The Daily Comet.

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BATON ROUGE::::::JAN. 7, 1854.

☞ Captain John Cotton, has our thanks again, for a repeated dose of the same kind of acceptable favors.

WARD No. 1.—An election will be held at the Court House in the town of Baton Rouge, on the 18th instant, for the purpose of electing one Selectman for the town of Baton Rouge, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of A. Theriot Esq., who has removed to New Orleans

☞ Yesterday morning we were honored with a visit from three of the Celestials, belonging to the troupe of players. Somebody has been base enough to doubt their "genuiness;" all we have to say in reference to the matter is, that if they are not from the Ganges, they are Greeks, or Trojans—Yankees could never disguise themselves thus.

DE SOTO LODGE, No. 7, I. O. O. F. The following were installed on the 5th instant, officers for the ensuing six months:

JOS. C. CHARROTTE, *N. G.*; A. S. HERRON, *V.G.*; I. N. COLLINS, *P. S.*; R. C. HUTCHISON, *S.*; H. T. WADDILL, *T.*; R. HOFFMAN, *H.*; R. H. BURKE, *C.*; JNO. L. WOLFE, *W.*; H. W. JOLLY, *R. S. N. G.*; WM. PHILLIPS, *L. S. V. G.*; HENRY STOKES, *R. S. V. G.*

☞ Yesterday morning, Third street was enlivened, by the running away of one of the most extensive milk manufactories in the city. The cart took fright somewhere in the vicinity of Musselman,s, and in a trice the milk arrangements were on one side of the street, the box part of the buggy on the other, and the four wheels making dispatch for that ancient temple the "market." The manufacturer ran, and—*halloed* stop, but it was no use, the cart kept its pace. Many persons had in consequence of this accident to drink *unadulterated* coffee, on Friday morning.

☞ Francis W. Hughes, Attorney General of Pennsylvania offers $5000, for the establishment of a Miner's Hospital at Pottsvile, provided $15,000 is raised by other parties for this purpose.

A friend at our elbow says he will give, himself, out of his own pocket $10,000 for the purpose of establishing in Baton Rouge an Asylum for "Indigent Male Gentleman," providing anybody will loan him the money—and an additional sum of $50,000 can be obtained, by voluntary subscription.

☞ The loss by the late distructive conflagration in New York, by which the clipper ship Great Republic and two other large ships were destroyed, is estimated at $1000,000.

☞ The following call on the congregation of St. James church, has been handed us for publication:

The congregation of St. James (Episcopal) church, are requested to meet at the church, on Sunday afternoon, January 8th, at three o'clock P. M. to, take into consideration the call of a Rector.

All having any interest in the matter, are particularly invited to attend.

A Valuable Receipe.—How to make a candle burn all night. Have the candle twice the lengh of one, that will burn till twelve. Another.—Have two candles; get up and light one when the other burns down.

[Mackenzies 500 000 receipts.

☞ Madame Jenny Lind Goldsmith, is about to return to the stage. Galignanies Gazette, says that she appeared for the first time in Dresden, on which occasion she sang the beautiful hymn, for solo and chorus, by Mendelssohn, "Hor, mein Bitten, Herr."

HUMBUGGERY IN GENERAL.—The following note was placed on our table editorial, *sanctum sanctorum*—unholiest of holies, yesterday morning—mysteriously. The note is unanswered, but imperitively demands attention:

Editor of the Comet—Sir:—In your paper of yesterday, you say that the Chinese people went safely through with their performance on the night previous—that Bang-Wang-Ching is the most remarkable man you ever met—that he suffered the knives to be thrown at him and his head taken off without even blinking." Now sir, in reference to the matter, I know not what object you have in view. Your deceptions on the public are often—*ofterner* than called for. May I not say *unwarrantable*. The Chinese company had not arrived, when you wrote the article, and every body have been sorely disappointed mainly on your account. What excuse have you to offer for this humbuggery? It is high time you were offering some apology to the public, for the numerous impositions, which you have either directly or indirectly had a hand in. I can only mention a few of them—the 'Headless Statue at *Mount Sineai*' is laid at your door, the marbels with hyeroglyphics at Magnolia Mound, the "animals" at the race track, (which cost the State $1500 on account of the Legislature's adjourning,) all these things, are to be added to your notice of the Chinese players, before they had arrived. These things, sir, must—now that there is talented opposition bring you down to a dead level, and as a friend and admirer, I ask you to repent and sin no more. *

This is a real clincher—we *do* repent, but should not be swept off in this manner, for the sins of others.—The Chinese were to have played—the small bills and the large bills were out, and all we have to say in the matter is that it is no fault of *ours* if they did'nt.

