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AMUSEMENTS.

SPALDING & ROGERS' AMPHITHEATRE AND MUSEUM, ST. CHARLES STREET.

Manager.....G. N. SPALDING.
Stage Manager.....B. G. MARSH.

Thirty-second Night of
MARSH'S JUVENILE COMEDIANS.

THURSDAY EVENING, April 14, 1859.

Will be presented Buckstone's comedy of THE SERIOUS FAMILY—Amelinda Stock, Master G. W. Marsh; Capt. Murray Maguire, Miss Louise.....To conclude with the never-to-be-forgotten YOOPI.SS—Timothy Toodles, Little George; Mrs. Bantam Enobler, Little Jenny Arnot.

☞ Benefit night, will be presented the great drama of THE BOTTLE IMP.

☞ Admission, 50 cents; Children and Servants in attendance half price on Saturday noon only.

☞ Performances EVERY NIGHT and EVERY SATURDAY NOON.

☞ Doors open at night at quarter before 7; Curtain rises at half past 7. Doors open on Saturday noon at 11½; Curtain rises at 12½. a14

ST. CHARLES THEATER—ST. CHARLES ST.

Lessee and Manager.....R. DeBAR.
Acting Manager.....H. COURI.

PRICES OF ADMISSION—Dress Circle and Parquette, 75 cents; Second Tier, 50 cents; Gallery, 25 cents; Private Boxes, $5 each; Private Quadroon Boxes, $3 each.

THURSDAY EVENING, April 14,

First night of the successful pantomime, KIM-KA; or, The Adventures of an Aeronaut—Ventilator, Gabriel Ravel; Kim-Ka, Francois Ravel.....Third night of the splendid pantomime ASTRODEL.....Grand Evolutions on the TIGHT ROPE.

Doors open at 7; Overture at 7½ o'clock, precisely. Box Office open daily from 10 to 3 o'clock P. M.
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Stage Manager.....Mr. JOHN SEFTON.
Treasurer.....Mr. WARREN.

SIXTEENTH WEEK OF THE STAR COMPANY.

THURSDAY EVENING, April 14, 1859.

Opens cosy with Shakspeare's comedy entitled MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING—Benedick, Mr. George Jordan; Don Pedro, Mr. Sefton; Don Claudio, Mr. A. H. Davenport; Leonato, Mr. Plunkett; Antonio, Mr. Morris; Borachio, Mr. Wall; Conrade, Mr. Deaves; Dogberry, Mr. Mark Smith; Verges, Mr. John Sefton; Seacoal, Mr. Lennon; Beatrice, Mrs. Chas. Boyce; Hero, Miss A. Graham; Margaret, Miss L. Graham; Ursula, Miss Lonsdale.....To conclude with the farce of 40 WINKS—Spangelos, Mr. John Sefton; Joselyn, Mr. Briggs; Faundorbolt, Mr. Reeve; Thady, Mr. Seymour; Mrs. Thunderbolt, Mrs. Warner; Miss Rosalie, Miss L. Graham; Betty, Mrs. Seymour.

☞ In rehearsal—SEA OF ICE, which has been in preparation since the commencement of the season; will shortly be produced with new dresses, scenery and decorations.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.—First and Second Tier and Parquette, 75 cents; Boxes (third tier for colored persons only), 50 cents; Gallery, 25 cents; Private Boxes, $4 to $6, according to location.

☞ Box-Office open for securing Dress Circle, Parquette Circle and Private Boxes, from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M. daily.

NOTICE.—Doors open at a quarter to 7 o'clock; performance to commence at 7½ o'clock. a14

ORLEANS THEATER—ORLEANS STREET.—

THURSDAY, April 14, 1859.

BENEFIT OF MR. J. H. LAMOTHE.

Mr. Yon Placide has kindly offered the services of his Corps de Ballet for the occasion, those graceful dancers the Misses Hall and A. Gale and Jackson.

LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR—Grand Opera, Four Acts; at the close of Acts 2 and 3 grand PAS DE FLEURS by the Misses H. and A. Gale and Jackson—Third Act of ROBERT THE DEVIL—Miss H. Gale as Helena.

☞ Performance commences at 7 o'clock.

☞ Ticket office open every day, from 9 o'clock A. M. to 3½ o'clock P. M. a13

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Painted from Drawings and Sketches furnished by the late Dr. Kane and officers, produced under the immediate supervision of Mr. Henry Brooks, James McGarry and Wm. Morton, who accompanied Dr. Kane on both expeditions in search of Sir John Franklin.

Scenes at dates of this ever-memorable expedition are on exhibition, among which are the identical RIFLE carried by Dr. Kane, the celebrated SLEDGE DOG "MYOCK," and the ESQUIMAUX FLAG.

