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I. B. BOIRON,
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We have in store and now landing from ships Harriet, J. Montgomery, Samuel Fales, Lady Blessington, and the steamships DeSoto and Granada.
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We are constantly receiving a general assortment of Silk and Fur, Cassimere, Panama, Leghorn, Straw, Palm Leaf, Mexican and Wool HATS, at the lowest market prices, by
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Those who are incredulous in regard to the superiority of Iron over Rope as a fastening for Cotton in case of fire, are requested to examine a bale that passed through the fire on the Levee, Oct. 20, and lay FORTY HOURS in the smouldering remains of 70 bales of Rope-Bound Cotton, nearly all of which was consumed. There were only two bales in iron, both of them saved, with a loss of LESS THAN TEN PER CENT.
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Dr. VON MOSCHZISKER,
OCULIST AND AURIST,
Dr. VON MOSCHZISKER, the well-known European OCULIST and AURIST, begs to announce to those who need his professional services, in any malady of the EYE or EAR, which requires MEDICAL or SURGICAL treatment, that he can be consulted at his Rooms,
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Deafness.
Dr. M.'s method for the removal of DEAFNESS of the longest standing, by his newly introduced Instrument, and the application of the
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which is founded on the most scientific medical principles, has received the testimony of the best Physicians in Europe and this country.
Of the many persons successfully treated, of which some have been deaf for more than thirty years, and whose testimonials may be examined at Dr. M.'s office, he will name the following out of a list of hundreds:
Hon. Senator Pugh, Judge McLean, of the U. S. Supreme Court; J. Sevins, Esq., editor of the Argus, Philadelphia; Calvin Townsley, Esq., Townsley House, St. Louis; T. H. Town, Esq., President of the Board of Health, Philadelphia; L. S. Neville, Commander, U. S. Navy. Also, letters from Professors Monkin and Winchester, of Baltimore; Hon. J. C. Sidney, Philadelphia; H. W. Smith, editor of The Patriot, Nashville, Tenn.; J. H. Fitzgibbon, Photographist, St. Louis.
Dr. M. further begs to lay the two following letters, from gentlemen well known in this city and throughout the State, that have been sent to him with a request to publish the same, for the benefit of others who may need Dr. M.'s services:
LETTER FROM CAPT. T. P. LEATHERS,
Of the Natchez:
New Orleans, Dec. 9, 1859.
To Dr. Von Moschzisker:
Dear Sir—You operated on my ears and treated my child for an affection of the eyes, in 1858. We have both experienced much benefit, and I cheerfully take pleasure in recommending you as Oculist and Aurist to those who may need your service.
T. P. LEATHERS.
FROM JOHN L. CASSADAY, ESQ.
New Orleans, Dec. 10, 1859.
In 1858, Dr. Von Moschzisker operated on my ear. I had lost the hearing of the left ear entirely; in addition to the inconvenience of deafness there was an almost unremitting unpleasant sensation of singing in the ear. I am much gratified in being able to say that in a short time he enabled me to hear very distinctly, and the disagreeable sensation in the ear, which was so annoying, appears to be entirely removed. I therefore hesitate not to recommend him strongly to all afflicted with deafness.
JOHN L. CASSADAY.
N. B.—Persons wishing the full benefit of Dr. M.'s treatment, either with Eye or Ear, should apply early. Physicians are always welcome to visit his operations.
d14 1p1d&W

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Which they offer for sale at LOW PRICES. Their assortment consists in part of the following:
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Fine and medium quality Cassimere and Cloth Office COATS.
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Super Waved Pilot Cloth BURNOUS and Winged SACS.
Fancy Colored and Black Cassimere PANTS.
Black and Colored Fancy Silk VESTS.
.. .. Velvet VESTS.
.. .. Cassimere and Doeskin VESTS.
—Also—
An assortment of low-priced Union Cassimere PALETOTS, SACS, PANTALOONS, VESTS, JACKETS, OVERCOATS, BLANKET and FLANNING COATS.
BOYS' CLOTHING.
Boys' and Youths' Fancy Cassimere PANTS.
.. .. Gray and Black Union Cassimere PANTS.
.. .. Black Doeskin PANTS.
.. .. Frock COATS, PALETOTS and SACS.
.. .. Black and Colored Cloth JACKETS.
.. .. Union Cassimere JACKETS.
.. .. Fancy Cassimere VESTS.
.. .. Black Silk and Doeskin VESTS.
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—Also—
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122 Canal Street,
TOURO BUILDINGS,
Has opened his entirely NEW STOCK, comprising the most complete and extensive assortment of
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S
Toys and Fancy Articles
EVER OFFERED TO THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC.
A Fine Stock of
PAPIER MACHE,
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A choice collection of BRONZE FIGURES.
BISCUIT VASES—Latest style produced in the Serre Manufactory.
LADIES' TOILET SETS,
RICH SHELL, IVORY, and
CORAL COMBS,
MUSIC BOXES.
d26 2pStod Fire Works, etc.