It is our misfortune to have no-noticed their performance before it came off—that's a fact; but have we not the example of others in this thing? Are we not justified in doing this, by our city contemporaries?—Have they never puffed untasted, and unseen things? Was not a grave and dignified document called "the message" delivered before it was actually delivered? May we ask you Mr. Asterisk (who pretend to be our friendd is not this matter of the message, a fact, as paradoxical as it may seem? Now sir, suppose that dignified Journal the New Orleans Picayune, had to have a reporter, at each one of the the Theatres and Shows, that take place nightly, in the Crescent City? Where would be the *profits*, (which are of more importance than the honor of editing a "respectable Journal") if a reporter had to be paid to attend each show? Why sir it would never do. The notices of performances are always made up from the "small bills of the day" before the entertainment comes off.

Suppase the editor had to taste all the quack medicines he is called on to puff? Why he would have to keep a tumbler full of Ipecacuanna, and water, constantly on his table. No, Mr. Asterisk, you must not abuse us for this thing about the "knife throwing." We are imposed upon sometimes, and who the devil is'nt! About the other humbuggs you mentioned we have had nothing to do. The Advocate office is responsible for the Headless statue; we were victimized in that as no doubt you were; and it is to this Journal alone that the public is indebted for *exposing* these humbugs.

☞ The aggregate cost of the public printing, ordered by the thirty-second Congress at its first and second session, amounted to $125,595 60 and the cost of the paper to $191,956 27.

Mrs. Amelia Opie, the popular author of numerous works of fiction, died at Norwich, England, the city of her birth, on the 2nd of December, at the age of eighty-five years.

DISGRACEFUL RIOT AT CINCINNATI.—A Sceiety miscalled "Republicans"—"the German Republican society," is the name of the lawless mob; became exasperated at the appearance of the Pope's Nuncio, Monsier Bedini in Cincinnati, and assembled a mob of disgraceful outlaws, to attact the Nuncio, without the slighest offence on his part. The New York Tribune of the 27th ulto., refers to the affair in this manner:

"Our readers are referred to the news from Cincinnati, detailing a very serious riot growing out of the organized hostility of a German Republican Society to the Pope's Nuncio, Mr. Bedini. It seems that but for the judicious interference of the police, violence and perhaps murder would have been committed. Such mobs should be unqalified condemned. Apart from their illegality and effect to uproot, so far as their influence extends, civilized government, they defeat the political wishes of their participants. Had the house of Archbishop Purcell, where Mr. Bedini is staying, been forced, and his guest killed, it would have indifinitely injured the cause of democracy at home and abroad. We must be glad in every sense—humanly, constitutionally and democratically—that the nefarous attack was frustrated.

We hope that a rigid examination will be instituted, and the ringleaders of this disgraceful matter, be made to suffer the very utmost limit of the law.

THE SEA FIGHT BETWEEN THE RUSSIANS AND TURKS.—The Baltimore American, in a leading article, referring to the recent desperate fight between the Russians and Turks—the particulars of which we gave this morning in advance of our cotemporaries—says:

The naval engagement between the Russians and Turks will create an intense sensation throughout the world. The desperation of the combatants, and the immence loss of ships and life, within the short space of one hour, shows that the modern improvements in naval artillery must change entirely the character of sea fights. No one can hesitate to award victory to the Turks when the great disparity of force and the alleged equality of loss is considered.—*Delta.*

LISTEN TO THIS.—The Picayune has for the past few weeks been making a great deal of noise about Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams at the St. Charles, the Crescent says in reference to a recent notice that:

The prefix of the Picayune, endorsing "one of the most fashionable audiences of the season," is all bosh of nonsense; and is totally unture to the common established comprehension of what forms a "fashionable audience." There was a large audience present, but it was a pit and gallery audience though to some degree crowded over into the dress circle—and every one in the city knows it.

THE LOSS OF THE CHOCTAW.—The Shreveport South-Western, in referring to the sinking of the steamboat Choctaw on the night of the 21st ult., by striking a snag while ascending Red River, says:

She had on board the cargoes of the Storm and Piota, all of which it is believed, will be saved, though in a damaged state. The water is represented to be about one foot over the main deck and guards of the wreck. No lives were lost. The boat was purchased last Summer by Capt. Graham who went to heavy expense in fitting her up expressly for a light water packet, and we fear that his loss is considerable. We learn that there was only $4,000 insurance on the hull and machinery of the boat.

Since the above was in type, the greater portion of the cargo has arrived here.

Leutze, the historical painter, is now engaged in painting a large picture of Washington at the battle of Monmoth, with the arrest of Gen. Lee. This work has been ordered by David Leavitt, Esq., of Brooklyn, who pays $10,000 for it.