☞ Admission, 50 cents; Children and Servants, 25 cents.
☞ Doors open at 7½—to commence at 8 o'clock. a14 tf

ARTHUR NAPOLEON

Has the honor to inform his friends and the citizens of New Orleans that he will give ONE

Grand Concert,

On SATURDAY EVENING, April 16, 1859,

AT ODD FELLOWS HALL.

On this occasion he will be assisted by the following eminent artists:

SIGNORINA CAIROLI,
Prima Donna Soprano, from the Academy of Music, New York, and the principal Theaters of Europe.

MISS HEYWOOD,
The celebrated Prima Donna Contralto, from Drury Lane Theater, London.

HERR DOEHLER,
The distinguished Solo Violinist, of the Philharmonic Concerts, New York; and

SIEGFRIED BEHRENS,
Musical Director.

PROGRAMME:

PART I.

1. Grand Duo—Romeo and Juliette.....Bellini.
Romeo.....MISS HEYWOOD.
Juliette.....SIGNORINA CAIROLI.
2. Solo Violin, Fantasia—Anna Bolena.....Allard.
HERR DOEHLER.
3. Aria—La Traviata.....Verdi.
SIGNORINA CAIROLI.
4. Grand Fantasia on the Huguenots.....Arthur Napoleon.
ARTHUR NAPOLEON.
5. Drinking Song—Lucrezia Borgia.....Donizetti.
Sung by MISS HEYWOOD.
6. Grand Caprice, or Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream.....Liszt.
ARTHUR NAPOLEON.

PART II.

1. Ballad—Kathleen Mavourneen.....Crouch.
Sung by MISS HEYWOOD.
2. Grand Duo for Piano and Violin—Guillaume Tell.....Osborne and Burior.
ARTHUR NAPOLEON and HERR DOEHLER.
3. Grand Cavatina—Robert lui que j'aime.....Meyerbeer.
SIGNORINA CAIROLI.
4. Solo Violin, Third Concerto—Adagio and Rondo.....David.
HERR DOEHLER.
5. Ballad—Oh, Your Faithful Artist Fly.....Linley.
Sung by MISS HEYWOOD.
6. Fantasia on the Bohemian Girl.....Arthur Napoleon.
ARTHUR NAPOLEON.

☞ Tickets, ONE DOLLAR. Reserved Seats, $1 50.
☞ The sale of Reserved Seats will commence on Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock, at the Piano Warerooms of Mr. Parsons.
☞ Doors open at 7 o'clock; Concert commences at 8 o'clock.
☞ No postponement on account of the weather.
☞ The Grand Piano used on this occasion is from the manufactory of Messrs. Chickering & Sons, and kindly loaned by Mr. Parsons. a14 2t

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Celebrated Painting
—OF THE—
GREAT FALL, NIAGARA,
—AT—
BLOODFIELD, STEEL & CO.'S,
No. 60 CAMP STREET.

☞ Admission, 25 cents. m23 tf

PROFESSOR J. VEGAS' LAST CHILDREN'S BALL
AND MAY-DAY CELEBRATION,
—AT—
Odd Fellows' Hall,
ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 2, 1859.

PROF. J. VEGAS respectfully informs his friends and the public in general that his last

CHILDREN'S BALL AND MAY FESTIVAL,

under his management, will be given at the above-mentioned Hall, on the 2d of May, 1859.

The ceremony of the May celebration to commence at half-past 9 o'clock, followed by the Children's Ball until 11 o'clock, after which the Ball for the Adults will begin. The Hall will be magnificently decorated inside and outside, expressly for this occasion.

COMMITTEE OF INVITATION:

W. C. Wilson, Prof. M. D. Dimitry,
Dr. T. Antoine, Geo. H. Law,
L. H. Watson, N. J. Hoey,
Anthony Sambola, W. L. Hodgson,
Louis Decourcelle, C. T. Nash.

FLOOR MANAGERS:

Prof. J. Vegas, Jos. P. Vegas.

Ladies and Misses wishing to obtain invitations will please send their names and residences to the Secretary, at the Ball Room Office, or to Professor J. Vegas, Odd Fellows' Hall.

Positively no ladies' invitations can be obtained on the day of the Ball.

Gentlemen's Tickets can be obtained at the Hall, and at the Music Stores.

No one will be admitted except he presents his Ticket at the door. all 1d

MME DeBAR'S DANCING ACADEMY, 233 Baronne street, between Girod and Julia streets.

The Ladies of New Orleans are respectfully informed that the above Academy will open on WEDNESDAY, November 24, where all the Fashionable Dances will be taught.

Ladies—Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10½ to 12½, and 4½ to 6½.

Children—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 4½ to 6½ P. M.

Private Lessons—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 10½ to 12½.

☞ Terms—Ladies, $10 per month; Children, $8, payable in advance. Twelve lessons in the month.