Attention, Ladies.
NEW STORE! NEW GOODS!
F. R. BARDON,
No. 29 CHARTRES STREET,
Begs leave to inform the Ladies of the city and country that he has opened at the above named place a most superb stock of the following articles:
MILLINERY GOODS,
BONNETS,
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS,
RIBBONS,
FEATHERS,
DRESS TRIMMINGS, etc.
Also, a beautiful lot of
LADIES' RIDING HATS.
All of which is for sale low, and persons wishing to buy would do well to call and examine them before purchasing elsewhere.
d26 2pod30

Fine Jewelry. Fine Jewelry.
The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has just received per recent arrivals from Europe, a fine assortment of—
Rare and Choice Jewelry,
—Comprising—
Ladies' and Children's FULL and HALF SETS;
Ladies' and Gentlemen's WATCHES.
From the most celebrated makers.
CHATELAINES, LEONTINES, Brooches, Ear-rings;
VEST AND GUARD CHAINS;
SILVER WARE in all its varieties, PLATED WARE.
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The whole selected by him personally during his recent trip to Europe—all of which are offered at reasonable prices.
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New Orleans Daily Crescent.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30, 1859.

CELEBRATION OF NEW YEAR'S DAY.

We are undeniably exercised with regard to the settlement of the mooted question of the celebration of our social festival, New Year's Day. And we stand firmly upon the position which we assumed yesterday, that the differences of opinion and consequent diversity of action will all be harmoniously accommodated by the observance of Monday, the 2d, in lieu of Sunday, the 1st, which would be consecrate to gaiety by but a moiety of the community—those who do not customarily go to Church, or would stay at home from Church to serve their friends with cake and wine, or go abroad to consume the cake and wine of those who serve it.

We are solicitous because we would not see a most pleasant custom of our community neglected in one jot or tittle of its common generality, as we know it will be if a part of our citizens determine that New Year's Day shall be New Year's Day and not Sunday at all, and a part determine that Sunday shall be Sunday and not New Year's Day at all. We think that the former class really ought to yield the point and consider Monday New Year's Day *par complaisance*, even if that is not its calendar designation, and we pledge ourselves that they will enjoy the celebration of the substitute better than that of the real day. We habitually deal in facts, and our pledge will indubitably be sustained if the conditions are fulfilled. Not a lady or gentleman but will on Monday enunciate "Happy New Year" with as much unction and feeling as if it were the first day of the new decade of years initiated instead of being the second. Not a glass of wine nor a morsel of cake will be less flavorous because not consumed in the strictest compliance with the rigidly orthodox New Year's etiquette. Not a toast of good wishes drank will be less likely to have verification because pledged on Monday rather than Sunday. And no one's conscience will interfere with his or her gaiety—as it might do should the merrymaking be on Sunday.

With these cogent observations we here rest the case for the plaintiffs in behalf both of Sunday and New Year's Day, for neither will be properly observed if but one day is allowed to the two, and both will be well observed if a day is allowed to each.

TALK ON 'CHANGE.

There was very little stirring yesterday until after meridian; then the crowds began to assemble, interchanging ideas in regard to the private correspondence received by the Asia's mails, part of which came through, and it is hoped the balance will be along in the course of two or three days. The weather was something of an irrepressible cast yesterday. It was foggy, at times warm, drizzling rain, and taken altogether, operated against large transactions. There were some sales of cotton, which will be found detailed. The sales for four days foot up to 57,000 bales. The quantity on sale in first hands at this moment approximate the figures below.

	bales.
Total receipts up to last evening at this port, including stock on hand on the 31st August	1,171,266
Sales since the 1st September up to last evening	867,000
Estimated stock on sale	304,266

Part of the correspondence by the Asia was received yesterday, and some letters by a previous steamer came through. We received the following:

LIVERPOOL, December 7, 1859.

