BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

AITKENS, J. S., IMPORTER AND DEALER IN Hardware, Cutlery, Stoves, Fire Grates, Paints Oils, at No. 256 Tchoupitoulas streets. o23 1f

BOWLES & JUDSON, CHINA, CROCKERY AND House Furnishing Goods, No. 17 Camp street.

BULLITT & WHALEY, WHOLESALE GROCERS, Commission and Produce Merchants, 30 and 32 New Levee.

BLOCKER, JAMES Y., ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, New Orleans.
Office—No. 26 Commercial Place. 1377 1y

BAXTER, LOVELL & CO., SHIPPING MERchants, corner of Carondelet and Common streets.

BENTHUYSEN, LEWIS & CO., DEALERS IN Fancy and Staple Dry Goods, No. 116 Canal street.

CLARK, J. J., COOKER OF LAFAYETTE STREET, Between Camp and Magazine streets, New Orleans, La.
my21 1y

THOS. S. CONVERSE. WM. P. CONVERSE, JR.
CONVERSE & CO., IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN LIQUORS, TOBACCO AND CIGARS, No. 72 Gravier street, New Orleans. jy2 1y

COLEMAN, BRITTON & WITHERS, COTton Factors and Commission Merchants, 37 Carondelet street. ap16 1y

DAMERON & CO., J. D., DEALERS IN CARpetings, Oil Cloths, etc., No. 124 Canal street.

DR. JAMES BURNS, OFFICE 88 ST. CHARLES street, opposite the St. Charles Hotel; residence, 116 Howard street, between Carondelet and Gravier streets, near the Dauphine Hospital. ja 1y

FOLGER & SON, N. C., DEALERS IN ALL KINDS of Clothing and Furnishing Goods, corner Magazine and Gravier streets.

FABRE & CO., FRANCIS, FINE READY MADE Clothing and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, corner of St. Charles and Common streets, under St. Charles Hotel.

FROST & CO., DEALERS IN BOOTS, SHOES, BROGANS, Hats, Caps, etc., No. 59 Magazine street.

FAIRBANKS & CO., PROPRIETORS OF FAIRbanks' Scales and Agents of Lillie's Patent Wrought and Chilled Iron Safes, No. 53 Camp street.

GAINES, C. C. & CO., IMPORTERS AND DEALers in Hardware, Cutlery, etc., Nos. 26 Magazine and 40 Gravier streets.

GIQUEL & JAMISON, STAPLE AND FANCY Dry Goods of direct importation, Nos. 15 and 18 Chartres street.

GUINNESS' EXTRA STOUT—GRAY BROTHERS, Agents, No. 111 Old Levee street, near St. Louis street. m1

GORDON & FOSTER, DEALERS IN FLOUR, corner Poydras and New Levee streets. my12 1y

GRATIAA, S. D. & CO., COMMISSION MERchants and Importers of Wine, No. 21 Carondelet street.

G. DE GREGORIO. J. B. HOWLAND. J. F. ROPP.
DE GORRIO, HOWLAND & CO., IMPORTERS and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Dry and Green Fruits Nuts, etc., etc., Nos. 86 Fulton and 87 Front streets, New Orleans. o12 6m

HART, E. J. & CO., DEALERS IN GROCERIES DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PAPER, etc., 77 and 79 Tchoupitoulas street.

HENDERSON & GAINES, DEALERS IN CHINA, Glass, Earthenware, etc., 100 Canal street.

HYDE & GOODRICH, JEWELERS, corner of Canal and Royal streets.

HYNSON, GREEN, W. & CO., SHIPPING AGENTS and Commission Merchants, 82 Camp street.

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LEVOIS & CO., J., DEALERS IN STAPLE AND Fancy Dry Goods, corner Canal and Bourbon streets.

LEIGHTON, CHAS., CLOTHIER, corner of Canal and St. Charles streets.

LEVERICH, WM. E. & CO., COTTON FACTORS and Commission Merchants, No. 24 Old Levee.

LION & ANDREE, IMPORTERS OF FRENCH Fancy Goods, Nos. 54 and 56 Royal, corner of Bienville.

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MOORE & CO., SAMUEL E., DEALERS IN Silk, Gloves and Hosiery, Linen Goods, Shirts and Drawers, and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, No. 49 Camp street.

MALARD & CO., F., DEALERS IN CLOTHING and Furnishing Goods, Nos. 56 and 60 Canal street, corner of Old Levee.

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MOODY, S. N., SHIRTS GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHing Goods and Fancy Articles, corner Canal and Royal streets.