☞ Mme DeBar can be seen at her Academy any day, from 10½ to 12½, and 4½ to 6½. e26 6m

JNO. CHILDERTSON & CHARLES W. CULLEN, Attorneys and Counselors-at-Law, No. 55 St. Louis Exchange Alley, between Conti and Bienville streets, New Orleans. jn21 6m

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New Orleans Daily Crescent.

TALK ON 'CHANGE.

The weather was decidedly spring-like yesterday, and the shady side of the streets was monopolized by pedestrians. There was a falling off in the arrivals yesterday, both from sea and from the interior. The obstructions at the Southwest Pass still prevent the egress and ingress of the largest class vessels. Most of them which were detained were taken to Pass a'Loutre and went to sea. For the present, this is supposed to be the main channel. The talk is, that the $71,000 to be disbursed, will prove only a partial benefit, and by the time the contractors get to work most all the heavy draught vessels will have taken their departure. The talk is, the same condition of affairs will occur next year. Congress will meet in December, and an appropriation for next year's operations, or to keep the channel open, cannot be realized till late in the session. The talk is, the sooner the Mexican Gulf Railroad is purchased, reorganized on a new basis, and extended to the harbor at the Nine Mile Bayou, the better. Then our Eastern friends can build their vessels to carry 8000 or 10,000 bales of cotton. The ship Ocean Monarch, which cleared on the 14th of February for Liverpool, with 7069 bales cotton, was at Pass a'Loutre the day before yesterday. There is not much encouragement for the owners of this ship to send her here again. She could have been loaded in Cat Island or Ship Island Harbor and in Liverpool long before this, and saved a large sum of money. We notice the arrival of one ship two days since, which arrived off the bar on the 8th of February from New York. The ship Felicia has also been detained for a long time. It is not only the detention, but freights at the time of arrival off the bar ruled from 7-16@15-32d.; now they rule from almost nothing to 5-16d. We are not aware that it is of much use to talk; but we will say, the same obstructions will occur next season, provided the $71,000 is expended this spring. We shall have some further talk on this subject.

There was something going forward in cotton yesterday, and there was some talk of our table of figures and estimates. Middling cotton will undoubtedly go to a shilling per lb., as a venerable citizen said in 1857, but this time it will only be a York shilling—12½c. As we remarked some days ago, some of the Bears are shedding their hair, and many are in a chrysalis state. Factors are sanguine of closing the season in a blaze of splendor and profit to their patrons, and we concur in the belief that they do not hold on too long, say till we hear from Liverpool of the heavy receipts. The most important position the Liverpool market can be placed in, and the most critical time will be during the next month (May) and early in June. In fact, it is a question of the most vital importance, and may be regarded in a high degree of anxiety, particularly to shippers. The Bull factors will have all their stock off their hands, and the English Bulls will have the Liverpool market to themselves, under the following attitude of figures. Let us see.

Cotton detained at the mouth of the Mississippi on board of vessels in the months of January and February:

Cleared vessels.....bales..	61,000
Cleared hence since 5th March.....	230,000
Loadg and to clear: in the coming 12 days, will reach Liverpool to May.....	180,000
Cleared since 12th March at other United States ports...	114,000
To reach Liverpool before the 10th June.....94'ds..	584,000
Tops her with the Barts.....	130,000
Total.....bales..	704,000

We shall have a trial of the strength of Liverpool holders. We can only hope for the best; disregarding, as we do, all effects and influences of war in Europe, we come directly down to figures, and calmly wait the course of events. We shall see how our trans-Atlantic friends will stand the contest. Our factors have triumphed, and June will witness the closing and winding up of a most extraordinary year's business, the cotton trade of the world brought in subjection to the cities of Mobile and New Orleans through seven hundred factors and agents.

The mail via the Jackson Railroad came through yesterday, bringing dates from New York to the 8th inst. The mail via Mobile failed—cause unknown, unless it is the *great* popularity of the Southern route being crowded with travelers *pushing* through to New York in six days.

The Europa will be due in New York to-morrow, perhaps she may arrive to-day with the week's dates up to the 2d inst.; but Sir Samuel Cunard, Bart., takes his own time, having no American competition.