DEAR SIR: The demand for clean cotton is well sustained, and with continued ease in the money market, we do not look for any of those break-down prices which a large yield would cause.

The following remarks cover the present position of our market:

The Asia's arrival, with telegraphic dates from New Orleans to the 22d November, has not exercised any influence on our cotton market to-day. There has been a fair amount of trade, but they buy in small quantities, and will continue to do so until they have a better selection of cotton to purchase from than is here at present. As soon as new arrivals in any quantity come on the market they will no doubt simultaneously replenish their now failing stocks; and their operations when commenced on a large scale will quite outweigh the tendency of heavy imports to depress prices. The most generally accredited estimates of the crop are those which figure it at 4,600,000 bales. The best guide for importers will be found in the great wants of consumers and the highly remunerative character of their trade.

The arrivals were not numerous yesterday. This will give time to clear the levee and landings of the great accumulation of produce. In the meantime, there is an active trade going on with Mobile and the towns and landings on the Alabama river. Sugar and molasses, and Western products in general, are under a good demand for Alabama, Georgia and Florida. The gimlet rangers appear to be in much better humor since the minimum estimates for the sugar yield do not go below 200,000 hogsheads. There was some talk of the unfavorable accounts from Cuba in regard to the weather; they are not so cutting or disastrous as the frost in our State on the 13th and 14th of last month.

We have have to repeat the continued failure of the mail, and to-day is the regular day of failure over the Mobile route. There appears to be something of a contest between the contractors on the two routes to see which one shall have the greatest credit for failures and irregularities.

We have no space for further talk.

JEFFERSON COLLEGE.—This well-known institution, situated in the parish of St. James, sixty miles above the city of New Orleans, having been thoroughly reorganized, was opened anew on the first of November. During the summer the spacious and commodious premises underwent thorough renovation, and are now entirely adapted to their purposes. The range of studies of the institution is comprehensive, the curriculum including all branches of a classical education and all genteel accomplishments. An advertisement which appears in our columns gives much information as to the college, which is conveniently located near a telegraph office, a post-office and a steamboat landing.

YOUNG MEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.—The officers and members of the Association are notified to attend the regular monthly meeting at the hall of Polar Star Lodge on Monday evening. Important business will come before the meeting.

NEW ORLEANS AND ALGIERS FERRY COMPANY. Notice is published by order of the managers that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the New Orleans and Algiers Ferry Company will be held at the office of James Graham, Esq., notary public, on Monday next.

THE ST. CHARLES.—Mr. Collins will do *Pierre O'Hara* in the "Irish Attorney," to-night, and *Terence O'Grady* in the "Irish Post," after which the burlesque of "Mrs. Norma," Messrs. Debar and Scallan appearing.

THE AMPHITHEATRE.—The combined circus companies of Messrs. Spalding & Rogers will give a grand entertainment of the usual excellent character to-night, all the force of equestrians, gymnasts and acrobats appearing in their admirable feats of skill and strength.

In the museum, the fishes of the aquarium are always ready to receive visitors and entertain them well.

CITIZENS' BANK OF LOUISIANA.—The election for seven Directors of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana will be held on Monday, 6th of February next, as per the Cashier's notice elsewhere published.

SUPPOSED MURDER IN COPIAH COUNTY, MISS.—A body, supposed to be that of A. Briggs, a woodchopper, was found about a mile from Crystal Springs, Copiah county, Miss., on the afternoon of the 27th instant. The corpse was badly mangled by hogs, which had eaten off the head and bitten the body in different parts. A man named Brown has been arrested on suspicion of being the murderer, previous threats and subsequent confessions indicating him as the criminal.

Local Intelligence.

THE WEATHER.—It appears as if the holidays, which opened so finely, are to be ingloriously squelched in rain and mud. Yesterday was muddier and wetter than any day of the week. Last night a genuine heavy rain came along and washed the banquettes.

A QUEER CASE.—Peter Calnan and H. Connel, employés of the Opelousas Railroad Company, and men said to be of unimpeachable character, were yesterday examined before Recorder Wiltz, on the charge of having on Christmas day entered a house on Ursulines street, between Burgundy and Rampart streets, armed with a dangerous weapon, with intent to steal. This charge was made by Eugene J. De Grny, who, with a friend, arrested the two accused at the time.

His testimony was, that when near the house he was met by his servant girl, who told him that two men wanted to kill her mistress. He saw Connel standing on the step, and Calnan coming out with a pistol in his hand, which he fired at some one in the house, the shot, however, proving harmless, from some one knocking his hand up as he fired.