MORISON, G. N. & CO., WHOLESALE DRUGgists, Oils, Paints, Perfumery, etc., No. 42 Magazine street.

MORGAN & CO., J. C., BOOKS AND STATIONERY, Exchange Place, adjoining the Post Office, and No 10 Commercial Place.

NORRIS, MAULL & CO., FASHIONABLE CLOthing and Furnishing Goods, corner of Camp and Common streets, under City Hotel.

PIFFET, B., GENERAL VARIETY Store, No. 122 Canal street.

PIFFET, F. & L., GENERAL VARIETY STORE, No. 133 Canal street. jy25

PIERSON, HARRISON & CO., DEALERS IN Clothing, No. 1 Magazine and 2 Commercial Place.

PUTNAM, JAMES M., LATE OF THE FIRM OF Hall, Roff & Putnam, Cotton and Sugar Factor, Commission and Forwarding Merchant, No. 58 Carondelet street. ap1 1y

PITKIN, R. & CO., DEALERS IN CLOTHING AND Furnishing Goods, No. 3 Camp street. 27 1y

RALEY & CO., C. H., DEALERS IN STAPLE and Fancy Dry Goods, No. 41 Tchoupitoulas street.

REYNOLDS & CO., H. W., TRUNKS AND INdia Rubber Goods, No. 3 Magazine street.

REILLY & CO., E., DEALERS IN SILKS AND Fancy Dry Goods, No. 120 Canal street.

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STRINGER, F., & CO., FASHIONABLE CLOTHing, Furnishing Goods, Trunks, Carpet Bags, etc., No. 52 Camp street.

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THOMPSON & BARNES, GROCERS, No. 23 and 25 Common street.

TODD, JNO., DEALER IN MILLINERY and FINE Fancy Dry Goods, Nos. 12 and 14 Chartres street.

TODD, SAMUEL M., WHOLESALE AND RETAIL Dealer in Fine Cutlery, Guns, Rifles, Wrought Iron, Gold Leaf, Bronzes and Artists' Fine Colors, Tools, etc., 90 Magazine street—new number 76. m8

WATERMAN, J., & BRO., IMPORTERS AND Dealers in Hardware, Cutlery, etc., corner Magazine and Common streets.

WATKINS & HOMAN, DEALERS IN CARPETings, Mattings, and Upholstery Goods generally, No. 3 Camp street.

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WRIGHT, ALLEN & CO., COTTON FACTORS and Commission Merchants, No. 120 Gravier street, New Orleans. ja24 1y

WHITE, THOS. L., BOOKSELLER AND STAtioner, 140 Gravier street.

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Cheaper and superior to any other ever used in a Southern climate.
Its tested and recognized qualities are—
1st. DURABILITY—equal to the best slate roofs.
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3d. BEAUTY—It presents a smooth and granite-like surface.
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6th. CONVENIENCE—It will not soften under the heat of this climate; and protects the interior of buildings from the intense heat of summer.
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The "TROPICAL ROOFING" is a chemical compound of substances, some of which are well known, but combined in proportions discovered by actual experiment and experience in this city.
Testimonials of the correctness of the above are in the hand of the agent, and may be verified by any person wishing it before contracting.
All orders left at the Post-Office, Box K No. 2, will be promptly attended to; or apply to
J. G. KATIMAN,
corner of Hinckline and Marais
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BILLIARD TABLES CONSTANTLY ON HAND and for sale from the manufactory of Messrs. J. M. BRUNSWICK & BRO., Cincinnati. Superior Rosewood Billiard Tables, Rosewood Patent Cushions; also Cloths, Balls, Cues, and all other trimmings belonging to this line.
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COLTON & BALDWIN,
No. 19 Canal street, No. 9 Crossman street and No. 4 New Levee street,
Copper, Tin and Sheet Iron Workers,
Brass Founders and Finishers, and Manufacturers of Steam Trains, Clarifying and Evaporating Pans, Filterers, Juice Pans, Chimneys and Breeching, Steamboat and Plantation Blacksmithing.
—Also—
GENERAL DEALERS IN HARDWARE, SHIP CHANDLERY AND STOVES.
Planters, Merchants and Steamboatmen will find it to their advantage to give us a call before purchasing or contracting elsewhere. my13 1y

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J. WATERMAN & BROTHER,
IMPORTERS,
AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
Hardware,
CUTLERY, IRON,
PLOWS, NAILS,
CARPENTERS'
SMITHS', AND
AGRICULTURAL TOOLS,
FISH AND SHRIMP SEINES,
TACKLE, NETS, etc., etc.
SIGN OF THE ANVIL, 14 MAGAZINE STREET,
corner of Common street, New Orleans.

