The Daily Comet.

BATON ROUGE,::::DEC. 27, 1855.

☞ That good natured friend of SAM'S who presides over the column of "Things," in the Advocate, undoubtedly has SAM'S thanks for sundry notices published gratuitously of meetings "special and ordinary." Under the head of "Notice Special" in last Saturday's issue, he says:

Those sensible K. N.'s who take the *Advocate* in preference to all other papers in town, are informed that their party will hold a meeting to-night, at "the usual place," and that they are particularly invited to attend and take part in that "business of importance" that appears determined to remain on hand at headquarters, in spite of all efforts to transact it. If they don't dispose of it at this meeting, we will withdraw our influence in getting a quorum together.

That the business on hand will remain, until fully and fairly transacted, "Things" need have no fear. A full proportion of the American people make up the American party; a *majority* at least know what they are driving at; and when they flag in energetic action to that end, then "Things" should make a note of it—such a note as will serve to hand the fact down to remote posterity. By the way, now that meetings are the subject matter of discourse; will our neighbor please say what become of the "Grand Ralley Wake up Jake" that was to have come off in the Hall of the House of Representatives, in obedience to a demand from the "DEMOCRATIC ANTI-ASSOCIATION;" at which time "Messrs. Henry C. Miller, Wm. J. Lacey and several other distinguished Speakers" were to have held forth on that very beautiful particolored subject "The Politics of the day?" We had nine reporters on the spot—phonographers, stenographers and chirographers, and not a line from the Hall, save this: At about 12 o'clock (the time appointed for meeting) a gentleman came into the Hall, slightly bent with age and the cares of State (who had a look of expectancy to be called on to preside) looked vacantly about, pulled his hat over his eyes—muttered something inaudable and went off.

We are not satisfied with this—should like to know more—and beg the Advocate through "Things" to let us have the proceedings of the meeting.

Le major J. Smith, qui faisait partie de l'etat major du general Harrison a la bataille de "Tippecanoe," est mort, dans l'Indiana, le 24 du mois dernier.—*L'Avant Courier.*

What major J. Smith, is this?—We wrote an obituary for major J. Smith three years ago; major Smith, *n'est pas mort dans l'Indiana*, but Louisiana, or there is no truth in history.

REPORTED DEATH OF THE EX-QUEEN OF THE FRENCH.—A Paris letter of November 29th, to the New York Evening Post, says:

It is reported at the moment I write that the poor Queen Maria Amelia, the widow of Louis Phllippe, has just breathed her last at a country place near Genoa, and that her two sons, Prince de Joinville and Duke d'Aumale, who were notified of her illness by telegraph, arrived at her bedside too late to receive her parting blessing.

☞ The modest woman who gave the "withering look" to Capt. Jonathan, because he talked of his vessel *hugging the shore*, has again had her sensibilities shocked by the naked condition of the trees. While they were stripped she retired to her room for a season of meditation. She will make her appearance on the 1st proxo., if the children won't say anything of stockings!

The Present Political Aspect.

It is the duty of each and every newspaper publisher, now and then, to enlighten his readers, with an article bearing the head of this; in which he should place all the political charts before him, and endeavor to deduce from calculations of latitude and longitude, the present position of the vessel of State, and show, as far as his limited vision may extend, where the boat is bound to, and what dangers there are, to the leeward as well as the windward. It is more particularly the duty of the independent portion of the press to do this, than any other; since the party organs are known to be inflated to make a particular kind of hand organ music, the notes of which are set by the chief priests and scribes; and they have no option to say what they honestly know to be true.

The misfortune with the American people is; that as a body they do too little thinking for themselves. Pecuniary matters, relating to the incoming and outgoing of money, alone interest them; and it is only on the eve of being sold out of house and home by the tax gatherer, that they get up indignation meetings, to enquire into prodigal experditures, and demand redress. We think that Louisiana, has arrived at such a crisis. The people now are beginning to enquire "what becomes of all the money" and the past few pages of history, points them, to the enormous salaries of executive officers; the lavish manner in which funds are expended for getting together the statutes at large; the accumulating liabilities for Rail, and other roads, and the other thousand and one ways devised, by jugglers, to augment taxation, and thus depreciate the value of property. Look to our own great Metropolis. Is it not to the interest of every citizen, as far as his influence goes, to keep her unshackled; and out of the hands of speculating capitalists? Certainly so; and yet all manner of means are resorted to, in order to give the form of law to some new burthen, more onerous than the last.

Decidedly the worst feature in the present political aspect is the noticeable and notorious fact, that money is used at elections—not only for bringing up voters, but to buy them in the exercise of their franchise. It is a common way of talking among politicians to say that such and such a man carries with him—any way he may go—so many votes. We have heard it said, that a gentleman not more than a hundred miles distant from the Capital, has under his knuckle some one hundred and fifty—we should like to say men, but *swine* is a more appropriate general term for them. Such animals are unfit to live in a republican government, where every man is supposed to exercise the sovereign right of franchise, independently and intelligently.