MANAGER DEBAR IN ST. LOUIS.—The St. Louis Democrat of the 9th has the following announcement of the opening of the "St. Louis theater," and some words of suggestion and advice to the manager, which sound amazingly like what the New Orleans press has many a time and oft had occasion to say to him, as to his management of the "St. Charles theater" in this city. The closing sentence—"Don't let it be thought that you are lavish down South and niggardly up here"—is at once amusing and instructive, for it informs us of these parts that we have all been at fault in accusing the portly manager of being "lavish *up North* and niggardly *down here*:"

"Mr. DeBar is announced to open the St. Louis on Monday night, with Mrs. Matilda Heron Stoepel, and his full stock company. Unless his stock has some new faces and fresh talent, we shall feel very much inclined to express our dislike in strong terms. Mr. DeBar has always depended very greatly upon his "stars," trusting little or nothing to the kind of support which he has provided for them, until his patrons here have become entirely sick and disgusted with the same old faces and the same middling display of talent. Our people expect something new of Mr. DeBar, and we hope they may not be disappointed. In making changes of any kind, let him not forget that his theater is in a very dirty condition. Sweep and scrub it out. Rub up also the old scenery, and furbish up the old swords, muskets, helmets, tinware, and the other metallic properties of the house. Don't let it be thought that you are lavish down South, and niggardly up here."

COLLISION AT THE BAR OF THE S. W. PASS.—We are informed that while the tow-boat Conqueror was assisting a ship over the bar yesterday, that the ship Stalwart, coming in under full sail, came in collision with the Conqueror, tearing away about ten or fifteen feet of her beam, cook-house, wheel-house, and doing other damage. The Stalwart was also disabled, having sprung a leak by the violence of the concussion. The Conqueror is on her way up to the city, with one ship, to undergo the necessary repairs.

LOSS OF THE BARK HELEN AND FRANCES.—The bark Helen and Frances, Captain Lewis, from Philadelphia 8th March, with a full cargo of assorted merchandise for this port, and consigned to Messrs. Creevy & Parwell, was lost on Moulle Inlet on the 21st ult. Her cargo was nearly all saved and taken into Nassau by the wreckers. Some 300 tuns of coal, marble and mahogany remained in the vessel, which was stripped and then burnt. For list of consignees see marine column.

GEN. MIRAMON A PRACTICAL JOKER.—The Vera Cruz *Progreso* relates the following incident as having occurred during the recent demonstration of the Reactionists against Vera Cruz. While standing, with some of his officers, on the bank of a stream at a place called La Poza, Gen. Miramon inquired of Col. Cuevas, chief of the artillery, if he could swim. The Colonel, not knowing what to expect, replied in the negative. "Then learn!" exclaimed Miramon, and with a sudden push he sent his subordinate headlong into the water.

MR. A. J. POWELL, land agent and real estate broker, whose office is at No. 14 Conti street, will attend to land claims in the different Land Offices in the State and in the Land Department at Washington City, and will buy and sell sugar estates in commission. The public are aware that whatever business is entrusted to the agency of this gentleman is in competent and energetic hands, and that a good report will, if it is within the range of possibility, be made of it.

THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION of Dry Goods dealers is called to the sale by E. D. Hyde, No. 37 Magazine street, of damaged goods, this day, at 10 o'clock.

VISIT OF THE FIREMEN TO MOBILE.

A GREAT TIME OVER THERE!

In acceptance of the invitation of the Mobile Fire Department to the New Orleans firemen to visit and assist them in the celebration of their twenty-first anniversary, a number last Sunday went over. Owing to the recent disastrous fires, which had worked down a great many of the firemen, and thrown them behind in their business, the delegation was not half as large as it otherwise would have been. Some fifty or sixty went; about half being members of Perseverance No. 13, who were to be the special guests of Washington No. 8, in Mobile. The remainder included representatives of American Hook and Ladder No. 2, Pelican Hook and Ladder No. 4, Louisiana Hose, Columbia No. 5, Phœnix No. 8, Creole No. 9, Jackson No. 18, Washington No. 20, and Crescent No. 24. And, the Crescent newspaper having been politely invited to represent itself on the occasion, this writer went along, specially in charge of Perseverance No. 13, in whose equipments he rigged himself, with considerable pride and satisfaction. We shall detail the events of the pleasant pilgrimage in their proper order.

THE TRIP OVER.

Headed by Gessner's capital brass band, the Perseverance boys and other up-town firemen, all fully equipped, left Perseverance Hall on Perdido street, and marched down to the Pontchartrain depot. There the others met them, and soon all were speeding lakeward; the rattling chorus of the cars being accompanied alternately by airs from the band, and the hearty brake-songs of the firemen. At the lake they were received by Capt. Hiern's big and beautiful steamer, the Cuba, the after cabin of which was especially allotted to them; the other parts of the boat being crowded with other passengers. The boat paddled gracefully away, the band playing, with some firemen's flags and streamers fluttering gaily from the head of the engine works, aloft, and the crowds on the wharf shaking their handkerchiefs and cheering.

There was more life and fun on board, going over, than we can easily describe. Every one was brim full of the exhilaration of the trip; the weather being delightful, and the prospects of the morrow eminently stimulating. Gessner's trumpeters were kept bravely at work; there was singing and general merrymaking at the forward end of the boat, and life all over it. After supper, there was stag-dancing; and so much music and excitement, of various kinds, that the ladies came forward to enjoy the sight as well as the sound of it. After retiring to their cabin for the night, the boys kept up the fun, in their own way, and it was late before Morpheus asserted his sway.