The annual festival of the Printers of New York will take place in that city on the 17th of February—the 148th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, the patriot, philosopher and printer.

Still more rumors of Cuban Expeditions. The New York Herald's Washington correspondent writing from the latter place of date the 25th ulto., says:

We are enabled to state that the Government has received information which they deem of a reliable character, that a formidable expedition has been organized, and is about sailing from New York and New Orleans, for the purpose of landing in Cuba, with a view to the independence of that island. The expedition is represented as being in such a state of forwardness as to render it probable it will sail within a few days.

Orders have been dispatched from here for the immediate apprehension of the parties said to be implicated in the movement. It is believed by well informed persons, however, that the efforts of the Government in this respect may be a little too late, and that a portion of the expedition will, at all events, get away.

FORBIDDING THE BANS.—The Washington Star says: "A few evenings since a considerable company assembled at the house of a worthy old resident of the First Ward, to witness the marriage of his daughter to a buck about town. Rev. Mr. Evans, the clergyman officiating, commenced the ceremony and proceeded to the part where he calls upon any one present to speak out if knowing of an impediment to the consummation of the ceremony; whereupon a fair one who up to that time stood timidly back in the crowd, rushed forward and seizing the affrighted bridegroom by the throat, dragged him immediately from the room and house, and ere the intended bribe could come to the rescue. Since then the disconsolate half-married young person has not heard from her spirited away half husband. These facts are positively true.

INAUGURATION OF THE STATUE OF MARSHALL NEY IN PARIS.—A Paris letter of the 8th ult., says:

The bronze statue of Marshall Ney was inaugurated yesterday, with all possible pomp, under an execrable sky. Prince Napolean presided. The decendants of the Marshall occupied a reserved tribune. A deputation from Sarrelonis, where Ney was born, was present. The Archbishop of Paris officiated. M. Fould, after the *De Profundis*, read the decree which ordered the execution of the statute; St. Arnaud delivered a historical address, in which he made it very clear why, under a Napolean, the memory of so Nepoleonic hero as Ney should be rehabilitated; then Mr. Dupin, who in 1815, was, M. Benyer, charged with the defense of Ney, reviewed in an earnest discource, the souvenir of the unhappy epoch, in which the marshal fell a victem to party discord and the hatred of the Holy Alliance. The troops then defiled before the statue, the deputation from Sarrelonis laid a bunch of everlasting upon the pedistal and marched to the house of Madame la Marechale Ney, to assure her of their profound attachment and respect.

WHOLESOEE TRUTHS.—"Who marries for love takes a wife, who marries for consideration takes a lady. You who are loved by your wife, regarded by your mistress, tolerated by your lady. You have a wife for yourself, a mistress for your house and its friends, a lady for the world. Your wife will agree with you, your mistress will accommodate you, your lady will manage you. Your wife will take care of your household, your mistress of your house, your lady of appearance. If you are sick, your wife will nurse you, your mistress will visit you, your lady will inquire after health. You take a walk with your wife, a ride with your mistress, and join parties with your lady. Your wife will share grief, your mistress your money, and your lady your debts. If you are dead your wife will shed tears, your mistress lament, and your lady wear mourning.

New Advertisement.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Baton Rouge, Grosse Tête and Opelousas Plank Road Company, for the following works:

Grading west of Lake Cocodrie to the Grosse Tête.
" from the Lake to Flin's Tract of Land.
" " Flin's to the Mississippi River.
Falling the timber on the sides of the road, from Grosse Tête to Lake Cocodrie.
Planking eight miles or more.
Securing down the Planking.

The proposals to be presented on or before the 4th day of February next (1854.)

Specifications for the said work to be seen at the office of the President of the Company, on Bayou Grosse Tête, and at the office of S. M. Hart, in the Town of Baton Rouge. JAS. H. JOHNSTON, Secretary.
jan.6-1m.

100 bags Rice, 100 bags St. Louis Oats,
80 barrels extra S. L. Flour,
15 barrels Winter Lard Oil,
4 " Whale oil,
25 bags C. and F. Salt,
2 tierces prime Carolina Rice,
6 barrels Mackerel,
2 " Pulverized Sugar,
20 gross Clark's Matches.

Just received per steamer Attic, James Lyon and Gipsy, and for sale for cash by
Jan 2 53 JOSHUA BEAL.

SALE OF UNCLAIMED ARTICLES ON The Wharf Boat.