No wonder that there is misrule, prodigal expenditure and onerous taxation, stifling the very best interest of the nation; for such a condition renders it necessary for politicians to hang together like thieves, and when they get in place, of course they line their purses; thus making the people pay back the purchase money, with interest compounded.

We are informed that a person who desires to remain unknown has addressed to the chief of the Russian legation a check for four thausand dollars to be transmitted to his government. The unkown donor, who only signed the initials M..Y. states in his letter that, full of admiration for the gallant defence of Sebastopol, he sends this liberal sum of money to be distributed among the widows and orphans of the Russian soldiers who fell bravely fighting for their homes against foreign aggressors. [Washington Union, 15th

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

PHILADELPHIA Dec. 18th '55.

DEAR COMET:—The weather during the past week has tried to see how many changes it could afford us.

A military company, composed principally of veterans of the war of 1812, from Manchester, N. H. arrivrived in this city, on their way to Washington, on Friday afternoon last, they were tall men, and most of them advanced in years; they looked very well and seemed to be better drilled than most of our military companies.

There was a meeting of the abolitionists of this city, last week, many matters of importance were discussed It was stated by one speaker, that the society had been in existence for nineteen years, and had expended, some $150,000, but, as yet, had advanced its cause to a limited degree. It was also stated that one person had been instrumental in sending off ninteen hundred and fifty runaways, since the passage of the Fugtive Slave Bill—One of the Speakers pronounced this successful co-operator in their cause "a good egg."

A. H. Simmons, Esq., of the *Daily Ledger*, of this city, died last Sunday and was buried on Wednesday. The funeral was quite large. He is highly spoken of by the press of our city.

We mentioned last week some of the proceedings of the Irish National Convention, in New York; since then Mr. R. Tyler, of this city has become a member of that convention. For this proceeding he was pretty extensiveley ridiculed by some of the members of the press. This led to the publication of a letter in the *Ledger*, to ———, Esq., which has no means tended to clear up the business of that convention, nor did it excuse the gentleman for the course he persued.

The Baker Trial consumed the whole of the week. The rush for seats also continued throughout the trial, and $2 to $4 (it is said) was offered for good seats in the court room. The evidence having been all received on Friday afternoon the jury proceeded to prepare their verdict; they, however, could not agree, and were finally dismissed. Baker was sent back to the Tombs to await another trial, the result of which will probably be either a verdict of murder in the third degree, (the penalty of which is five years imprisonment) or what is still more probable, an acquittal. Stanwix Hall rows (in miniature) are of frequent occurrence in all of our large cities, and we fear that their frequency will not be diminished in any other manner than by passing a severe sentence on some of the offenders, and why not on Baker? At the occurrence of the Baker and Poole affair, it was thought quite an awful transaction, Poole, was a prize fighter, but he was a *man*, and no doubt had a man's feelings; and Baker shot that man, it was said at the time deliberately, and in cold blood. In our humble opinion the verdict of the jury should be, "murder in the second degree." It is the opinion of many persons in New York City and Philadelphia that he will be acquitted.

The balloting for speaker in the House of Representatives has continued during the whole of last week, with but little variation in the ballotings; consequently we are no nearer the ultimate election, than we were this day week. We thiuk, however, that there is a weariness perceptible on the part of the members. Bank's of Mass. (Republican) vote was in the first part of the week 107 against Richardson (Dem.) 74. Fuller's (of Pa.) vote being 40. The result of the sixty first ballot stood:—Banks, 105; Richardson 74; Fuller 40; scattering 6. No election. This was the last ballot on Saturday. To days proceedings have not yet been telegraphed. They will be of very little consequence. Nothing decisive will take place until Mr. Banks can either add one more the small parties which compose his vote or manage to absent some of the members. Horace Greeley who is at present in Washington, is evident from these communications that Horace is using all his influence to get Mr N. P. Banks in the speaker's chair. But Banks, chance is rather slim, for his vote is altogether likely to be immensely decreased by the falling off of some of his small parties who the gentlemen's friends (we are informed) have hard work to keep together.

Mr. E Forrest, the tragedian, commenced an engagement here on Monday evening, last. Mr. J. E. Murdock has just concluded a very successful engagement at the City Museum. The places of amusement, and indeed all other places are preparing for Christmas. The stores are all very pretty.

Wishing you the best of Christmasses I remain yours &c.

"OBSERVER."