THE RECEPTION.

At about six o'clock on Monday morning, the outlines of the ancient and respectable city of Mobile loomed through the fog which covered the Bay, and all hands got ready for debarkation. As soon as the Cuba got distinctly within sight of the city, a peal of welcome rang musically from the chief fire-alarm bell; and as the boat neared the wharf, which was crowded, another welcome was given in the shape of an artillery salute.

A large number of firemen were on the wharf, mingling with the crowds; including nearly the whole of Washington No. 8, and members of all the other companies. The Orleanians, forming in line aboard the boat, marched ashore with their flags flying and music playing. Being ashore, they were met and saluted by Mr. J. P. Jewett, Chief Engineer of the Mobile Fire Department, and other officers of the Department. The Chief Engineer made a reception address, full of warmth and feeling. Mr. J. P. Horner, Secretary of Louisiana Hose, responded on behalf of the New Orleans delegation, and Mr. James Beggs, Foreman of Washington No. 20, responded for the Board of Foremen. The line was then formed, and the Orleanians escorted to the quarters provided for them. The streets were already crowded, and the flags flying everywhere gave the city a holiday appearance.

The Perseverance boys and a portion of the others were taken to Griffing's City Hotel, on Royal street, opposite the New Market. The remaining members of the delegation were quartered at the Battle House. Breakfast, the toilet, and other matters, occupied all hands during the two or three hours which preceded the formal celebration of the day.

THE CELEBRATION.

Preparatory to the grand march, the Perseverance boys repaired to the hall of their entertainers, Washington No. 8, on Lawrence street. The hall was splendidly decorated. The whole front of the edifice was covered with rich fancies in flowers, evergreens, ribbons, flags, and other decorations; a large arch, bearing the words "Welcome, Perseverance!" spanned the street; and from the top of the building to another building about a hundred yards off, swung a line fluttering with the ensigns of all nations. The other engine houses were more or less decorated, in a tasteful and appropriate manner.

There was a re-swap of shirts between the Perseverance and Washington boys, at the hall of the latter, by which each Company were enabled to appear in the procession in their own proper colors. [It will be remembered that the first shirt swapping was on the 4th of March, when Washington No. 8, were over here, the guests of Perseverance No. 13.] The line was a very long one, and the head of the rope was given to the Perseverance crowd.

Government street—the Canal street of Mobile, a broad, shady avenue, lined with princely residences and public buildings—was the rendezvous of the day. Immense crowds of people lined the street; the windows, balconies and porticoes being flush with feminine beauty and fashion. The different companies being on the ground, in their respective positions, the procession was formed, and led off as follows, with music and banners at the head:

Chief Engineer Jewett and his Assistants, with the foremen of the New Orleans companies.

Guests from New Orleans who were not under charge of Washington, No. 8.

Orator of the day and civic officers in carriages, followed by citizens wearing badges, the purport of which we missed ascertaining.

Mobile Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, H. Gets, Foreman. Truck beautifully decorated with flowers and emblems; in front a large gilt pair of horns, with a ladder erect between, and an image on the ladder; underneath, on the coupling, several champagne bottles peering out of clusters of flowers and ribbons. Members wearing brown fire hats surmounted by gilt foxes, blue grey shirts and white pants.

Neptune No. 2, A. Simon, Foreman. A beautiful new banner at the head, and the engine profusely decorated. A fine body of men, wearing blue fire hats, blue shirts, and black pants.

Franklin No. 3, J. J. W. Magoffin, Foreman. The beautiful cream-colored machine, decorated with a few white wreaths, and a small statue of Franklin. Members in blue shirts, and fire hats.

Merchants' No. 4, Chandler S. Smith, Foreman. Engine more magnificently decorated than any in the late New Orleans parade. The box was draped in white satin, with silver fringe; the brakes and chamber exquisitely enwreathed in flowers, and the whole covered with a veil of the finest white bobinet, studded with silver spangles, and fringed with silver. Members clad in white linen shirts, white pants, black belts, and white straw hats, with broad black ribbons bearing the number of the company in gold letters. The turnout was the most stylish and elegant of the day.

Torrent No. 5, Michael Hines, Foreman. Engine decorated principally with the prizes won by the Company with their previous engine. Members in black fire hats, red shirts, and black pants; and a stout and solid looking set of men.

Phœnix No. 6, George H. Jennison, Foreman. Engine profusely decorated with flowers and other ornaments. Members in black oil-skin caps bearing the name of the Company, white shirts, and black pants.

Mechanics' No. 7, John Kelley, Foreman. A new and beautiful engine, tastefully decorated. Members in white shirts, white pants, and straw hats with broad black bands. A fine-looking crowd, and, with one exception, the largest in the parade.