HALLER & BROTHER,
No. 188 TCHOUPITOULAS STREET—
—Manufacturers of—
COPPER, TIN AND SHEET IRON WORK
in all its varieties. Has also on hand a large assortment of Cooking, Parlor and Bar-room Stoves, and are prepared to fill all orders in the above line in the City or Country.
Particular attention paid to all Descriptions of building work, viz: Copper, Galvanized Iron, Tin and Zinc Valley Gutters and Roofing, Down Pipes, Fancy and Plain Heads, etc.
Have the exclusive right for the State of Louisiana to make and vend the recently patented invention of James Lewis, from the use of which the roof of buildings is washed from all filth prior to the water being conducted to the cisterns. Being self-acting in itself, it removes the necessity of any hand labor in its action; a feature not produced here before. d14 1y

SHAKSPEARE FOUNDRY
AND MACHINE WORKS—28 Gird street.
J. F. Wheeler, John Geddes, Sib. Swoop.
Wheeler, Geddes & Co.,
Iron and Brass Founders and Machinists, manufacture every variety of Steam Engines, Sugar Mills, Saw Mills, Draining Machines, Mill and Gin Gearing, and Grate Bars. Store Fronts, Columns, Ventilators, and Sash Weights.
Blacksmith work of all kind.
We are now prepared to execute work of the largest size that may be required in the Southern country. ja30 1y

MARBLE MANTELS
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A most splendid assortment of MANTELS—fine American, Italian, Egyptian, Sienna, Brocatelle, Lisbon, Tyrenne, and other rare and costly Marbles, combined with the Roman Antique, Relieve, and other styles.
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An endless variety, of the newest styles and patterns, from our dollars each to one hundred dollars.
YALE'S CELEBRATED
Treasury, Bank, Store, and Safe Locks.
Pick, Powder and Water Proof.
Together with our well-known
LARGE STOCK OF BUILDERS' HARDWARE,
Locks, Bolts, Screws,
Butts and Hinges,
Sash Weights, Pulleys and Cord,
Nails and Castings, Ventilators,
Columns, Capitals, etc.
All of which will be sold at the lowest prices and on the most accommodating terms.
LUNESCHLOSS BRO. & CO.,
o24 1y 114 Camp street, near Perdido.

FOUNDRY AND MACHINERY DEPOT.
GEORGE PATTERSON,
(Successor to McNeil & Patterson,) corner of Deleord, and New Levee streets,
The undersigned is now prepared to manufacture STEAM ENGINES, BOILERS and MACHINERY of all kinds used in Sugar Houses, Sugar or Cotton Plantations, Saw Mills, Cotton Presses, Draining Machines, etc.
He manufactures and keeps on hand at all times Gin Gear, Furnace Mouths, Grate Bars, Wheel Strraps, Flange and Circle Bolts.
He has also established in connection with the above, a Depot for the sale of Machinery manufactured in St. Louis and other Western cities, and has on hand at all times ready for shipment, Steam Engines and Boilers, with everything complete, of 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25 and 35 Horse Power; Saw Mills of every description; Double and Single Mills; Corn Mills and Pumps of every description—all of which he will sell cheaper for cash than any other establishment in the city.
Also—Second-hand Boilers and Machinery bought and sold at all times.
GEORGE PATTERSON,
New Orleans, Feb. 3, 1860. feb 1

LUTHER HOMES, FOUNDRY AND ORNAMENTAL WORKS, Corner of Benton and Euphrosine streets; Office, No. 105 St. Charles street, Two doors from the St. Charles Theatre; Manufacturer of the latest and most approved Patterns of Railings, Verandahs, Doors, Shutters, Vaults, Bridges, Straight and Circular Stairs, Store Fronts, Cornices and all Kinds of CAST AND WROUGHT IRON WORK for Building purposes.
Railings, Castings, Guard Rooms, Sash Weights and Ventilators for sale at the Old Stand, 105 St. Charles street, New Orleans. o25 1y