OUR FUTURE RECOMPENSE—The future recompense of reward is very much in the line and direction of present character. In other words, when we shall land in heaven, we shall find it is no introduction into a new course but the continuation of the course we commenced on earth. Have you, for instance, sent your riches abroad in acts of charity, in deeds of magnanimous beneficence? You will receive in heaven, by grace, a richer reward—riches that thieves do not break through and steal, and that do not take wings and flee away. Have you resigned, given up the pursuits of literature, in which you might have attained eminence, for the apparently humble and lowlier services of Christian duty, in which you will meet with reproach? Your name shall be pronounced in heaven; it shall be inscribed upon a piller from which it shall not be erased. Have you bore patiently, and without murmoring the afflictions of the world? the cup that your Father has given you to drink have you patiently drank it? Yours shall be the radiance of immortal youth joys, that are at God's right hand, and pleasures that are forever and ever.
—*Cumming.*

A PLAN OF THE DUKE CONSTANTINE TO BURN LONDON.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondedent of the Paris *Pays*, the Grand Duke Constantine, some time since, in a council of war, made a most singular proposition, namely: to arm and equip the whole fleet of Cronstadt, Revel and Sweaborg, embark 20,000 men of picked troops, to make sail at a propitious hour to force a passage through the allied squadrons, or await their departure, and the moment they left the Baltic to effect a landing in Scotland or England. At first the Emperor assented, but was afterwards prevailed upon by the Empress, disapproved of his brother's plan. It is, however said tha the has again resumed it. His *idee fixe* appears to be that he could sack and burn London, or bury himself and his troops under the smoking ruins of the first commercial city, of the world.

LEGAL SALES.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Sixth Judicial District Court—Parish of East Baton Rouge—In the matter of the Succession of SARAH S. YOUNG, dec'd, [No. 348] "Probate."]

BY VIRTUE of a commission issued in the above succession, and to me directed from the Hon. Sixth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of East Baton Rouge and State aforesaid, I will, by virtue of said commission, offer at public sale at the Court House door of this Parish, in the City of Baton Rouge, on

SATURDAY, 2d day of February, 1856,

at 11 o'clock, A. M., of said day; the property hereinafter setforth and described, belonging to the succession of Sarah S. Young, late of said parish, dec'd., to wit:

A certain square of ground situated in that part of the City of Baton Rouge, known as suburb Gracie, and designated on the figurative plan thereof, as square No. thirty three, (33) bounded as follows, on the west by lands of Joseph Monget, on the east by the Bayou Sara Road, on the south by the Comite Road and on the north by lands of Mrs. Carl, with all the buildings and improvement thereon and thereto belonging, consisting as follows, of dwelling house, being the last residence of said deceased, and its appertainances. Also a Store and dweling, situated on said square of ground.

☞ On the following terms and conditions, to wit: One fourth CASH, and on a credit for the balance of One, Two and Three years from the day of sale—said notes to bear eight per cent interest after due until paid and mortgaged retained on the property sold until the full and final payment of said notes.

dec27-6ts.w. H. V. BABIN, Sheriff.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.—Sixth Judicial District Court—Parish of East Baton Rouge—JACOB CHURCH, f. m. c., vs. JULES BONNECAZE. [No. 1592.]

BY VIRTUE of a writ of seizure and sale, issued in the above entitled and numbered cause and directed to the Sheriff of the Parish of East Baton Rouge, from the Hon Sixth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, I have seized and will offer at public sale, in front of the court house door of this parish, in the City of Baton Rouge, on

Saturday, 2d day of February, 1856,

at 11 o'clock, A. M., all the right, title, interest and claim of the defandent, Jules Bonnecaze, in and to the property hereinafter setforth, to wit:

All the improvements thereon erected on lot No. 10 and north half of lot No. 9, square 55, Beauregard Town, in the City of Baton Rouge, in said parish of East Baton Rouge—seized to pay and satisfy the amt., of debt interest and cost in the above entitled and numbered cause. Terms of sale Cash, with the benefit of the appraisement.

THOS. F. HERNANDEZ,
dec27-6ts.w Dep'y. Sheriff

New Advertisements.

Portable Furnace.

A FINE portable furnace. Lot of Corn at D. C. MONTAN'S Chuch street.

Buckley's Ploughs.

THE undersigned agent will receive orders for Buckley's sugar and cotton plough. D. C. MONTAN.

Cross Cut Saws.

JUST received a lot, best cut steel. D. C. MONTAN.

Fresh Arrivals.

COCOA DIPPERS; Well Bucket Riggins; Collars and Hames; Carpenter's Mallets, Oakum; Tea Scales; Knife Trays Tobacco Cutters; Stillyards; Rope Cordage; Sash Cord, at D. C. MONTAN'S.

Yankee Clocks,

ON hand a few for sale cheap, to close out D. C. MONTAN.

Sheet Lead! Wire.

JUST received at D. C. MONTAN'S. dec25 Church street.

