton, apply to
JONES, MACKINDER & CO., 91 Gravier street.
For passage, apply to the captain on board. fe30

FOR HAVRE—THE AI FAST SAILING American ship **Bazaar**, Stewart, master, is now loading and will have immediate dispatch. For freight of 300 bales cotton, apply to
JONES, MACKINDER & CO., 91 Gravier st.

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New Orleans Daily Crescent.

MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 22, 1858.

Thalberg and Vieuxtemps.

The first week of the Thalberg and Vieuxtemps concerts has passed away; and we are enabled to set down to the distinguished performers the honor of the most brilliant and complete musical triumph that has been achieved in our city for many years. The lively anticipations with which they were at first received, have been doubly realized, and the excitement which they have aroused in our musical circles amounts to a *furore*, in the genuine, unqualified sense of the term. And it is a *furore* which is owing solely to the artistic merit of the great brothers of the piano and violin, independent of any of the extraneous influences to which mediocrity too often resorts, in playing upon public excitability.

Night after night, at Odd Fellows' Hall, thousands of our most intelligent and fashionable citizens, including all the fine musical tastes for which our city is distinguished, have listened to Thalberg and Vieuxtemps, and awarded them the applause which belongs not merely to successful art, but to genius, to that perfection of art which reaches the limit of musical perception, and leaves the refined musical ear nothing more to desire. The ease, the modest grace, the gentlemanly composure of Thalberg, when performing his most difficult and wonderful pieces, is his chief fascination with our musical public. There are *morceaux* of written music, the execution of which subjects ordinary performers to an appearance of labor, which would destroy the charm of the music, even if it were not more or less chaotically rendered: and it is in these particular executions, that Thalberg's laurels lie enshrined, above the touch of other mortal hands. Vieuxtemps, on the violin, is no less wonderful than Thalberg. As with the great pianist, his music flashes brilliantly and magically forth, as if his instrument were a part of his animal organization, and subject to his thought direct, rather than through the medium of his fingers. The singers, M'me Johannsen, Miss Kemp and Signor Ardavania, are respectively very good, and have most agreeably added the charm of variety to the performances of the lion instrumentalists.

Those who have not yet heard Thalberg and Vieuxtemps, and the multitudes who have not heard them enough, will be gratified with the announcement that two more concerts are to be given; one on Wednesday evening, and the other on Friday evening. At the Wednesday concert, Vieuxtemps is to give his great crowning performance, of a fantasia from "Norma" on one string; Thalberg and Vieuxtemps are to execute a duet from "Somnambula;" and the programme will be otherwise made up with the view of gratifying those who wish to hear the great artists in as many of their brilliant performances as possible.

This week, also, Thalberg and Vieuxtemps alone are to give three *matinees musicales*, or morning concerts, on Thursday and Saturday mornings, and Thursday morning of next week. These *matinees* are limited to subscriptions; the price being five dollars for three. This will afford families and ladies unattended by gentlemen, an opportunity of hearing and studying the great artists at their leisure, and under more favorable circumstances than amidst the crowds and excitement of the night concerts.

And, finally, it will gratify everybody to know, that Thalberg and Vieuxtemps have generously proposed to the Mayor to give two free concerts to the pupils of the public schools of the city; and that the Mayor has accepted the offer, and made arrangements to place the Varieties theater at their disposal. The first concerts to be given on Tuesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, to the pupils of the First and Fourth District Schools. The second concert, for the Second and Third District Schools, will take place soon afterward: due notice will be given of it.

Tickets to the night concerts and the *matinees* are to be had to-day and every day of the manager, Mr. Grau, at Mr. Parsons' store, No. 42 Camp street, or at Mr. Elise's, No. 78 Chartres street.

THE KELLERS AT THE VARIETIES' THEATER.—Since the withdrawal of Mr. Crisp from the Gaiety theater, the stockholders have abolished its inauspicious name, and restored it to its ancient and more appropriate name of the Varieties; by which name alone will it be hereafter designated.

The Keller troupe, having concluded their engagement at the Amphitheater, have taken the Varieties, for three nights only, where, with the Young America Ballet Corps, they will introduce new attractions. They open to-morrow night; when, besides the production of several sacred tableaux, copies of Ruben's famous paintings, the Juvenile Dancers will appear in a new Chinese ballet; all in addition to the beautiful variety performances which made them so popular at the Amphitheater. The box-office will be open to-day.