Washington No. 8, Thomas B. Lyons, Foreman. Engine beautifully decorated, and the members in black fire hats, yellow shirts trimmed with red, and black pants; the Perseverance guests, from New Orleans, at the head. This was the largest turn-out, and a very handsome one; the engine being drawn by a single rope, this Company filled more than two squares of the procession.

No. 8 was last, there being but one other company in Mobile, composed of free-colored men, who celebrate their anniversary by themselves, on a day of their own.

We should mention that no horses are used by the Mobile firemen, and that whilst they drag their machines by hand, their hose carriages are drawn by boys and youths. The different hose carriages followed their respective engines in the procession, all beautifully decorated, and drawn by long lines of boys uniformed like their seniors of the engines. This made the procession very long; about as long a one as twelve or fifteen of the New Orleans companies would make.

The population manifested the liveliest interest on the occasion, keeping the streets crowded throughout the line of march, whilst the ladies were profuse in their floral contributions from windows and galleries. It was pleasant to perceive that the strangers from New Orleans received a full share of these honors; the ladies waving their kerchiefs to them and tossing boquets to them, in all parts of the city.

After making one round of the city, (a round which was not very pleasant in one respect, the hot sand of the Mobile streets scorching all patent-leathered feet,) the procession halted on Royal street. Mr. Duffield's Theater, thrown open for the occasion, was already filled with ladies, and was soon jammed in every part by the firemen and others. The oration of the day, preceded by a prayer from the Rev. P. E. Collins, was delivered by M. C. McLemore, Esq. It was vigorous, eloquent, and highly satisfactory to all. After that, Chief Engineer Jewett stepped forward on the stage, and, explaining that it was the custom each year to award a prize to the company adjudged to have performed the most frequent and active service at fires, declared that Washington No. 8 had won the prize for the past year. He then presented a beautiful silver goblet to Mr. Lyons, the foreman of that company, who acknowledged it properly, amid the hearty cheers of the audience. All were then dismissed with a blessing by the officiating clergyman, and the scene in the theater was at an end.

The procession was formed again, and started on another parade around town through different streets. At Government street the final halt was made. Before dispersing an election was held, there in the street, (the result being previously settled,) for officers of the Fire Department. The present incumbents, Messrs. Jewett, Gerow and Keeler, were elected by acclamation, together with an equally popular Board of Fire Wardens. Then the companies dispersed, each in its own direction.

DINNERS, RECEPTIONS, ETC.

After leaving their engine at the hall, Washington No. 8 and their guests of Perseverance No. 13 hooked arms and marched back to Government street, in acceptance of an invitation from Madame Le Vert, who was keeping open house, to interchange the cordialities of the day with herself and family. On the broad streets, the firemen marched in ranks of ten and twelve; and a pretty feature was that of the front rank, composed of ten foremen and assistant foremen. They all hooked arms, and each holding his trumpet across his breast, the ten silver trumpets were stuck into each other, making an unbroken breastwork of silver. The thing was very pretty, and was much admired.

Arrived at Madame LeVert's mansion, the scene which followed was one of the highest gratification to all. The firemen filled the hall and parlors; and if they found pleasure in the overflowing bowls which awaited them after their hot and fatiguing march, they found still greater pleasure—especially the New Orleans delegation, most of whom had never seen the Madame—in experiencing that lady's cordial greeting, and charming hospitality. She was assisted in doing the honors by her mother, Mrs. Walton, and her daughter, the pretty Miss Octavia. The New Orleans men were perfectly captivated by this reception, and the Mobile men were delighted with the pleasure of their guests. Meantime, Merchants' No. 4, with their especial guests, the Pelican Hook and Ladder boys, were enjoying a similar reception at the hands of C. Price, Esq., one of the hospitable princes of Mobile, whose residence is directly opposite to that of Madame LeVert. As the Washington boys and their guests left Madame LeVert's, the Merchant boys and their guests, who had left Mr. Price's, called upon the Madame. The gathering was high on both sides of Government street.

Washington No. 8 next escorted their guests to the Irving Association Hall, where were tables garnished with everything calculated to console and exhilarate the inner man. Ample justice was done the solids, and the fusillade of champagne corks, and toasts, and speeches, was warm, fast and enthusiastic. Judge Meek graced the head of the table with his portly presence, and Mr. Jewett the lower end. The Judge's speech of welcome to the New Orleans guests was about as warm and eloquent a thing of the kind as we ever had the pleasure of listening to. The response was made by Mr. Horner, (who, during his stay, proved himself the head orator of the New Orleans crowd,) and was much applauded. The Hon. Jones M. Withers, Mayor of Mobile, Messrs. Luttrell, Jones, and others of that city, each had something pleasant to say, whilst the guests from New Orleans were not allowed to keep quiet. A toast to I. N. Marks, President of the New Orleans Fire Department, was responded to by Mr. Beggs, and a toast to Mayor Stith was as promptly and elegantly responded to by Mr. Solomon. Mr. Lyons, foreman of the entertainers, and Mr. Rareshide, foreman of the guests, were called up in their turn. We cannot undertake to remember all or the half that was said and done at this feast, and if we could we would not have room to publish it.