For the Holidays!

20 Quarter Boxes Raisins,
5 Whole do. M. R. Raisins,
5 do. do Layers do.
1 Case 2 doz. ½ pints Currant Jelly,
50 Lbs. fresh Currants,
1 Case Genoa Citron,
20 Boxes Table Claret;
10 Half drums Dried Figs;
20 Kits No. 1 and 2 Mackerel;
300 Bottles Old Brandy, Port Wine and Madeira;
5 Cases Sherry and Kirch Wasser;
Just received and for sale by
dec23-y. JOSHUA BEAL.

Christmas Presents.

P. CAPDEVILLE on Laurel street, has just received a large lot of Toys and Fancy articles, for Christmas presents, and new years gifts. The citizens of Baton Rouge and vacinity, are invited to call and examine his stock. It is the largest and best selected in town. dec22-1m.

Fresh Arrivals.

JUST RECEIVED PER STEAMER CAPITOL.—
5 Boxes St. Julien Medoc, Claret,
4 Baskets Sweet Oil,
10 Boxes C Morgan's Soap,
5 " Winchester "
4 " Sperm Candles,
5 " Herrings,
4 " Lewis Cass, Fine Chewing Tobacco,
2 Barrels No. 3. Fresh Mackerel,
6 Dozen Clark & Co's. Fine Ale,
2 " Gallon Jars Underwood Pickles,
3 " Half " "
2 Barrels Fresh Cranberries,
5 Dozen Mustard. [For sale by
R. HOFFMANN,
[Dec.8 Opposite V. Heude's Dry Good Store.

Cut Nails! Cut Nails.

FROM the "Labeille Works" a fine assortment of Cut Nails and spikes, just received at D. C. MONTAN'S,
Dec9. No. 14 Church street.

New Crop Shaker Preserves!

10 CASES assorted—as follows.
PEACHES; APPLES; CHERRIES; QUINCE; PLUMS; STRAWBERRY; GRAPE JELLY.
Just received, and for sale by the case or at retail, by [nov22] JOSHUA BEAL

Walking Canes.

JUST received by steamship Grenada, a beautiful assortment of Fancy, Gold and Silver mounted Walking Canes, some of which are very fine and handsome, for sale at the Clothing Emporium, of [dec6] W. D. PHILLIPS.

Colt's Patent Revolvers.

JUST received on invoice, by
dec19. THEO. GOLDMANN.

SUGAR CURED HAMS.—1000 POUNDS CHOICE S. C. HAMS, just to hand, for sale by
[Dec6 JOSHUA BEAL.

$50 REWARD.

RAN AWAY from the undersigned on the 31st ult., the slave man ARCHIE, calling himself Archie Louis; about 5 feet 8 inches in height, stout built 35 years of age, with sulky expression of countenance, and rather slow of speech; had on when he left blue blanket coat and gray cassinet pants. This boy is well known in town, and is doutbtless lurking about the city. The above reward will be paid for his recovery if taken out of the State, or Twenty-five Dollars if caught in town, by

W. A. BROADWELL & CO.,
120 Garvier street, New Orleans.

☞ Archie has a pass from J. N. Harrison, of New Orleans, to hire his time on steam-boats. Dec. 21st 2wd.

Liquors! Liquors!!

40 Barrels St. Louis Whiskey.
15 Barrels Boyles Extra Rose Whiskey.
10 Iron Bound, Halves, Magnolia do.
7 Barrels, do. do.
5 Quarter Casks American Brandy.
5 Eight, do. do. do.
1 Quarter Cask Best Imported do.
20 Half Barrels Rectified Whiskey.
The above name of Liquors just received and for sale to the trade in accomodating terms.
Dec. 21st. JOSHUE BEAL.

Cheap Coal.

THE undersigned desirous of selling out his stock o. coal by the 1st of January, offers during the time at the unprecedented low price 40 *cents per bbl.* for Mulford coal and 50 *cents per bbl* for Pittsburg coal. Cash, on delivery. RICHARD MARKHAM.
Dec. 21st. 1wd.

Browns Essence of Ginger.

15 DOZ. just received & for sale by
13. WM. BOGEL.

Thermometer Churns.

ANOTHER small supply, just rec'd., and for sale low. These churns make butter, quicker, and more of it, from a given quantity of milk, than any other. For sale by,
dec5-y. D. C. MONTAN, church st.

New Arrival of Hats.

THE Subscriber has just received another assortment of Mens, Boys and Youths Hats. Consisting in part of French Silk and Moleskin Hats.—Soft French Cassimere Hats, of the latest style, & shapes; he invites the attention of buyers particularly to these goods, his assortment is very large, and cannot fail to please. A few more of those high crown black and dead soft, Hats still on hand. [dec6] W. D. PHILLIPS.