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TALK ON CHANGE. Yesterday opened with weather of the Lapland order. It was cloudy, and like weather following a snow-storm. It was well to follow in before folks got to work, and when business did commence, it was attended with a passage of fire arms, that is, there was a shooting transaction on the levee Carondelet, as well as the pulling of cotton. It was suggested that parties desirous of settling business transactions, or brokers having business questions to discuss, will step further out than the levee of Carondelet to settle them. Where six-shooters are applied, the Metallic Edge or the Oaks is a much more appropriate place. For a real knock-up or knock-down argument, the new square block stone pavement offers tolerable advantages for the settlement of vexed questions, particularly as one of the most distinguished, wealthy and prominent bankers of the age, was a party to a fall-out on Carondelet many years ago. There was talk yesterday on Carondelet flags about the sales of ten or twelve thousand bales of cotton, but it was interlarded with the frills, which will be found detailed in all our columns.

After mid-day the weather was clear and rather too cool for general comfort, yet the great press of business on the levee and landings served to keep warm and comfortable. Our marine list denotes many arrivals of steamships. They are coming from almost every port on the Mississippi river and tributaries. Thonpoussas, Poydras and New Levee streets are active, that is, produce, with trade in general, moves on lively. An immense business is going on with Alabama. The Carrollton Railroad depot is blocked up with freight, and so is the old Pontchartrain road; in fact, it is lively times with these roads; so it is at the Upper Canal and Basin, and the Canal Carondelet. The old Bayou St. John, it will encourage us to say, in fact, the old Basin and Canal Carondelet remind the old residents and our "old fogies" of times of yore. It is one of the most encouraging prospects of the times that all the various outlets in the rear of the city are so much encouraged; that the increase of business augments so rapidly as to give full employment to the four outlets or modes of commerce at New Orleans. In the meantime, there is some inquiry about the Grand Junction Canal Company, the present Canal Company, the New Canal or Upper Basin of the Canal Basin and the Jefferson and Carrollton Railroad.

In our talk yesterday the types committed a great error. The advices by the Europa are made to read 57,000 bales for 78,000, and speculators took notice of the error, when we wrote speculators. It should be simply in plain English. There is a great difference in the Liverpool flag between a spinner and a speculator. There was some talk on Carondelet street yesterday about the King, the King, in fact, has many subjects. Some of them are paying their respects, their devours at 4,500,000 bales; others are figuring below, and then others are figuring above. Possibly it will be well to put the King up at auction, or rather in the way of sweepstakes. Nothing has been transported to the nations, more than a million bales for four millions five hundred thousand bales.

The receipts for this port, up to last evening, foot up 1,271,000 bales. The receipts at all the ports, according to the official figures, with some unofficial, but in the main correct, foot up to 3,490,812 bales. There is some difference in the stock at Memphis. The commercial article of the Memphis Bulletin says, "The receipts at Memphis of the 16th inst., make the stock there 130,000 bales. It would be well to check these differences should be rectified. We in our table a few days since assumed 30,000 bales as the stock. If the figures 45,100 are corroborated, we may look for Wednesday next, the 29th inst., the entire crop of last year, say 3,851,412 bales, as being covered, that is, being at light. We ought to expect—that is, the market of the great South should rule on the prospective of what may take place in Europe and Northern markets.

The mails failed yesterday, and we suppose they will continue to fail. They failed by both routes. If we had the Florida route organized, or a schedule for two mails daily, we think we might be spared three mails per week. There are remaining in the lobby of the Post-Office about one hundred bags of mail matter. It is hoped there will be a reduction on postage to be delivered. The newspapers, particularly the Daily Picayune, by looking a few days longer. In the meantime, the inquiry is a very pertinent one, whether, in the appropriation bill for the Post-Office, there is not provision made to allow Col. Marks, Postmaster, more clerks—further assistance. *Quies adhe?* We have the pleasure of announcing to the residents of our southern suburbs that the great New Orleans and Mobile mail contractors have at last found a boat to carry the mail to the nations, and to furnish a conveyance for passengers; and that it is intended the boat shall leave this evening, on the arrival of the 3 P. M. Pontchartrain Railroad cars. *Oh, how!*

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Local Intelligence.

THE WEATHER yesterday was chilly enough, though dry and more or less sunny. The coal fires glowed as brightly and heavy clothing was as plentiful on the streets, almost as during any previous cold snap of the season.

PAID DISPENSARY.—Report of the Free Dispensary of the New Orleans School of Medicine, on Common street, opposite the Charity Hospital: Cash received, February 19, 1860, \$17.00; February 20, 1860, 17.00; February 21, 1860, 17.00; February 22, 1860, 17.00; February 23, 1860, 17.00; February 24, 1860, 17.00; February 25, 1860, 17.00. Total, \$102.00.