Meantime, the Merchant boys had taken their guests, the Pelicans and others, to Armory Hall, where great tables were magnificently spread, and where the "feast of reason and flow of soul" was brilliant and delightful in the extreme. Mr. Chandler S. Smith, Foreman of No. 4, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Summers, and others, did the Mobile talking and toasting, whilst Messrs. Fred. Brand, Louis Power, Wm. G. Latham, and others, did the New Orleans talking and toasting.

The feasting over at the two places, the entertainers and their guests paired off, and passed the remainder of the afternoon according to their various fancies.

THE NIGHT FESTIVITIES.

There were two balls at night; one given by Washington No. 8, at Odd Fellows' Hall, and the other by Torrent No. 5, at Temperance Hall. Both were crowded, the ladies being present in great numbers, and everything passed off delightfully. The New Orleans guests, though most of them were strangers, had no lack of partners, for the ladies seemed to conspire heart and soul with the gentlemen Mobilians in rendering the Orleanian visitors happy during their stay. Two things, however, stopped the festivity at the two places. One was, the gray dawn of Tuesday morning; the other, the fainting of the musicians.

We have already mentioned the reception during the day at Mr. Price's. Not content with keeping open house during the day, that gentleman and his family, aided by numbers of the most beautiful and lovely ladies of Mobile, kept open house all night, and ran a delightful opposition to the balls above mentioned. It was a *soiree* of the most delightful description; the parlors being given up to the dance, and the music furnished by the ladies, turn-about, at the piano. The ladies took leap-year privileges with the gentlemen from New Orleans, and asked them to dance, when they seemed bashful. The gentlemen from New Orleans danced, and, transferring their badges to the ladies, made them honorary members of their respective companies. None who were there will speedily forget the soiree at Mr. Price's.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Whilst a portion of the New Orleans delegation, run down—or, to use a fireman's expression, played out—with the parading, and feasting, and trotting around, and dancing, of the previous day and night, continued their slumbers, others, callous to rest, were treated to early breakfasts and taken out buggy-riding, to see the environs of the city. The extent of the city and the beauty of the suburbs were matter of surprise to many who had never been to Mobile before. [So common is the supposition that because Mobile is a quiet and unpretending town, it must be a small town.] Others passed the time in visiting their friends and acquaintances around.

THE WAY THEY DID THINGS.

The New Orleans firemen having, on the 4th of March, laid themselves out to do the real handsome thing to their Mobile guests, and succeeded, the Mobilians this time laid themselves out to outdo the Orleanians; and we are of opinion *they* succeeded. Not content with giving them a grand reception, throwing open the hotels to them, and treating them to all kinds of honors, public and private, they virtually gave them the freedom of the city. The coffee-houses, barber shops, and bath houses, had been bought up; and when an Orleanian laid down a bill, or half dollar, or dime, for anything, the money was shoved back to him with the remark, that "it was all right," or "New Orleans money did'nt pass in Mobile," or something of that sort.

This writer having changed his fireman's suit for citizen's dress, was several times foiled in spending his money, after which he gave it up for a bad job; being satisfied that the Orleanians were all "spotted," and that it would'nt do to dispute the rules and regulations established by the Mobile firemen. We got a small Ethiopian to rub the dust from our shoes; and offering him a dime, even that fragment of humanity had the audacity to say, with a grin, that it was all right. About the only way the Orleanians could get rid of their money, was to get up a private game of "draw" among themselves; and even then the money was only transferred, not spent. This was the way the Mobilians did it; they "browned things up," completely.

THE FINAL DOINGS.

Toward noon on Tuesday, the Orleanians donned their uniforms, and so did their Mobile entertainers. Washington No. 8 called at the City Hotel for the Perseverance boys, where they were joined by other firemen of the Mobile department, and others of the New Orleans guests. The entertainers carried wreaths, garlands, bouquets, and other decorations, which they had stripped from their engines, as presents to their departing friends.

On the march up, the Orleanians turned into Government street, and with Gessner's band, gave Madame LeVert a parting serenade. The winning grace and kindness of that celebrated lady had made a deep impression upon the New Orleans delegation, and they were too gallant to depart without expressing their feeling in the best manner possible. Accompanied by her daughter, the lady appeared at her door and wafted them an adieu, in a manner which sealed the impressions her previous hospitality had created. Mr. Price and family were next serenaded; and then the procession went ahead and entered Odd Fellows' Hall, where a most sumptuous parting collation had been spread.