Mrs. A. E. Charbonnet, mistress of the house, testified that, hearing a noise in the front room, she went in, and saw one of the accused striking her servant girl, who was trying to force him out, and that she was shot at by him after he went out. She corroborated the statement about some one knocking his arm up as he pointed to fire.

Calnan asked leave to make a sworn statement in his defence, and it was this: That he was passing with his friend, when the coquettish beckonings, or looks and signs, of a handsome and gaily dressed yellow girl, who had her head out at the window; that he went in to have a friendly chat with her, when she slapped his face and commenced pushing him out; and that he fired his pistol, not at the girl or her mistress, but at a young man who came in cursing him and ordering him to leave.

The Recorder, not being able to receive this as evidence, sent both the accused before the First District Court, to be tried as charged.

LIFE IN THE LOCK-UP.—James Roberts and his wife Elizabeth were last night arrested for being drunk and raising a muss with the other people who lived with them in the same dirty hole on Girod street. The wife lugged with her a chubby baby, about six months old, naked as when born, save that it was wrapped in a dirty old shawl. Both mother and father were too drunk for the baby to be left with them with safety. Officer Perkins took charge of the little one, but found his charge bothersome, he having other duties to attend to. A common prostitute in one of the cells, arrested for some trivial offence, heard the bother about the baby, and volunteered to take care of it till morning. Though one of the most degraded of females, she was sober, and there was something of the original woman in her offer. The little innocent was placed in her charge, and when we left the lock-up the woman and the baby were sleeping calmly together. Innocence nestling sweetly in an unknown bosom of degradation and crime; wasn't this a picture? The care of the baby will be placed to the fallen one's credit, when she appears before the Recorder to-day.

A SMASH.—Two carriages came in collision on Girod street, on Wednesday night, and one was badly smashed. Alexander Stewart, driver of the carriage in fault, yesterday apologized for it to Recorder Monroe, and made the city a present of $10. He still has some little business on hand with the owner of the smashed carriage.

THERE ARE NO COUNTRY THEATERS IN NEW ORLEANS.—This is a fact, the idea of jolly visitors from the country to the contrary notwithstanding. It generally requires a night in the lock-up and a chat with some one of the Recorders to convince such people of their mistake. This was the case with Messrs. Wm. Robbins and George Butts, who proved their ignorance in the St. Charles Theater on Wednesday night, and made up a pony purse of $20 for Recorder Monroe yesterday.

LARCENIES.—Patrick Gorley, for a larceny perpetrated at the expense of John Madden, was yesterday sent before the First District Court by Assistant Recorder Monroe.

Linda Carroll, charged with stealing a $12 dress from Susan Murphy, was held for an overhauling before the same Recorder.

HORSE FANCIER IN LIMBO.—Anatole Germain, colored, and representing himself free, was yesterday before Recorder Wiltz, charged with having stolen a horse from Mr. Subra, of St. James parish, about a week ago; the charge being made by Mr. S.'s son in this city. The accused was sent to prison to await a hearing.

DANGEROUSLY STABBED.—A man named Wm. O'Donovan was last evening reported to be dangerously stabbed, on Girod street, near Magazine, by a boy named Thomas Toomey. Mr. Howard, who made this report at the police office, sent the wounded man to the Charity Hospital. The bloody minded boy was not arrested.

NIGGER WITH A SWEET TOOTH.—A slave boy named Louis, a pet employée in the grocery of Mr. Renaud, at the corner of St. Louis and Royal streets, was arrested on Wednesday night, with a basket of delicacies which he had taken from the store without anybody's consent, and with the evident design of having a jolly New Year frolic with some dusky Dulcinea best known to himself. The basket contained twenty dollars' worth of wine, cordials, bologna sausage, prunes, raisins, almonds, biscuits, etc., and a lot of candles and matches. Whilst Louis was filling his basket with this dainty assortment, a watchman, outside, was admiring him through the keyhole of the door, and naturally took him when he blew out his light and came out. The hide of Mr. Louis is in jeopardy.

ONE MORE UNFORTUNATE.—An Irishman named Michael Hand, residing on Elysian Fields street, Third District, died suddenly yesterday afternoon. His death was reported to have been by fits, resulting from intemperance.

