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THE ST. CHARLES HOTEL. WILL OPEN FOR VISITORS ON Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 1908. The ST. LOUIS HOTEL will be opened in its usual style on TUESDAY, Dec. 1st, 1908.

CAFÉ IMPERIAL. CORNER OF CARONDELET AND GRAVIER STS. This popular and favorite Saloon has been thoroughly renovated and the Bar fitted with the choicest Wines, Liquors, Premium Lager Beer, etc.

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The New Orleans Crescent. SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 6, 1908. NEWS BY THE WEEK. THE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, WHICH will be made about the 5th inst., will show an increase of from eight to nine millions, which includes the payment of interest on the debt on November.

THE ALASKA SCANDAL. An evening paper reveals the gossip relating to the alleged outlay of a large sum of money with the lobby group to consummate the purchase of Alaska. It is said by members of the Russian legation that no sums were appropriated for other than the legitimate purpose in connection with this matter, and it is now probable that their friends, as well as other prominent persons, said to have been implicated, will ask for compensation with alacrity.

THE INDIAN BUREAU. Taylor, commissioner of Indian Affairs, is in receipt of a number of letters from distinguished individuals from all sections of the country, protesting against the proposed transfer of the Indian bureau to the war department. Gen. Grant has said it should be changed, and it shall be done.

MISSISSIPPI ITEMS. The people of Port Gibson are talking of establishing a broom factory. Less talk and more work, is the motto of the best broom maker in the city. Special attention given to city orders. Apply to BOYD, WYLLIE & CO., 62 Canal Street, Port Gibson, La.

THE VICKSBURG TIMES. The Vicksburg Times "calls upon our eminent and beloved chief magistrate, Benjamin G. Humphreys, a Christian patriot, to summon, in his private capacity, his fellow-citizens of the State to join him upon a platform to be held in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on the 15th of December, 1908, for the purpose of discussing the proposed transfer of the Indian bureau to the war department."

THE BROOKHAVEN JOURNAL. The Brookhaven Journal announces the death of Hon. E. C. Bookout, who was elected to the legislature in 1892 and served with distinction in the legislature for two terms. He was elected vice chairman of the Southern district of Mississippi. He was a lawyer of considerable prominence and a useful and influential citizen.

LOUISIANA ITEMS. The Monroe Telegraph says: "A friend of ours has demonstrated this year what industry and perseverance can accomplish. He went to work rather late in the season, but he succeeded beyond his expectations, and is in a fair way of becoming a substantial and influential farmer. Stimulated by his example, another young man is about to open a farm adjoining the one of our friend, and we doubt not that he will be rewarded for his exertion."

THE SHREVEPORT GAZETTE. The Shreveport Gazette, of the 25th inst., says: "We have received over 25,000 lbs. of cotton since the 1st of September. The receipts of last year were only 35,000 bales. Shreveport is a flourishing city and is bound to increase in population and wealth."

AN ORIENTAL PALACE. A visit to Madame Sophie's brilliant bazaar of elegance and fashion will afford ample compensation to all who design selecting first class articles for their wardrobe, and who appreciate an inspection of richness and beauty of fabrics which are rarely if ever introduced into our Southern markets.

THE STEAMSHIP JUNIATA. The steamship Juniata, Capt. Hoxie, sailed last evening for Philadelphia, via Havana, with a full freight and the following named passengers: Mrs. Bernhardt, Mr. H. H. Henschen, Mr. Melcher, Mr. Fernandez, Mr. A. Manzano, M. LeGrand, Mr. Bosch, Miss C. Chapman, Mr. Havana, Mrs. and Mr. Thos. Roberts, Mrs. J. B. Hoff, Miss Regan, Miss Feal, for Philadelphia.

GENERAL ITEMS. In the pigeon-shooting match at Chicago on Friday, between Ward, of Toronto, and Klein, of Calumet, Illinois, one hundred single birds, ground and water, were shot, and the match was decided by one. The pigeon-shooting match on Thursday, between Captain John Francis, of Chicago, and James Ward, of Toronto, fifty birds, single and double, were shot, and the match was decided in favor of Ward by a score of thirty-eight to twenty-four.