ELLIS S. BOSTICK. FRANK W. SEYMOUR.
BOSTICK & SEYMOUR,
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55 Front Levee and 56 Fulton street, opposite W. A. Violett's, between Poydras and Gravier streets,
Manufacturers and Dealers in STOVES and TIN WARE—Wholesale and Retail COPPER, TIN and SHEET IRON WORKERS.
We most respectfully call the attention of commission and country merchants, housekeepers and hotel proprietors, to our large and well assorted stock of Cooking, Parlor, Office and Heating Stoves, comprising almost every kind in demand. Tin and Japanned Ware, Cheating Dishes, Old Dominion Coffee Pots, Hooks, Urns, Coffee Grooms, Toilet Sets, Lamps, Lanterns, and all kinds of Wares suitable for boulanger and confectionery purposes. All of which will be sold at lower prices than any house in the city.
Manufacturers of the CREOLE COOKING STOVE, so well adapted for the use of Hotels, Planters, etc., to which we invite particular attention.
Sole agents for S. J. Mitchell's Premium Lightning Rods, which will be sold at manufacturer's prices.
Particular attention paid to Job Work, Roofing, House and Steamboat jobbing, Tin and Sheet Iron Pipes, Valley Gutters, Escape Pipes, and all kinds of Copper, Tin and Sheet Iron Work promptly executed. feb 1y

NEW ORLEANS ORNAMENTAL IRON WORKS.—The undersigned beg leave to inform the public and builders generally, that they are manufacturing all kinds of Architectural and Building Iron Work, at their factory, corner of Magnolia and Grate Race streets—office in Davidson Row, Carondelet street—such as Verandahs, Railing, Shutters, Side and Front Doors, Straight and Circular Stairs, Iron Bridges, Roofs, etc.
They keep constantly on hand Cast and Wrought Iron Columns, Ventilators and Sash Weights, etc., and fill all orders of every description of Castings, Columns, Stone and Home Fronts with despatch.
BENNETT & LURGRS, Davidson's Row, Carondelet street.
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CHAS. C. GAINES & Co., IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC HARDWARE, CUTLERY, etc., No. 26 Magazine and 40 Gravier streets, have on hand, and are constantly receiving direct from the Manufacturers:
Nails, Cast Steel, Carpenter's Tools;
Hoes, Spades and Shovels; Corn and Coffee Mills;
Cut and Long chains; Cotton and Manila Ropes;
Pitch and Tress Chains; Tin Plate, Sheet Iron;
Anvils, Vices and Bellows; Counter and Platform Scales;
Stocks and Dies, Screw Plates; Antiroom and Fenders;
Hammers and Tongs; Shovels and Tongs;
Wood Screws, all sizes; Cotton and Wool Cards;
Hooks and Hinges; Iron and Brass Screws;
Tin Ware; Rodger's Cutlery.
Together with a large assortment of Fancy Goods, viz: Combs, Brushes, Perfumery, Paper and Blank Books, etc., which are offered at the lowest prices for cash or city paper. ja25 1y

PLANTATION MACHINERY.
PHILIP BAHM,
Eagle Machine Works, Richmond, Va.,
—Manufacturer—
STATIONARY, PORTABLE AND STRICTLY PORTABLE
Steam Engines,
Of any required power, and superior design and workmanship, combining several improvements with simplicity and durability best adapting them for plantation use.
Improved Circular Saw Mills, Gins, Gearing, Shafting for Gin Houses, Draining Pumps, and Machinery generally.
My Machinery will be fully guaranteed to perform as represented, and an experienced mechanic sent to erect it when desired. An illustrated catalogue, with prices, sent by mail, when requested.
Samples of machinery on exhibition at my office, No. 61 St. Charles street, New Orleans.
P. HENRY TAYLOR, Agent.
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CARONNE STREET STEAM BOILER MANUFACTORY, between Poydras and Hevia, only one square south of the Lafayette Hotel.
The undersigned having largely increased his workshops, and having all the facilities, is now prepared to fill orders for any description of BOILERS, of the best material and workmanship, as they can be had in any shop in the South or imported from the North.
Always on hand, DOUBLE FLUED BOILERS, from 20 to 30 feet long, and 42 inches diameter.
Also, CYLINDER BOILERS, 30, 32, 34 and 36 inches diameter, and various sizes.
Fire Fronts, Grate Bars, Stand Pipes, Valves, etc., constantly on hand.
All work will be guaranteed of best material and workmanship.
Parties wishing to purchase Boilers for plantations, steamboats or steamills, are respectfully invited to call and judge for themselves. ja15 1y&w1 D. H. POWLER.

LEEDS' FOUNDRY, NEW ORLEANS
LEEDS & CO., IRON FOUNDERS,
and Manufacturers of Vertical and Horizontal Steam Engines Boilers, Sugar Mills, Vacuum Pans, Sugar Kettles, Mouldings Pitters, Steam and Horse Power Draining Machines, Saw Mills, Gin Gearing, Iron Columns and Fronts for Buildings, Furnace mouths, Grate Bars, etc., and all Machinery required for the South.
We have been duly authorized and are prepared to construct STILMAN'S PATENT DACAMS FURNACE.
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LOUISIANA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY—
Office—South corner of Camp and Natchez streets, New Orleans.