LOUISIANA MILITIA.—The volunteer Companies of the First Brigade, L. M., are ordered to be at Lafayette Square at half-past 10 o'clock this morning, in order to undergo inspection and review, and otherwise join in paying proper honor to the birth-day of the Father of his Country. Col. Forno is to command the Brigade, under orders of Brig. Gen. Tracy. Our military friends will observe the published orders, in another column, betimes.

THE AMPHITHEATER.—*First Night of the Marsh Children.*—The Keller troupe last night wound up their very prosperous engagement; and to-night we are to have for their successors, those delightful juvenile performers and prodigious public favorites, the Marsh Children. The Children have been reaping laurels ever since their departure from us last season, and now they return to us with the certainty of reviving the old excitement, and higher than ever. To-night, the leading stars of the troupe, Miss Louise and Master George, are to appear as *William* and *Gnatbrain*, in "Black Eyed Susan;" and Master Stewart, a new accession, and said to be a very brilliant one, is to appear as *Paddy Murphy*, in "The Happy Man." There will be a great rush at the Amphitheater to-night, and every night.

The Siamese Twins & Co.—The excitement is to be renewed in the Museum also; for Col. Wood has returned with the Siamese Twins and their children, the Bearded Lady and her boy, the Scapillon, or hairy man, and the wonderful Swiss Warblers. This exhibition will be open from 10 to 2 o'clock in the day time, and before and after the Amphitheater performances at night. Col. Wood and his crowd have only been engaged for a week.

THE BURNET HOUSE, CINCINNATI.—This famous house—all travelers well know what it is—announces improved accommodations and a reduction of its rates to $2 a day. It is by common consent not only the finest hotel in Cincinnati, but the finest in the West, and is determined to heighten the popularity which it has enjoyed ever since its erection. We call the attention of the traveling public to its card, in our advertising columns.

EXHIBITION OF THE FIRST DISTRICT SCHOOLS.—Lyceum Hall will to-day present the most brilliant and pleasing as well as one of the most patriotic spectacles with which the anniversary of Washington's birth will be honored. The public schools of the First District are there to assemble in holiday guise, with teachers, directors and all; in order as well to celebrate the day appropriately, as to witness the triumph of the High School graduating classes, who are to receive their diplomas and part with their old schoolmates forever. A choice programme of recitations, reading of compositions, and singing, by the pupils, will as usual precede the delivery of the diplomas. Ten o'clock is the hour of opening; and as a great crowd will inevitably be present, we would hint the propriety of being on hand early, to all who would procure seats or see and hear well.

SNOW IN ARKANSAS.—The Independent Balance of a recent date, published in Batesville, Ark., says:

Our rejoicings at the beautiful weather which has been smiling upon us through the whole winter, have been somewhat hushed by a few days of cold, snowy, rainy, slippery, drizzly, ugly, dismal weather. At this writing (Wednesday night) the snow is falling fast, and already enough has fallen to cover the ground two or three inches, but it is too wet to retain it.

Boys' High School Examination.

BY WALTER H. PETERS.

The examination of the Boys' High School closed on Friday. A large number of visitors were present, mostly ladies, to witness the closing exercises, which were as commendable as they were creditable to those who participated.

The exercises in algebra, upon the blackboard, were readily performed and promptly explained. In the examination of the second course in Latin, the portions of Cæsar to be read and rendered in English were written upon cards, which were placed in a hat; each member in his turn drew one of these cards. Of the twelve who drew, two declined the parts thus assigned them. The translation of each was subjected to the criticisms of the whole course, as well as several of the gentlemen present, which enabled the visitors to judge of the proficiency of its members in that branch of study. The farewell of the second to the third course, who were there as pupils for the last time, was a feelingly and well written address. The orations in Latin and French were delivered in a style highly creditable to the young declaimers.

But the reading of "The Independent" was decidedly the most pleasing and interesting portion of the exercises. With one or two exceptions, the articles, editorials and contributions, exhibited an elegance of style, chasteness of diction and force of thought, which would have done credit to many who boast of far greater literary attainments. Besides, the subjects were well chosen. An article on "Female Education," and the valedictory of the editors of "The Independent," called forth the congratulations and encomiums of a number of the visitors. Take it all in all, the examination of the Boys' High School reflects great credit upon the teachers as well as pupils. It will be treasured up among the latest remembrances of the latter. And should any of the graduating course ever attain distinction and renown—there's nothing to prevent it—they will look back upon this examination as the starting point of their march to honor and fame.