THE UNITED STATES V. MR. SPEAKERS PHILADELPHIA.—It will be remembered that when Captains Harry Mearns, Frank Anderson, Payson and Scott were arrested at the Balize on suspicion of being about to embark upon another Niagara expedition, the steamship Philadelphia was also seized for having hidden in her hold a large quantity of arms and munitions of war. It will also be remembered that the trial of the above parties resulted in their acquittal, there being no proof that they intended landing any foreign cargo, and there being nothing to show any connection between them and the arms and munitions on board the Philadelphia.—It yet remains a mystery by whom and for whom said arms and munitions were put on board said steamship.

THE LIBEL AGAINST THE PHILADELPHIA was instituted immediately after the discharge of the suspected filibusters, and the case has been before the U. S. District Court ever since. Judge McCaleb has at last given his decision, a lengthy and elaborate opinion, dismissing the libel. Counsel in this case were U. S. District Attorney Miller for Government, and Wm. H. Hunt, Esq., for the Steamship Company owning the Philadelphia. Judge McCaleb's decision follows: For the reasons here given, I am clearly of opinion that decree of forfeiture can be rendered against this vessel, and that the libel must be dismissed. I am, therefore, of opinion that there was probable cause for the seizure of the vessel, and shall grant a certificate to that effect.

DEATH OF MR. VOSE.—Our readers will remember that one evening, about twelve days ago, Mr. Frank Vose was shot on Carondelet street, opposite John's Restaurant, by some unknown person, for whose detection the authorities have in vain, so far, offered a reward of \$500. The bullet, which will also be remembered, penetrated Mr. V.'s skull, and lodged somewhere inside. Ever since the sufferer has been lingering at Dr. Chopin's infirmary; medical science being unavailing for his relief. Last evening he died. The post mortem examination will take place to-day. The coroner, so far, has nothing to enable him to give a clearer verdict than that of death at the hands of some unknown person.

A COQUETISH WOMAN STRIPS UP THE MOKEMES. The Chief of Police has information that recently a woman, supposed to be a Gypsy, and most certainly a thief of the first class, had fleeced three thousands of dollars out of ignorant and superstitious people residing in different parts of the city, chiefly the rear part. Under pretense of being a fortune teller, she ordered herself into the confidence of women, white and black, of that class who have more money than brains, and succeeded in getting off with their money, though she compensated them to a certain extent, by opening their eyes to the truth, and leaving their brains brighter, than they were before. From one woman alone, she obtained \$1000. A free negro woman was about as extensively robbed, and numerous other women were deprived of greater or lesser amounts.

THE HAG'S MODUS OPERANDI was this: Making believe, by her fortune telling beliefs and immunities, that had been the house, in the way of robbery, or something of the sort, she would prescribe a charm to avert the evil. This was a mode of humbug, which consisted in the woman of the house handing what money she had to the sorceress, who would wrap it up in rags, and with much mysterious jargon and manipulation, lock it up in an invulnerable box which she brought for the purpose; then giving the key of the box to the victim, and telling her to put the box in some safe place, but not to open it, and to keep it safe; and that the money, she would leave, promising to call next day and repeat the incantation, to render its virtue the surer. She would appear next day, and for several days more; each time opening the box and putting her charms upon the money. The final trick was this: on opening the box, she would request the woman, or woman, (for in one case she duped two at once) to hand her the key to the door by which the robbers would be most likely to enter, and to try to enter, after he, she had the box open before her. Repetitions of the Lord's Prayer. During this recitation, she would quietly transfer the rolls of gold and silver to her pockets, leaving in their place fictitious rolls, made of lead for the purpose. Her failure to call again, after the Lord's Prayer incantation, caused suspicion, and led the dupes to open the invulnerable boxes, when the cheat was discovered.

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TELEGRAPHED TO THE NEW ORLEANS CRESCENT.

ARRIVAL OF THE EUROPA AT BOSTON. LATEST FROM THE SEAT OF WAR. ANOTHER SPANISH VICTORY OVER THE MOORS. SKIFFWICK AND STRAMSHIP DEASTERS. EUROPEAN MAILS FOR THE SOUTH. DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The Canada steamship Europa, from Liverpool on the 18th inst., via Halifax, arrived at Boston early this morning, in season to forward her mails by the morning train. The Europa's mails reached this city at 5 o'clock this evening, and those for the South were forwarded by the 6 o'clock evening train.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP VIGO. BARBARIITIES OF AUSTRIA IN VENETIA. THE PEOPLE SENT OFF IN CHAINS. NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The steamship Vigo, of the Liverpool, New York and Philadelphia line, arrived at New Orleans yesterday evening, at 5 o'clock, and touched at Queenstown on the 9th. Her arrivals, however, have been anticipated, by the arrival of the steamer Victoria, which arrived at New Orleans yesterday morning.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE. BATEX BROWN, Feb. 25.—How far in the House of Representatives, to-day, Mr. Bush offered a resolution to instruct the Board of Public Works to report in the next General Assembly what would be the best mode of carrying out the provisions of the act of the Legislature of 1858, relative to the incorporation of the Red River Navigation Company.

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