Premiums for the year ending 29th February, 1860..	$771,941 31
Net profits of the year.....	254,657 13
Assets 29th February, 1860.....	993,848 73

The Trustees have declared a Scrip Dividend of 33½ per cent, after paying 8 per cent. interest on outstanding Certificates of Profits, and ordered the redemption of the Scrip issue of 1858.
Interest paid, and Scrip of 1858 redeemed on and after the 14th May next. The Certificates of Scrip of 1859 will be delivered on and after 1st June, 1860.
CHAS. BRIGGS, President.
H. P. JARVIS, Secretary. a23 1m

DYEING.....DYEING.....DYEING
J. BONTEMPS, DYER AND SCOURER,
No. 69 Bourbon street,
Has the honor to inform the public that he has just assumed the business of the Dyeing Establishment No. 73 Royal street, and that he will continue, as heretofore, with the careful attention for which he is celebrated.
The manner in which, for the last twelve years, he has satisfied the numerous customers of his establishment on Bourbon street, is a guarantee for those who may honor him with their patronage. o7 1y

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TRAVELING CORRESPONDENCE.

Things in Chicago—Elevators—Fair—Land Department—St. Louis, etc.

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PLANTERS' HOUSE, St. Louis, Sept. 13.

Mr. Editor—It is not often in this world that we find the hand of friendship extended to the stranger, as it has been my good fortune to experience in the city of Chicago. The pleasant reminiscences of my visit to this delightful place will always remain a green and bright spot in memory's waste.

To the kind friends who have showered their favors on us, I again say, thank you and God bless you from my very soul, hoping that I may some day have the pleasure of reciprocating in my humble way.

A party of us, among whom were several distinguished Southern jurists and planters, visited the celebrated granaries of Sturges & Buckingham, and having the advantage of being chaperoned by Uncle Sol. Sturges, the originator and veteran of the establishment, we had a full explanation of the wondrous workings therein. The railroad cars, laden with grain, go directly into the building, where they discharge their contents into a receptacle, which is immediately carried through the elevator to the top of the building and poured into the bin assigned for it by a person below, who has taken a memorandum of the kind and quality; thus no person receives the actual grain which he may have sent, as it is all inspected before it reaches the building and the quality expressed on a card attached to each car. The different kinds are kept separate, and a receipt is issued by the warehouse of the number of bushels to the credit of each party, and all transactions are made upon these receipts.

The elevator consists of ten boxes containing each a peck, attached to revolving gear, which takes up the grain to the upper part of the building; the rapidity of receiving and delivering sometimes over 300,000 bushels per day is astonishing—the weighing apparatus, the immense internal arrangements, the huge machinery moved by four engines, and all the details, were graphically explained by Uncle Sol, who is a queer specimen of the genus homo, full of eccentricities, which may be so called in a very rich man, but would not perhaps be relished in that light if the individual was not so wealthy; he hates Fire-eaters and Garrison Abolitionists, and goes in strong for Lincoln and the Wide-awakes of that party; but he could not convince any of our party of the wide difference between the doctrines of Lincoln and Garrison; for whatever sentiments some of the more conservative may hold, they still permit all ultra doctrines of their party to have weight in the direction where it suits the ideas and feelings of the natives. I must however throw aside all feeling about our differences and acknowledge his many courtesies and hospitalities; nevertheless, hoping his wild prognostics of Lincoln's election may be disappointed.

The land department of the Illinois Central Road, under the control of Col. Foster, is worthy a careful survey. One department is filled with samples of different earths from various sections, with samples of productions raised thereon; corn and wheat of the most gigantic growth are hung around, with squash and potatoes and all kinds of vegetables. The company have yet immense tracts of the richest lands for sale and at very easy prices. Their railroads are now tapping the richest of all the northern grain growing regions. St. Louis is suffering a good deal therefrom, and energetic measures are now being taken here to stop this deviation by continuing their roads where the Chicago people have already taken advantage of them. It is strange that they are without elevators here. The expense of moving grain in bulk in this way is considerably cheaper than sacking and carting it. All in this section are buoyant with hope that the immense crops will bring back shortly the good old flush times and redeem their indebtedness and produce prosperity throughout the great West.

The Fair at Chicago held in the Wigwam, although in its infancy, will well repay a visit; and in the floricultural line, I know a certain bouquet of the richest and most beautiful flowers, measuring 12 feet in diameter and about 5 feet in height that must take the first premium. I never saw anything to compare with it.