We sincerely hope and trust that the examinations of the past and present week will not only encourage the active friends of our public schools to renewed exertions in their behalf, but arouse the public generally to a fuller sense of their usefulness and importance, and to take a more lively interest in their welfare and success. It requires no argument to establish the fact, the public are deeply interested in the cause of education; for it is well known that whatever tends to promote the welfare and happiness of society, is of interest to every member of the community. And as our public schools are calculated to secure the greatest good to the greatest number, they should enlist in their behalf the encouragement and support of the public generally.

In closing our reports of the First District School examinations, we must not forget to award to Mr. Rogers, the energetic and gentlemanly Superintendent of the schools, the credit which is his due. His office is an arduous one; but he discharges its duties as if it were rather a pleasure to him than a labor. Whilst he has, as a scholar and a business man, come up to the requirements of the School Directory in such a manner as to win and permanently retain their esteem and gratitude, he has, by his uniform politeness and gentlemanly conduct, as effectually gained the good feeling of the host of teachers and pupils placed under his supervision. He is a valuable man in every sense of the term; and we hope that he may never see proper to relinquish the post he now holds with so much honor.

Examination of the Girls' High School.

Messrs. Editors: I was present for some hours this morning at the examination of the graduating class of this excellent institution, and in case of your being unprovided with a better report, take the liberty of sending you a slight account of the exercises.

Immediately after my entrance, a composition entitled "Beauty" was read by a young lady, whose pleasing appearance and modest demeanor, furnished an agreeable illustration of her subject, as did also the language in which her lofty and poetical ideas were clothed. The next exercise was the examination of a class in Intellectual Philosophy, the members of which seemed profoundly versed in the rudiments of that abstruse science, explaining in concise language the various theories regarding the human mind and its operations, the origin of ideas, miracles, first truths, etc. Though all the young ladies who participated in this recitation acquitted themselves creditably, some five or six far surpassed their companions in readiness. After the reading of a composition on the subject of "Endless Mutation," which displayed considerable literary ability, a class in English literature was called upon. Sketches of the lives of most of the principal British poets, (commencing with Chaucer,) with short selections from some of their most quotable productions, were given in a lively and spirited manner, which plainly showed that the young critics were deeply interested in the subject. Well might they be. A more important one does not enter into their plan of study, and the tastes acquired during its pursuit may exert a happy influence on many a future hour, which otherwise would be passed in pining discontent or frivolous amusement.

After an intermission of ten minutes the exercises recommenced by the reading of some choice articles from "The Violet," a paper edited by some of the young ladies of this course. First came a "leader" which would not have disgraced the columns of many a more pretending sheet; then an essay on "Works of Fiction," in which the principal novels of Scott were discussed in a manner which evidenced that the young essayist was not talking from hearsay, but was perfectly familiar with the works of which she spoke. Most of the pieces which followed were either literary criticism, or selections from the various journals; the most interesting of which were a eulogistic defence of Byron as man and poet, and some graveyard reflections of rather a sombre hue, but well written and most exquisitely read. There was also a very entertaining letter to Washington Irving, informing him of an accusation of plagiarism recently brought against him, and calling on him, for the sake of American literature, to come out and refute the charge.

It would be tedious to particularize further, suffice it to say, that all the fair journalists evinced in their productions considerable talent, so cultivated as to do great credit to their own diligence and the unremitting exertions of their zealous teacher.

The room was crowded with visitors, and the occasion seemed a very gratifying one to all; and must have been especially so to the teacher who has assisted at the gradual unfolding of so many immortal minds; the Superintendent, whose cheering visits and encouraging suggestions have constantly stimulated them to greater exertions; and the Directors, whose fostering care deserves, and doubtless receives their heartfelt gratitude.

New Orleans has, indeed, cause to be proud of her public schools; and the day is perhaps not very distant when their moral effect upon its community will be so perceptible that even the most incredulous will be forced to admit that "knowledge is virtue."

A VISITOR.

Thursday, Feb. 18, 1858.

POSITIVE PROOF.—To give our readers a proof of the successful, efficacious and scientific system adopted by Dr. Ealing for the treatment of diseases of the feet, Dr. McFarlane, an eminent physician here, says:

Having witnessed Dr. Ealing's operations, I have great pleasure in endorsing all the testimonials he possesses as an expert and dexterous operator, without giving the least pain, and with confidence recommend every one to him.
J. S. McFARLANE, M. D.
New Orleans, Feb. 19, 1858.