A SAILOR BADLY BEATEN.—David Kenney, of Hospital street, was before Recorder Wiltz yesterday, charged with cruelly beating a sailor named Thomas Green, in his (Kenney's) coffeehouse, on Wednesday night. Kenney gave bail, and Green promised to remain in the city to prosecute him.

TELESCOPIC AND MICROSCOPIC OBSERVATIONS.—From Mr. Wm. Grosser, who announces his intention of shortly bringing to the city powerful telescopic and microscopic instruments for the benefit of schools and the general public, we have received certain tickets, each one entitling us to peep through the scientific machines of either kind.

THE ORLEANS.—A grand "Scance de Magie" of legerdemain and ventriloquism by M. Kissi, a drama in three acts entitled "Les Memoires du Diable" and the vaudeville "Le Tigre du Bengale," are announced for to-morrow night.

MERCHANTS' BANK.—An advertisement is published to the effect that the election of five directors of this bank will take place at the banking house, on Monday, January 9th, between the hours of 10 o'clock and 2.

THE VARIETIES.—"Dot," with its beautiful new scenery, its fairy transformations, wonderful mechanical effects and charming music, is announced for repetition again to-night. The evening's entertainment will commence with the farce "To Paris and Back for Five Pounds."

NEW OPERA HOUSE.—Meyerbeer's grand opera, "Les Huguenots," will be sung at the new Opera House to-morrow night by Messieurs Mathieu, Gesmirel, Melchisedec, Mmes Gelsmar, Prestl and Pellinger.

FIFTH WARD AMERICAN CLUB.—A meeting of this Club will be held at the usual place on Basin street, at 8½ o'clock this evening.

LAFAYETTE HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO. 1.—The names of the gentlemen elected officers on the 28th instant are published in another part of this paper.

FIRE IN COPIAH COUNTY, MISS.—The dwelling of Calvit Roberts, on the line of the Jackson Railroad, near Hazlehurst, Copiah county, was burned on the night of the 27th instant. The house was new, and only a portion of Mr. R.'s furniture had been moved in. The house is supposed to have been accidentally fired by a crazy negro who was left in charge of it, and who escaped with his life. Loss about $2000 and no insurance.

FOR MEMPHIS.—The Memphis and New Orleans Packet Line mail steamer Belfast, Capt. Wm. Wray, leaves this evening at 5 o'clock, connecting with the Memphis and Charleston and Memphis and Ohio Railroads, for all points North, East and West, and with fine mail steamers for Louisville and St. Louis. For through tickets, apply to J. H. Fitzgh, Agent, Memphis packet office, under the St. Charles Hotel.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD is advertised by Mr. F. Fuetler, of the brick yard above Jefferson City, for the recovery of a lost mare mule, with points and marks as set forth in a advertisement.

TELEGRAPHED TO THE NEW ORLEANS CRESCENT.

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP ARAGO.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

[BY THE NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LINES.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The steamship Arago, of the Havre and Southampton line, has arrived at this port. She left Havre on Tuesday, the 13th inst., and touched at Cowes, opposite Southampton, on Wednesday, the 14th, bringing advices from London and Liverpool four days later than those received by the Asia.

The general and political news by the Arago possesses more than usual interest, and some degree of importance.

The ship Sonmouth, from Fleetwood, bound for Savannah, was wrecked on the 3d inst. The officers and crew were saved.

The preparations for the meeting of the European Congress at Paris are progressing slowly.

Lord Wodehouse has been selected by the English Government as its second plenipotentiary at the Congress.

Marshal Randon, the French Minister of War, has resigned his position in the Cabinet. The reason for his taking this step has not yet been ascertained.

There has been considerable hard fighting in Morocco. Advices from Tangier, via Madrid, state that the Moorish troops had twice attacked the Spanish redoubts near Tangier, but had been repulsed on each occasion, with a total loss of 200 killed and 1000 wounded, while the loss of the Spanish amounted to 70 killed and 300 wounded.

Among the passengers by the steamer Arago, from Havre, was Black Bill No. 1, alias Wm. H. Seward, who was received by a large assemblage of his followers, and was honored by a salute of one hundred guns.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.—The sales of Cotton for the three business days since the sailing of the Asia amount to 25,000 bales, of which 11,000 were taken on speculation and for exportation, but mostly for exportation. The market generally closed steady at the quotations by the Asia. Some authorities say that the market is irregular, and that the quotations by the Asia are barely maintained. Spinners continue to operate cautiously, merely buying sufficient to supply present wants.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The funds continue somewhat fluctuating. Consols for money ex-dividend, 95½ to 95¾.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.—The latest advices from Manchester are of an unfavorable character as compared with recent advices, although no actual decline in prices had taken place. The demand for goods and yarns was less active and pressing, and the market closed quiet.