A great feature of Chicago is the large basin formed from the lake and enclosed by breakwaters and the road of the Illinois and Michigan Central, which enters the city several miles down through the lake, at a distance of from two to three hundred yards from the shore, which gives it the advantage of the most delightful breeze at all times, without the turbulence of the rough weather of the lake, affording fine recreation for sailing parties and match rowing races, and in winter the best of skating enjoyments. I assure you it is with much regret I parted from Chicago and its allurements, and the courteous civilities of mine hosts, Taber, Hawk & Co., of that most excellent of hotels, the Richmond House, and the many kind friends who have been so assiduous in their attentions.

I think in a former letter I stated that the above proprietors have also the Hyde Park House, six miles from the city, directly on Lake Michigan, and accessible either by a good drive or railroad, and all boarders at either house have the privilege of taking their meals at one house or the other. It is kept in the same excellent way as the Richmond, and for summer quarters cannot be surpassed. A party from Louisiana and Mississippi have already bespoken rooms for the next season.

I reached St. Louis by the St. Louis, Alton and Chicago Road, now under the management of our most worthy former fellow-citizen, James Robb, as president, and he intends to make it soon one of the best running roads in the country. On our arrival at Springfield, Ills., the terrible news of the wreck of the Lady Elgin was telegraphed to me, and I learned of the loss of my old chum and friend, Col. Lumsden of the Pleasyne, with all his family. Poor Lum! Like other men, he may have had his foibles, but a truer friend or better heart never existed—always ready at the cry of distress to lend a helping hand. Peace to his memory.

I was greeted on my arrival by our worthy musical friend, Waldauer, who installed me in comfortable quarters; since then, I have enjoyed some of the most delightful musical reunions, and heard one of the best amateur female performers on the piano, (Mrs. B.) who ravishes any circle she may delight with her presence.

A few evenings since the above musical friend astonished your correspondent with a charming serenade of full orchestra, and then paid the same compliment to our young friend, Miss Kate Bateman, and from thence visited Manager DuBar. If, before the party broke up, there was not a band of "very good fellows, every one," then I don't know.

Miss Kate Bateman is playing a fashionable and paying engagement; houses crowded every night, and she is winning golden and well-earned opinions from every one, and, as I before remarked, gives promise of the brightest future.

I have visited the celebrated Fair Grounds, and found them a most charming spot, seemingly intended by nature for this purpose above all others, properly arranged, and furnished with every necessary adjunct of buildings, lawns and trees, and I pictured to myself the enclosure, filled with a gay throng of forty thousand persons at one time—for be it known the enormous amount of over $100,000 is taken in at the gates each session of seven days' duration. The price of admission is twenty-five cents. The Fair commences on the 24th inst., and will be the grandest one ever yet witnessed. Already the notes of preparation are sounded and workmen arranging things. I regret that my engagements will not permit my remaining, but you will be represented by a "Ferguson," who will give you all the items in a racy way.

I cannot close without expressing the great pleasure I experienced in my visit to the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, where I gazed in admiration at the famed sculptures of our gifted countrywoman, Harriet G. Hosmer. Her Beatrice Cenci and Œnone are gems to be studied for hours with pleasure and admiration, and a connoisseur and lover of art may do so without fear of interruption, as no speaking is allowed in the rooms above a whisper, a very hard task for garrulous women. Many other fine works of sculpture and painting surround the room. A large musical hall occupies the upper story, capable of seating 1800 persons.

The limestone soil makes a terrible dust, which they inundate in the main streets, making them impassable to pedestrians; so it is hard to say which is preferable, dust or mud. They had only 96 degrees temperature the day before I arrived, but now the weather is delightful and overcoats comfortable. NUX.

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Mr. Editor—As the battle deepens the smoke grows thicker, and little is distinguishable but the one fact—that the Union party is gaining ground at every charge and rally in the fight. The Lincolnites are rampant and overweening; the Douglasites inconsiderate and uncompromising; the Breckinridge men forlorn and desperate; but the supporters of Bell and Everett are calm, impartial, persevering, logical and mighty in the truth and justice of their views. An old politician, a compulsory slave at Tammany, unwarily admitted to me the other day that almost every man who voted according to his conscience, not a fanatic or a mere partisan, would give his voice in favor of Bell and Everett, as the only eligible candidates for Presidency at this conjuncture. This man is, however, an eager worker in the Douglas campaign club and a denouncer of the idea of a union with the Breckinridge party, whose overtures for a fusion have met with a most cavalier rejection on the part of the Douglas State Committee. A grand Douglas barbecue takes place to-day at Jones' Wood; the Kentucky ox doomed to be roasted on this occasion having been carted about the city with great state and melody on Monday, exciting much commiseration among tender-hearted vegetarians. The Black Republican and Wide-Awake clubs make night hideous with their night processions, (darkness seems to be their delight) and do not seem inclined to allow either individuals or the nation any rest from hypocritical clamor and demagogueism. The Democratic dissension is their opportunity, and their success in their New England strongholds, and the obstinate divisions among their enemy, have nearly driven them frantic with ecstacy. They now mouth and vaunt their treasonable purposes boldly, and will thus forewarn all but besotted bigots of the danger and ruin with which they threaten the Union.