PHRENOLOGY TO-NIGHT.—*How to Read Character Scientifically.*—The Philosophy and Proofs of Phrenology—Living Examples—The Temperaments (Vital, Motive and Mental) their Combinations and Influence on Human Character—Public Examinations of Persons selected by the Audience, are the subjects of Prof. Fowler's introductory lecture at half past 7 o'clock, in Armory Hall, to-night. Seats free.

ANOTHER FOOLISH HOAX.—The story of a hyena having escaped from a cage recently at Cleveland, Ohio, and dug up several dead bodies, turns out to be a fiction.

The Belle of the Ball.

BY WALTER H. PETERS.

I saw her—and upon her brow
The blush of beauty proudly glared—
Before whose shrine, with many a vow,
Passionate souls had knelt despaired;
The look of triumph in her eyes—
The words of joy upon her tongue
And heedless of the burning sighs
Of all who 'round her pathway hung.

I saw her, as I stood aloof
From those who followed, and who sued
—The hum, resounding to the roof
Of all their voices, unsubdued,
Turned not my thought, for still I gazed—
Sought out and followed where her smile
As brilliant as the lights that blazed,
Shed life around her, all the while.

She felt her charms—without a peer—
The conscious beauty of the hour;
And near her still, they drew more near,
Like birds around some fragrant flower;
I heard her hollow laugh, and turned
Away, as memory knew her well—
For in my breast there once had burned
A passion—that I may not tell,

I saw her—and a boyish gush
Of feeling stung me—less of pain—
The purple current seemed to rush
As though t'were mounting to my brain;
For one who loved—would have died—
So full of phrenzy was his dream—
Deceived—betrayed—a broken pride,
In anguish sank 'neath Lethe's stream!

We met again in after years—
The haughty beauty now no more—
The child of many bitter tears—
A wreck of follies o'er and o'er;
Upon her pallid brow the trace
Of Time was furrowed—and her eye
That flashed and lit her queenly face,
Seemed lustreless, and cold, and dry,

Her very tones were altered—still
I saw the beauty of the Ball—
I gazed upon her—gazed until
The past came back at my recall;
Again I saw her move along
The praised and envied of each tongue—
I hear her voice like some sweet song
Float up like fairy music sung.

But where, where was the fawning crowd,
Who followed her in beauty's pride?
Not one of all the great and proud
Smiled now at her deserted side,
I mused upon her—as she shone
The Belle of that remembered night
And now—forsaken and alone—
A summer flower—withered quite.

Programme for To-Day.

The anniversary of Washington's birth will be observed to-day, in the first place by a suspension of all court and banking business, and to a greater or lesser extent by the commercial community at large. For the benefit of those who would know all that is to take place in the celebration way, we make out a programme as follows:

MILITARY DOINGS.—Washington Artillery will fire morning and noon salutes in the First and Fourth Districts.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Washington Artillery, the Continental Guards, the National Guards, and the different companies of the First Brigade Louisiana Militia, will assemble in Lafayette Square for parade, inspection and review.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EXHIBITION.—The pupils of the Public Schools of the First District, with their teachers, are to assemble at 10 o'clock in Lyceum Hall; and the graduating classes of the High Schools are to receive their diplomas. The exercises will be highly interesting—recitations by the boys, readings and singing by the girls, etc.

UNIVERSITY LAW CLASS.—The law class of the University of Louisiana are to celebrate the day, in the afternoon, at Lyceum Hall. An oration and the reading of Washington's Farewell Address will be the chief features of the occasion.

PELICAN HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.—The members of Pelican Hook and Ladder Company No. 4, are to assemble at their truck-house on Basin street, at 2½ o'clock in the afternoon, to formally receive and christen their splendid new truck, which arrived yesterday by the steamship Cahawba.

DANCING FESTIVITIES.—The Continental Guards are to have a grand military, fancy dress and mask ball at Odd Fellows' Hall, as the appropriate wind up of their day's celebration. It will be a splendid affair.

Professor Gherardi also gives a grand fancy dress and mask ball at Masonic Hall. This also will be a brilliant and very crowded affair.

OTHER AMUSEMENTS.—At the Amphitheater, first appearance of the famous Marsh Children, in a most attractive programme.

At the St. Charles Theater, Miss Cushman as *Meg Merrilies*.

At the Orleans Theater, Madame Colson as *Jaguarita*, in the opera of that name.