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New Orleans Money Market. The money market is essentially unchanged. Gold opened at 133 1/2 against 133 1/4, the closing rate yesterday. At 1:30 p.m. it was still quoted at 133 1/2. At 1:45 it rose to 134, and at 2 p.m. it closed at 134 1/2. The movement in our market has disclosed considerable sensitiveness throughout the day, but the demand and supply continued restricted nevertheless. We append a list of the principal operations of the day: Gold \$100,000 at 133 1/2; \$200,000 at 133 1/2; \$300,000 at 133 1/2; \$400,000 at 133 1/2; \$500,000 at 133 1/2; \$600,000 at 133 1/2; \$700,000 at 133 1/2; \$800,000 at 133 1/2; \$900,000 at 133 1/2; \$1,000,000 at 133 1/2. American Silver coin 133 1/2; Mexican Gold 133 1/2; Mexican Silver 133 1/2. Foreign Exchange—Sterling and France have been moderately active to day at full prices. The market was amply supplied with commercial bills, and the demand has been fair throughout, with a decided tendency in favor of drawers and sellers. The subjoined statement, however, comprises most of all the leading operations of the day: £1000 bank Sterling at 147 1/2; £1000 do. at 147 1/2; £2000 do. at 147 1/2; £3000 do. at 147 1/2; £4000 do. at 147 1/2; £5000 do. at 147 1/2; £6000 do. at 147 1/2; £7000 do. at 147 1/2; £8000 do. at 147 1/2; £9000 do. at 147 1/2; £10,000 do. at 147 1/2. We now quote bank Sterling at 147 1/2; £1000 do. at 147 1/2; £2000 do. at 147 1/2; £3000 do. at 147 1/2; £4000 do. at 147 1/2; £5000 do. at 147 1/2; £6000 do. at 147 1/2; £7000 do. at 147 1/2; £8000 do. at 147 1/2; £9000 do. at 147 1/2; £10,000 do. at 147 1/2. Domestic Exchange—There has been a barely moderate remittance inquiry noticeable under the above heading to-day, and as offerings of commercial sight and short bills are plentiful, the movement of the market for the day but barely upheld previous quotations, as will be seen by the appended reports of actual purchases by banks and bankers: \$1000 New York commercial sight at 1 1/2 cent. discount, \$5000 ten days do. at 1 1/2 cent. discount, and \$10,000 sight on Boston at 11 1/2 cent. discount. We still quote \$1000 do. at 1 1/2 cent. discount at bank, and \$1000 do. at 1 1/2 cent. discount of doors for night checks on Northern cities. CURRENT NOTES AND SECURITIES—We have no special alteration to report in uncurrent notes or securities. The market for the day was amply supplied, and the demand has continued steady, but there is considerable discrepancy in the views of buyers and sellers as regards prices, and transactions since or just were confined to the annexed amounts: \$1000 do. at 116 1/2; \$2000 do. at 116 1/2; \$3000 do. at 116 1/2; \$4000 do. at 116 1/2; \$5000 do. at 116 1/2; \$6000 do. at 116 1/2; \$7000 do. at 116 1/2; \$8000 do. at 116 1/2; \$9000 do. at 116 1/2; \$10,000 do. at 116 1/2. SPECIAL DISPATCHES—We are indebted to the Western Union Telegraph Line for copies of the following private dispatches received from that route to-day, viz: New York, Dec. 5—10:30 A.M.—Gold opened at 133 1/2. Cotton quiet and weak; nominally, middling 24 1/2; Orleans 24 1/2; Orleans 25. Receipts of the week, net 8565, gross 21,000. Sales 25,500 bales. Exports since 1st September 102,000 bales. Receipts of the week, net 100,000 bales. Exports since 1st September 102,000 bales. Sterling 109 1/2 @ 110 1/2. 11:45 A.M.—Gold 134 1/2. Cotton dull and nominal. Middling 24 1/2; Orleans 24 1/2; Orleans 25. Bid, but ask 1/2 higher on account of a rumor that the U.S. Government had purchased 100,000 bales of cotton. Cotton market heavy. Sales to-day 8000 bales. Uplands 11 1/2, Orleans 11 1/2. Commercial Intelligence. COTTON—Advices from Liverpool and New York to-day have indicated a still further decline in the leading staple, while rates of foreign bills were firmly maintained throughout this city and quotations for gold certificates were very marked advance. The latter, doubtless, tend to uphold the price of Cotton here, and with a materially reduced offering supply most factors have been disposed to exact higher prices. The demand has been of a very restricted character, however, and the total sales aggregated only 2500 bales at slightly easier but not notably lower figures than the previous day. The following are the prices, viz: Ordinary 20 1/2 @ 21 1/2, good ordinary 21 1/2 @ 22 1/2, low middling 22 1/2 @ 23 1/2, middling 23 1/2 @ 24 1/2, and strict middling 24 1/2 @ 25 1/2. COTTON STATEMENT. Stock on hand September 1, 1908..... 1,996 Received since September 1, 1908..... 312,500 Total stock on hand..... 314,496 Reported since yesterday..... 1,810 218,100 Exported previously..... 1,810 218,100 Stock on hand and on shipment..... 103,397 The exports to-day were divided as follows, viz: 485 bales for Philadelphia, 450 for Barcelona and 2188 bales for New York. SUGAR AND MOLASSES—The market this morning was quite brisk. Sales comprised all held in first hands, together with arrivals from the West Indies, very much firmer for all grades. In many cases higher figures were obtained than could have been realized yesterday, although the market is not generally higher. The receipts to-day were small, comprising only 610 hds. Sugar and molasses, total sales 1500 hds. Molasses, as follows: Interior 76 1/2 @ 77 1/2; common 80 1/2 @ 81 1/2; choice 100 1/2 @ 101 1/2; choice 120 1/2 @ 121 1/2; choice clarified 12 1/2 @ 13 1/2; and white do. 13 1/2 @ 14 1/2. Molasses, inferior 42 1/2 @ 43 1/2; common 45 1/2 @ 46 1/2; fair 48 1/2 @ 49 1/2; choice 50 1/2 @ 51 1/2; choice 55 1/2 @ 56 1/2. CORN—The market is doing at about same rates as last reported. Stock in first hands is light. Sales to-day amount to 2000 bushels, of which 1000 bushels were for export. Prices are at 77 1/2; 100 do. at 78 1/2; 150 do. at 79 1/2; 200 do. choice Louisiana at 92 1/2, and 200 yellow do. at 93 1/2. FLOUR—This market continues without change. The higher grades continue inactive, while the lower grades continue to move. The market is very much firmer for all grades. In many cases higher figures were obtained than could have been realized yesterday, although the market is not generally higher. The receipts to-day were small, comprising only 610 hds. 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