Murder is as rampant as Black Republicans in our midst, and in spite of their pet metropolitan police, crime is steadily increasing in this metropolis. They assured us that, if we would only allow them to shut up liquor stores and theaters on Sunday, we should cease to be wicked and approximate in righteousness to themselves. They were permitted to have their own way, their own police and their own say; and our morals, instead of mending, have grown and are still growing worse under their sanctimonious *régime*.

About midnight on Monday last, John Fitzpatrick and James Farrell, neighbors on Portieth street, renewed an old dispute and carried it to such a pitch of exasperation that Fitzpatrick plunged his knife thrice into the body of his adversary, inflicting wounds of which he died in a few minutes afterward. The deceased was a laborer, and leaves a wife and seven children; the assassin is a married man and experienced in iniquity and homicide. At the same hour, a young burglar named Adams was busy in Hiram Cranston's New York Hotel. He was making a fortune as rapidly as a lucky stock broker, till Pat Smith, the night watchman of the place, interfered with his successful operations and shouted for help, which appeal was answered by gallant Col. Dehor, a guest of the house. The thief shot at his opponents successively, and brought down the Colonel, whom he wounded in the leg. His broadside, however, caused the boarders to swarm to the spot like bees, and accelerated his own capture. He was found to be in the full rig of a "cracksman," laden with jewelry, pawntickets, forty keys and other implements proper to his vocation. Though but twenty years of age, many hotel robberies are attributed to him. On the same night, a dreman named Richardson Gray was fatally stabbed, on the corner of Clark and Dominick streets, with a cheese knife snatched from a neighboring grocery store, by some person who had a drunken and incomprehensible quarrel with the deceased in the dark alley near by. The murder seems to have been committed during a "scrimmage" or free fight, in which the worst characters of the vicinity took part. Charley Manhattan, a painter, about twenty years of age, is the party suspected of the homicide, but though at first identified by the woman who keeps the grocery as the stealer of the cheese knife, is, now she has been "talked to," not so likely to have the deed fastened upon him.

For a sample night in crime, none since I last wrote to you surpasses that of Monday, albeit stabbings have been sufficiently numerous during the week. A mania has of late possessed our criminals to escape from their lawful confinement. The notorious Tom Kelly, having conspired with his fellow-felons, attempted to break from Sing-Sing prison last week, and was only prevented at the cost of lives ten times more valuable than his own. Several instances have recently occurred in the Police Courts of prisoners' attempts to escape by jumping from the windows of the building, some succeeding and others failing so disastrously as to be likely to end fatally. An ingenious robbery was detected last week in Mr. Boardman's wool warehouse on Pine street. It had long been a puzzle how it was effected, and defied the vigilance of the police; but was found at last to have been managed by a laborer left inside of the building, who pushed the bales upon the roof and let them roll off into the back yard, where a confederate watched for an opportunity to take care of and dispose of them at a shop only too convenient.

Poor Frank Ward, who lately forged the names of the proprietors of the Washington Hotel to a check for $700, is proved and declared to be hopelessly insane. A crazier man than he, calling himself Christ, the Saviour of mankind, alias Christian Gerschakoff, mounted on a jaded mule, fantastically dressed, and unable to speak aught but German, startled our citizens in the park the other day. Some wags directed him to the Tribune office, but he was arrested before he reached that asylum of the newest and maddest isms.

The Italian Opera, which has started like a prairie on fire, has not lacked success. Patti, who is shamefully overworked, is deemed as delicious as ever; but she will not long continue so, if she is not exercised less severely. Cortesi and Musiani have sung like inspired beings, and created a corresponding furore. The Winter Garden opened on Monday with its regular company and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams. Laura Keene's, with herself and supporters, and a new translation from the French (La Petite Pologne) christened afresh "The Monkey Boy;" and Wallack's is thrown open to the public to-morrow evening to display its famous old company in an adaptation from the Gallic. Dolly Davenport has returned to New York, and was welcomed by his myriad friends like one risen from the dead. He is a little lame, and his wounds would, were he a soldier, indicate that he had not been playing at war. His jocose acquaintances declare, however, that his lameness is gotten up in imitation of veteran Wallack. You have, doubtless, already published the death of the esteemed gentleman, George G. H. Barrett, the admirable comedian, whose death, though expected, has caused almost as great a feeling in the profession as the untimely departure to another world of F. A. Lumsden, Esq., of your city, has produced throughout this community. ZAVARR.