Judge Meek presided, aided by Chief Engineer Jewett, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Summers, and others. Messrs. Horner, Beggs, Powers, Rareshide, all had to mount their chairs to reply to something; and the scene was a repetition of, if not an improvement upon, the scenes of the previous day. The last to speak was Mr. Jewett, who concluded by reading an original poem, contributed by some one for the occasion, and entitled "One bumper at parting." The poem was applauded, the bumpers tossed off, and then the line of march was taken up for the steamer Cuba.

The leave-taking on the wharf was formally concluded with a speech of acknowledgment, made by Mr. Horner, and replied to by Mr. Jewett. Mr. Power, on behalf of the Board of Firemen of this city, made the closing speech, which was short, but full of the true feeling which characterizes firemen.

Conspicuous among the Mobile men was one who made no public speeches, (that we heard,) but who was always around, with a private word on his lips for every body's ear, a smile on his manly face, and a hard grip in his hand, all betokening that though he was a large man, his heart was still the chief part of his body. We mean Capt. George Blakesley, as he is known all over Mobile city and Mobile-bay, or Blakesley, as he is known minus the Captain and the George, among the firemen and his own company, the Mobile Hook and Ladder No. 1. Mobile is full of "bricks," we may say all sorts of bricks; but to carry out a metaphor, Blakesley is no brick. He is a granite block; a sort of corner-stone, equal in himself to all the "bricks" that can be piled upon him.

The scene on the wharf was lively enough. Firemen exchanging hats, belts, and badges, and shaking hands all round; an immense crowd of spectators, looking on; and the departing Orleanians lining the upper guards of the boat with their trophies. As the boat left, Gessner and his faithful blowers blowed their best, whilst a waving of hats and handkerchiefs, and a shouting by the firemen on the boat and on shore, was kept up until the Cuba widened the distance beyond the limits of hearing.

Long as this report is, it does not contain half that we would like to publish.

THE REPORTER FOR HIMSELF.

The reporter of these doings cannot close without acknowledging the personal favors shown him by the Mobilians, strangers to him as well as friends. His brethren of the quill, and especially Langdon and McKnight of the Advertiser, and the Sossamans and Hughes of the Tribune, have his thanks for seeing that he didn't get lost. Duffield, of the theater; Chamberlain and Hardin, of the Battle House; and the different old friends whose names are not public property, all seemed animated by a desire to render him satisfied with his visit, and to prevent him from becoming lost or overwhelmed amid the wholesale hospitalities of the firemen.

And last, but by no means least, his thanks to Ned Rareshide, and the other members of Perseverance No. 13, who received him for the time in their own garb as a fireman, and left nothing undone to render his trip with them pleasant and delightful, from first to last. Altogether, as Wilkins would say, the visit of the New Orleans firemen to Mobile was "bully!"

THE ARTHUR NAPOLEON CONCERT.—A definite announcement is this morning made of the time, place and programme of the one grand concert to be given in New Orleans by the youthful but eminent pianist, for the unanimous testimony of the press to his skill and genius is indisputable. He comes to New York in the very rush of the last winter's amusements and, despite the competition, achieved a high success, which has likewise been the record of his Southern tour. Though but fifteen years of age he came with the prestige of a high European reputation won in the most critical cities of the old world, and worth something, even if not so valuable as the popular estimate makes it. Besides being a musical prodigy, the young Portuguese seems to be quite an "admirable Crichton" in various intellectual respects, being the master of five languages, an eminent chess player, etc. His concert will take place at Odd Fellows' Hall on Monday night next, and he will be assisted by vocal and instrumental artists of merit, for whose names and other information the reader is referred to advertisement.

MESSRS. J. A. BEARD & CO. will sell this day at 10 o'clock, at No. 25 Gocsinne street, an assortment of good mahogany furniture, etc. See advertisement.

Telegraphed to the New Orleans Crescent.

MINISTER McLANE'S INSTRUCTIONS:

RECOGNITION OF THE JUAREZ MEXICAN MINISTER.

[BY THE NATIONAL AND SOUTHERN LINES.]

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The Government, it now appears, has received official advices from Mr. McLane, which were telegraphed from New Orleans on the arrival of the Tennessee, announcing the recognition of the Juarez Government as the Government of the Republic of Mexico; and to-day the Secretary of State advised Senor J. M. Mata, at New Orleans, that his Government had been recognized by Minister McLane, and that the President would receive him, (Senor Mata), on his arrival at Washington, as the recognized Minister of the Mexican Republic.

It is now stated, from an official source, that Mr. McLane's instructions did not authorize him to recognize Miramon's Government, until all hope of the Juarez