THE FOLLOWING articles remaining on the Wharf Boat, at Baton Rouge, La., if not claimed in thirty days, from this date, will be sold at Public Auction to pay the Storage:

2 Chests with contents, marked Mlle Adele.
3 Saddle Bags do. No Mark.
1 Cooper's Truss Hoops, do.
1 Trunk with contents marked Alex. Sutherland, Caddo Parish, La.
1 Box new Books marked C. B. Jones.
1 " " " marks defaced.
1 " old " no mark.
1 Cloth Package, marked Madame Emilie White.
5 Trunks with contents, no mark.
1 Trunk " " mark defaced.
1 Carpenter's vice, no mark.

WM. MARKHAM.
Baton Rouge, Dec. 16th 1853.

CARD FOR THE NEW YEAR.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his numerous customers, that he has this day associated with him, in his manufacturing, repairing and Carriage Ware-house, Mr. A. D. HEDENBERG, who is practicably acquainted with the business in all its branches, and will take the personal management of the establishment, from this date. My old customers and the public generally, may depend on having all orders in our line attended to with the same promptness, that has always been observed in my establishment.

A full assortment of Carriages, comprising every variety: and Coaches, Barouches, Gigs, and Buggys, Harness, & Whips, will be kept on hand. Carriages built to order, and all kinds of Repairing done in the best style. Plantation Waggons, Carts &c., built and Repaired. Plantation Smith work of every description attended to, also Balcony and Cemetary Railings, of the latest styles, made and put up. Our assortment of Iron, will be complete of every description, and our aim will be to furnish every thing pertaining to our business, with promptness, and to the satisfaction of our customers. We confidently rely on the patronage of our friends. The Business will be conducted under the firm of W. F. Tunnard & Co., at the old established stand, corner of Church and Main sts. Baton Rouge. W. F. TUNNARD.
Jan 3-y A. D. HEDENBERG.

Lost.

A FEW days ago, between the Convent and the Penitentiary on Florida street, a small hair bracelet. The finder will be rewarded, by leaving the same at this office. jan. 3 tf.

LARD AND WHALE OIL.—19 barrels Prime, Winter Lard and Whale oil, just received and for sale, for cash or good 30 day paper.
Jan 2nd JOSHUA BEAL.

CARD! 1854 CARD!

PROGRESS is our motto! With a new year "we" wish to adopt new measures—measures commensurate with the time—and which we trust will meet the approbation of all.

Our design is to make it distinctly known that from and after this date that for all purchases made of "us," by order or without cash in hand, unless time be expressly stipulated for, we will on the first of each month proceed to render to each purchaser, without reference to how recent the purchase may be, a bill of their indebtedness to us, which we fully trust will always meet with immediate attention. Our desire is to give every customer good articles at a good fair cash valuation, and in order to do so, we must have our bills paid punctually. If there are any to whom this manner of doing business is offensive, we do not want their custom. With thanks to our many kind friends who have so freely patronized us during the past year and a hope for their prosperity. "We" Remain,
With respect &c.
Jan. 1st 1854. JOSHUA BEAL.

FOR SALE.—A delightful "cottage" residence with suitable out buildings, and two arpents of land attached, eligably situated on Church street for sale—terms favorable.

Until sold, the above property will be rented at a moderate price per month. Apply to
dec. 23tf. S. M. HART & CO.

PRESENTS FOR
CHRISTNAS AND THE HOLIDAYS.
VARIETY STORE—LAUREL STREET.
[*Between Lafayette and Church streets.*]
Baton Rouge, La.

I HAVE just received a complete assortment of Toys of all description, dressed and undressed dolls of all sizes, and other fancy articles consisting of:
Furnished Woollen Work Boxes,
China setts of all sizes,
China vases of all sizes,
China powder boxes,
Glass Work Boxes,
Velvet Reticules,
Mechanical figures,
Music Boxes,
Accordeons,
And other articles too numerous to mention all for sale on reasonable terms.
Dec. 24 1m. P. CAPDEVIELLE.

Office of the Baton Rouge and Clinton Plank Road Company.

PROPOSALS will be received at the office of this Company until Tuesday the 10th day of January next, (1854) for ditching and grading the Third and Fourth Sections of the Road (comprising four miles in each Section,) in accordance with the specifications of the Engineer to be seen at the office of the Company. Proposals are invited for either one or both Sections. By order of the Board.
dec. 1. ALFRED SHEPPERS, *Sec'y.*

NEW LARD.—In Barrels and Kegs. For sale be
dec 9th-y S. M. HART & Co.

FLOUR.—Extra, Fancy, and Superfine for sale by.
dec 9th-ly. S. M HART & Co.

LARD AND WHALE OIL—2 barrels prime Winter lard and Whale oil, just received and for sale by
Jan 3tt S. M. HART & CO.