A young minister once, in a sermon addressed to a fashionable audience, attacked their pride and extravagance, as seen in their dresses, ribbons, ruffles, jewelry, etc. In the evening, talking with the older minister, for whom he had preached:

"Father D.," said he, why do you not preach against the pride and vanity of this people for dressing so extravagantly?"

"Ah, my son," said Father D., "while you are trimming off the top and branches of the tree, I am endeavoring to cut it up by the roots."

Texas Intelligence.

In a letter of the 2d ult., from Fort Cobb, we find the following:

It has been very hot here; 115° has been the highest point that the thermometer has reached, but 110° has been quite common. The camp has been healthy, however. The hot weather is about over now, and we can look for pleasant days until about the latter part of November, when the cold will be likely to set in.

About a month ago a man came up here and engaged to work for a person who is getting hay for the post. Last week we heard that he had committed a murder in the Cherokee Nation and ran away. A party came after him, and getting to the Agency, in order not to give him the alarm, sent a request privately to the commanding officer to have him arrested.

Soon after this notice arrived, the man came in with a party with a load from the hay camp. Lieut. —went out to where they were unloading and arrested him, he making no resistance. He was taken to the commanding officer's hut and a sergeant was sent to the guard-house for a pair of handcuffs. Meanwhile, the prisoner stood near a small window in the hut, and just then a note was brought in from one of our spy companies, which Captain H—— and the Lieutenant at once became interested in.

The prisoner at once made a jump for the window and got out; followed, however, by the Lieutenant, who was out almost as quick as he; but he had a little the start. The officer drew a pistol, but it snapped, and in a few jumps the prisoner was in the bushes, along the creek, and out of sight. The officer, with two Indian guides, followed his trail. He made directly for the hay camp, where he had a horse and gun. His pursuers arrived just as he was getting on his horse. He was not quick enough however; one of the Indians roped the horse, and the man gave up. He was tied and put on his horse and the party started for the post, about four miles off, where they arrived some time after dark.

As he was being taken off the horse, he managed to free one of his hands, and got at a knife, with which he at once cut his throat, making a wide and deep wound. The doctor came immediately and sewed up the gash; and, as none of the large arteries were cut, the doctor thought the prisoner was not much hurt; but that night he died.

There has been quite a number of murders lately in the Nation; they are thought to have been committed by negroes and Abolitionists. A short time ago, a party of runaway negroes were about here. Col. Johnson and some of his men, on the road from their camp in the mountains to this place, met this party, and captured a woman and their pack mules; but the men made good their escape, after shooting a horse for one of Johnson's party.

Two days after, Lieut. F—— met one of the negroes and exchanged shots with him; but the negro again escaped. That same night, they fired on Col. Johnson's party, as they were going from this post to the Agency. Col. Johnson's party returned fire and, it is supposed, hit one of the negroes, as one of their horses was found, some days after, with marks of blood on him. Nothing has since been seen of any of them.

The Navarro Express of the 7th, under the head of "Mast Crop," says:

A man by the name of J. A. L. Sanders, on his way to Jasper county, who formerly lived in this county, reports that last Friday week he saw ten men who had been hung on three trees in Erath county, for stealing horses it is supposed.

The Fairfield Pioneer of the 7th narrates incidents of a shooting affair near there ten days ago: Thos. L. Crowson deliberately shooting, without notice, and apparently without provocation, except a difference about a law-suit, his neighbor, R. F. Bowman. The latter is stated to be an excellent citizen, and is in a precarious condition. The citizens offer a reward of $150 for Crowson's delivery to the Sheriff of Freestone county.

A letter of the 1st inst. from Hillsboro to the Telegraph says:

The constant rains for ten days past have sanded, beaten out, and otherwise injured the open cotton, while the season is so far advanced there is scarcely a hope of the maturing of the new growth. The food crop of this county is much below the average elsewhere. Corn is a total failure, Wheat scarcely more than one-fourth of a crop. Rye, oats and barley have done better; but their production is so limited as scarcely to be taken into account in the estimate of a crop. Stock is looking reasonably well, and has a fine prospect ahead. Grass rising beautifully, "water everywhere" and pl