The London Breadstuffs market closed generally with a declining tendency, the demand being very moderate.

The prices of nearly all descriptions were easier, but quotations were generally unchanged.

Indian Corn generally closed firm.

The Provision market generally closed quiet at the quotations by the previous steamer. Beef closed dull and steady at previous quotations. Pork closed quiet at 59s. Bacon closed quiet and unchanged. Lard closed dull, and quotations are nominal.

Rosin closed dull at 4s. Sugar closed firm and unchanged. Coffee closed firm at previous quotations. Turpentine closed steady at 34s.

The recent tragedies and bloody scenes at Morocco have not terminated. The Spanish Government are daily amassing troops, and reinforcements have and are continually leaving Spain for Morocco, where conflicts are now so frequently occurring. The losses of the European army are said to be serious.

The extensive sugar refinery of Messrs. Bilgis, at Marseilles, has suspended and the manager of the establishment imprisoned. Their liabilities have not been ascertained.

HAVRE, Dec. 13.—The Havre Cotton market closed steady, the prices of last week being well supported.

The sales for the past two days amount to 1650 bales. The stock of cotton at Havre amounts to 38,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The steamer Arago arrived at 9 o'clock last night, and her mails for the South were forwarded by the early train this morning.

Private letters received by the Arago from Liverpool, represent an unfavorable state of the Cotton market, and report a decline of 1-16 to 1-8 on the quotations by the Asia.

The sales of Cotton since Friday, the 9th inst., are reported at 19,000 bales, including about one-third Surat Cotton, which are offered so low as to take the place of Common American for exportation. The imports since the sailing of the Asia amount to 50,000 bales. The winds have been unfavorable for vessels bound to Liverpool.

Jas. Hewitt & Co. quote Middling Orleans at 7½, Middling Uplands 6¾.

The London Sugar market is reported as having closed active, with an advancing tendency.

Advices by the Arago state that 325 shipwrecks occurred on the English coast during October and November, which constitutes the most terrible loss ever known during the same period.

A considerable additional force of French troops has sailed for China.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—In the House to-day the Hon. Horace Maynard, of Tennessee, was nominated Speaker by the Democratic and South American members. The House then proceeded to the twenty-third ballot, with the following results: Sherman received 101 votes, requiring only four more to elect him. Maynard received 65. The remainder were scattered among a large number of candidates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—In the House to-day the Hon. Roger A. Pryor, of Virginia, rose up, and in an eloquent and well-delivered speech defended the rights of the South in a manner which is seldom excelled. At the conclusion of his speech numerous friends gathered around him, and most heartily congratulated him upon his happy effort. Much enthusiasm was manifested during the delivery of the speech, which was often interrupted by applause from the Southern and Northern conservative members of the House.

At the conclusion of Mr. Prior's speech, Mr. Maynard took the floor, and withdrew from the contest as a candidate for Speaker of the House, giving his reasons in a brief speech. Mr. Charles L. Scott, of California, was nominated as the candidate of the Southern and Conservative members of the House.

The House then proceeded to the 24th ballot, which resulted as follows: The whole number of votes cast was 211; necessary to a choice, 106. Sherman received 102, and Scott 83; the rest were scattered among a large number of members.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—A body of armed negroes attacked the town of Bolivar, in this State, last night, which created great excitement among the inhabitants of that place and neighborhood. The citizens rallied and drove the insurgents in the woods, at the same time capturing and afterwards consigning a number of them to jail. Several mounted companies are now in their pursuit. The citizens are well armed and provided. The last excitement has somewhat subsided.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The schooner Latterly, previously reported aground, got off on the 27th and was soon after run into by a steam tug and cut down to the water's edge. She was run ashore on the west bank and immediately filled with water.

A fire broke out this morning, which threatened at one time to spread over several squares, owing to the great difficulty of getting water to work the engines, the intense cold freezing the water in the hose.

By great exertions, however, the firemen succeeded in mastering the fire and confining it to six buildings on Beekman street and four on Ann street.

Among the latter was the extensive paper establishment of Cyrus W. Field, of Atlantic Telegraph notoriety, and two immense warehouses in the rear of those buildings.

At first it seemed impossible to check the flames, and exaggerated reports were published and sent by telegraph