At Armory Hall, Professor Fowler's first lecture on Phrenology—admission free.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—A few days ago, at the large furnace called "Union Deposit Furnace," situated in South Hanover township, Dauphin county, Pa., a terrible accident occurred. It appears that while several persons were about the furnace, the hot metal came running out in torrents, so unexpectedly that five persons were literally showered over with the liquid fire, immediately setting their clothing on fire and burning them in a dreadful and shocking manner. Some of the unfortunate men jumped into the canal, and others into the water tub; but this proved all unavailing—they were so dreadfully burned that no human help could save them. John Baler, David Landis, W. Murray, and a man called Dutch John, have since died from their wounds, whilst Moses Wolf, another of the injured, can hardly survive his injuries.

NO MORE MADEIRA.—A Funchal correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger says that it is an open question whether any more Madeira wine will ever be produced. None has been made since 1851, and there are now only some seven or eight thousand pipes upon the entire Island. All recent attempts to manufacture the wine have utterly failed, and pumpkin vines now adorn the old grape arbors once covered with abundant clusters of rich grapes.

UNSUCCESSFUL VOYAGES.—The New York Shipping List says that forty-four of the sixty-eight whalers expected to arrive at New Bedford the present year will make losing voyages, some from the small amount of oil taken, and others from the low price of oil and bone.

THE SOUTHERN LITERARY SOCIETY.—This Association celebrated its ninth anniversary on Saturday evening with appropriate exercises. Their hall, at the Bible House, on Camp street, was filled to its utmost capacity with a select and appreciative audience, although no public notice of the meeting had been given. Our political counsellor, Mr. Mark F. Bigney, occupied the President's chair, and presided with all that dignity which we should naturally expect from a member of the Press.

The annual address was delivered by Mr. J. J. Giblers, and was not in the John Watts style, usual to such productions. It sparkled throughout with wit, humor and genuine thought. Mr. Geo. H. Meek recited a portion of "Manfred" with great effect. Mr. J. B. Durand read an Essay upon "Language," which was received with well-merited applause. The second recitation was delivered by Mr. J. N. Morse.—"The Sewing Girl's Dream." With his musical voice and graceful gestures he brought out the full beauty of the poem.

Mr. H. P. Requier was the poet of the evening. The "Orient pearls" of his graceful muse formed an appropriate ornament to the other exercises. By unanimous request, the same gentleman recited an "Ode to Shakspeare," written by his brother, U. S. District Attorney Requier, of Mobile. It was a fine poem and delivered in a masterly manner.

At the time we were obliged to leave, the members were just entering upon a discussion of the question in regard to the Unity of the Human Race. The members must feel highly gratified at the delightful manner in which everything "went off," (except the audience,) and we hope their next anniversary will be held in a larger hall, and that the public may be duly notified.

Telegraphed to the New Orleans Crescent.

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP AFRICA.

[BY THE NATIONAL AND SOUTHERN LINES.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The Royal mail steamship Africa, from Liverpool on the 6th, has arrived at this port.

Commercial.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 6.—The sales of the week amount to 54,000 bales, of which 5500 bales were taken by speculators and 3000 bales by exporters.

The market opened at an advance, but lost.

New Uplands has declined 1-16. The market closed steady. The sales on Friday amounted to 6000 bales, of which speculators and exporters took 1600 bales. Orleans Fair, 7¼; Orleans Middling, 6 5-16; Mobile Fair, 7¼; Mobile Middling, 6⅝; Uplands Fair, 7; Uplands Middling, 6⅝. The whole stock in port amounted to 330,000, of which 175,000 bales are American.

Manchester Markets.

Our advices from Manchester are favorable. All kinds of goods have advanced.

BREADSTUFFS.—Breadstuffs closed dull. Flour and Corn have declined.

Western Canal Flour, 20s. 6d. to 22s. 6d.; Southern Red Wheat, 73s. to 73s. 2d.; White 7s. to 7s. 6d.; Mixed and Yellow Corn, 33s.; White, 35s.

PROVISIONS.—The market closed dull. Beef heavy. Pork heavy. Bacon closed quiet at a slight decline. Lard has declined. Tallow is lower. All qualities of sugar have advanced. Coffee steady. Tea slow of sale.

Money Market.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Money is slightly easier. American securities are active and advancing. The Bank has reduced its rates to 3½. Consols for money 96; for account 96¼ to 96¼. The bullion in the Bank of England has increased £395,000.

England.

Parliament had reassembled on the 4th. Palmerston gave notice of bills amending the Government of India, and in regard to the refugee question.

Roebuck asked Palmerston whether any communication had passed between France and England in regard to the Alien Act, or an alteration of the criminal code. He spoke bitterly against Napoleon and the French officials.

Palmerston acknowledged the receipt of a dispatch on the refugee question, which was still unanswered, and rebuked the onslaught of Roebuck.

Leave was given to introduce a bill authorizing the East India Company to borrow on debentures in England, during the next two years, not more than £10,000,000.

Arrival of the Steamship Cahawba.

The U. S. mail steamship Cahawba, J. D. Bulloch, commander, from New York via Havana, crossed the bar on Saturday evening, having left Havana on the 18th. Nothing new at that place. The husband of Gazzaniga died on the 17th inst. The Spanish fleet had returned. Sugar on hand 79,000 boxes, prices the same. Exchange dull; New Orleans 4 to 5 prem.; London 13¾ to 14¼; New York ¼ to 1. Freights still dull. The following are her passengers:

New York.—J. D. Winslow, S. Kate, G. C. Meyers, Mrs. J. T. Shingerland, Mrs. J. T. Grethwaite, Mrs. J. Cotley, Miss Newton, Miss Linton and servant, P. H. Perkins and lady, Mrs. F. F. Gleason, Mrs. Starr, Mrs M. F. Leslie, John C. Prehin and family, S. F. Ingraham, James Bogert, Mr. Parker and servant, Mrs. Stillman, Daniel Harrison and lady, Mrs. M. S. Smith, Miss S. A. Tucker, C. Ridley, C. Schanhut, Frankenstein, B. Lobstein, E. Vidal, Mrs. E. Dallas, Mrs. E. W. Pill, M. P. Fener, G. Penso, E. Sulzer, F. Souvenase, E. Lowry, C. Sanderson, F. E. Porter, Mrs. Schamhury and daughter, M. Eckmann, Adela Rua, C. Busch, Agnut Vesvail Opera troupe.

FROM MEXICO.—We have received a copy of *El Heraldo*, published in the City of Mexico, of the 3d inst., one day later than the advices of the steamship Tennessee. We find nothing in relation to the newly established Government. A letter of the 29th ult., from Cuernavaca, states that Iguales had been attacked by six hundred "bandits." The garrison of three hundred soldiers repulsed the assailants three times, killing twelve of them and losing five of their own number. Among the slain was a leader of the besiegers named Gaona. The "bandits" then marched upon Tepeconquilco, a town further South, and as it was defended by but twenty-four soldiers, took possession of the place, sacked it and committed many murders and other outrages. Many of the leading men of the place were shot. Gen. Vicario, with several hundred men, had marched from Cuernavaca to attack the enemy, but at the date of the letter nothing was known of the result.

DEATH OF COMMODORE PERRY'S WIDOW.—Mrs. Perry, the widow of the late Commodore O. H. Perry, died in Newport, R. I., on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., after a brief illness. "This lady," says the Boston Transcript, "was widely known for her unassuming Christian character no less than as the widow of one so distinguished in our national history as her husband. Since his lamented death in 1820 she has resided in Newport, occupying the venerable mansion purchased by Commodore Perry at the close of the war of 1812. She had for a neighbor and friend the widow of the gallant Captain Lawrence of the Chesapeake, who is still living. The Rev. Dr. Francis Vinton, of Trinity Church, New York, married a daughter of Mrs. Perry."

On the morning, at 2 o'clock, of the day of Mrs. Perry's death, and in the same town, died her husband's companion in the battle of Lake Erie. Capt. Taylor's death was occasioned by paralysis. He was seventy-eight years of age.

SAD AFFAIR.—Dr. K. S. Dargan, of Winnsboro, South Carolina, while hunting pigeons a few days ago was accidentally shot by his own son. The charge entered the right eye and shattered a portion of the skull, inflicting a wound from which it was thought he could not possibly recover.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.—The following appointments were made at the late session of the Louisiana conference:

Dr. J. C. Keener was sent to Felicity street church, New Orleans.

Dr. J. B. Walker is in Dr. K.'s place in New Orleans District.

Rev. H. Avery is appointed to Baton Rouge.

S. R. Suratt to Mansfield, La.

SINGULAR ATMOSPHERICAL PHENOMENON.—The Hingham (Mass.) Journal says: