Local Matters.

Wednesday Morning, Jan. 12, 1859.

☞ Our thanks are due Messrs. Hardwick and Hayman for late Vicksburg, New Orleans and Napoleon papers.

☞ The steamer *Belfast* arrived last evening, bringing us New Orleans dates of the 8th instant.

☞ A young lady, well qualified to give lessons in music, desires a situation in some female college. See advertisement in another column.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Capt. Lenow. He is offering for sale, on reasonable terms, a valuable piece of property on Front Row.

AT THE BAR.—At the bar of the Commercial Hotel an accomplished man has charge, and those who like a good lunch and good liquor will try his quality.

RECOVERING.—We see Col. Crocks has so far recovered from his late injuries as to be able to attend to business. He will sell to-day a house and lot on the Germantown Plank Road, and a large lot of peach and other fruit trees.

DR. WM. WILKINS.—This gentleman, late of Louisville, has located permanently in this city, and brings the highest testimonials as to character and proficiency. We invite attention to his card in another column.

☞ We have on file a well selected series of interesting stories, which will appear from day to day, on the fourth page of our daily paper. This will add a new and desirable feature to the column of the *Appeal*, which we doubt not will be appreciated by a large class of readers.

PICKPOCKET.—While Mr. Wright, who lives near the city, was at the Postoffice last evening, some thief stole his purse from his pocket. He had just before paid away a hundred and seventy-five dollars. The thieves got only four notes, which they cannot get a cent on.

FISH AND OYSTERS.—We think we have made all our readers acquainted with Pancoast, at the corner of second and Monroe Streets; if there is one who does not know where to get good oysters, (true Baltimore) good fish, good butter, good celery, and good things generally, let him call on Pancoast and get good articles.

People's Opera Hall, opposite Odd-Fellows' Hall, Tyler & Co., artists. Scientific operators and gentlemanly attaches throughout the whole concern. An individual can go in and secure a fine likeness inside of five minutes. New plan of taking off the heads of the people without bleeding. It distances all competition. Regular first class establishment and premium work. Fine photographs for fifty cents; large ones proportionately cheap. Go and see opposite Odd-Fellows' Hall.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—As the cars were coming down yesterday morning on the Memphis and Ohio Road, a boy was discovered standing on the track about three miles this side of Brownsville. The whistle was sounded, but he paid no attention to it, and was knocked off by the cow-catcher. He was taken on board and brought to Mason's depot, and it is supposed he will die from the injuries he received. Our informant supposes him to be an Irishman.

THE BUNYAN TABLEAU.—The Pilgrims of the Pilgrim's Progress, now on exhibition at Odd-Fellows' Hall, was greeted by a large and respectable audience last night. We are requested by the manager to say, that in addition to the regular night exhibitions of this beautiful classic painting, there will be a special exhibition of three o'clock this evening for aged people, ladies and children, who may find inconvenient to attend at night. Children attending any of the Sabbath or Day Schools, with whom no previous arrangement has been made, will be admitted this afternoon from two to three o'clock at ten cents each.

CHIEF'S GALLERY—STRAKOSCH'S CONCERT.—Quite a full house was in attendance last evening, to listen to the brilliant gems from the operas of *Il Trovatore* and *Lucretia Borgia*, by Strakosch's company. M'lle Parodi won additional admiration by her beautiful, clear and smooth rendering of her *role*. M'lle Wilhorst also charmed all hearts by her birdlike passages. Amodio was himself, to his faultless base—Squires in tenor, and Barili in baritone, etc., etc. We cannot particularize this morning; suffice it, Mr. Strakosch has served up his music in good style.

Saturday's new concert by Miss Gazzaniga, and Strakosch's farewell, will be given in the course of a few days. Keep a sharp look out for the bills.

Saturday is New Year's holiday, in observance of which the banks and public offices were closed. The few business houses that were open, did a good business, the sales were confined to short 1,000 bales. On Monday, however, we expected a change, and, from the tone, an advance in favor of Liverpool, yesterday afternoon, we felt sure of a good business on Tuesday morning, on the day, the closing rates showing an advance of fully ¼ cent. The sales of the week, however, footed up only 25,000 bales, and, with a steady market, but yesterday, with the North, we saw a decided check, reporting a heavy and drooping market at Liverpool, and with exceedingly dull sales, we were compelled to shade 1,000 bales, to induce the crowd had been fair, and 5,000 bales changed hands, at a fall of ⅛ cent. The sales of 30,000 bales have been easy for buyers, without further quotable alteration.

Our receipts have been 13,000 bales, and our stock has increased 10,000 bales, and we have no change to report in our quotations, which we give below, as follows:

Ordinary	5¾	Middling	11 cent
Good Ordinary	6¾	Good Middling	11⅝ cent
Low Middling	8¾	Middling Fair	12 cent
Middling	9¾	Fair	12½ cent

The receipts of the week embrace 38,141 bales, against 41,212 for the corresponding week last year. The total receipts since the 1st of September have been 1,021,208 bales, against 1,211,114 for the same date last year. The exports of the week embrace 17,274 bales, comprising 3,420 to Liverpool, 1,854 to Havre, 1,000 to Cette, and 11,000 to New York, against 28,274 last week. The total exports to this date show a falling off of 189,906 bales, and the total exports to date amount to 372,567 bales, against 562,473 bales for the same time last year. The stock on hand this evening is 417,000 bales, against 304,000 at the same date last year.

COTTON.—The New Orleans *Price Current*, of Saturday, says: It will be seen by the work opened with an active movement in our leading staple. Cotton, as opposite from being even relatively dull, the receipts at favorable European prices, induced buyers to offer freely, and sellers to meet them, with a subdued and fair demand for Sugar and Molasses, with moderate receipts and full prices, and Corn and Provisions, inactive and nominally unchanged, with a fair demand for Western produce at no material request.

Arrived since the fire on, of Louisiana and Mississippi 23,403 bales, Tennessee and North Alabama 4,738, Arkansas 1,407, Florida, Texas, Mobile, Alabama, together 27,647 bales. Cleared since the 2nd ult. for Liverpool 2,357 bales, Havre-on 300, Cette 1,000, Barcelona 1,000, Genoa 1,000, Rotterdam 1,000, Boston 1,000, and coastwise 11,000 bales. Stock in presses and on shipboard not cleared, 304,022 bales.

Our last report closed upon a quiet and rather drooping market, which, however, has been more than made up by generally unexpected, the sales being confined to about 1,500 bales, with the Factors' offices before the public, receiving a decided check, and, in fact, a total stagnation in the business, which continued for two days. On Monday the market opened within very good limits, and several commission houses were operators, when additional impetus was given to the demand by the receipt of the steamer with Liverpool dates, more later, reporting an advance at Liverpool within the week of an eighth on all qualities, and for the week of ⅛@¼ on fairs. The result in our own market was much the largest on Saturday of the session, the sales reaching fully 12,000 bales, and an advance being realized on the class of fully ⅛ @ ¼. These large transactions, however, had left a very small stock of the leading qualities, and, in fact, of all qualities, while at the same time factors generally were not in a position to make large sales, from the fact, for their commissions, with a continued and inquiry, from the interior, for the class of goods, which, for the three days, sum up 14,000 bales, a large proportion of which will, of course, be left on our hands, with the same cause for Great Britain, France, and the continent.

The receipts at this port since 1st September (exclusive of the arrivals from Mobile, Florida and Texas) are 702,000 bales, against 1,000,000 last year, and, as we have said in the previous to the receipts at all the ports, up to the latest dates, and the consumption of Great Britain, and the exports from the United States to foreign countries, we have a decided falling off, the former being, in an increase of 202,000 bales to Great Britain, of 134,000 to France, and of 45,000 bales to other foreign ports.

COMPARATIVE PRICES OF COTTON.

	1858.		1857.	
Inferior	7¾	7	14 cent	13
Ordinary to Good Ordinary	9¾@10¼	8	15¾@16¾	14
Low Middling	10¾	11¼	17¾@18	16
Good Middling	11¾@12	12	18¾@19	17
Middling Fair	12¾@13	13	19¾@20	18
Fair	13¾@14	nominal	21	19
Fine	14¾@15	nominal	nominal	20
Good and Fine	nominal		nominal	nominal
Freight to Liverpool	5-16 d.	6	5-16@¼ d.	5-16d.
Sterling Exchange	9 @ 9 prem.	9	9 @ 9 prem.	9
Sterling Exchange	8¾@8¾	9	8¾@9	9

LATEST LIVERPOOL QUOTATIONS.

December 16th.	1858.	1857.
Fair Orleans	7¾	6 d.
Middling Orleans	7¼	5¾ d.

STATEMENT OF COTTON.

Stock on hand Sept. 1, 1858	Bales 20,230	
Arrived and three days	27,849	
Arrived previously	945,929	973,779
		1,013,793
Exported from three days	12,195	
Exported previously	606,362	618,557
Stock on hand and on shipboard	Bales	395,236
Stock on hand and on shipboard last year		304,000

LIVERPOOL, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10.—Cotton—Our Circular, per Arctic, of December 10: Our last circular advices, dated 30 inst., over forwarded per Arctic, and closed from a dull and lower market for sales. Later American accounts report continued free receipts, and a drooping market, with no material change in rates of freight, and a declining exchange, which, together have lessened the margin of profit on the import of the cotton, but which seem totally disregarded here, the demand for the Continent, and the trade generally, ignoring any very freely, and only the old stock had real buyers, and although a fair demand has daily been experienced, it is confined to small lots daily for the home trade and consumers. It may be well to observe that the continuous by Middling qualities has so narrowed the range of the difference between which and Fair being so slight and so material to ordinary consumers, that a preference is still discernable, and neither the steady receipts of inferior, in the opinion of large dealers, the increasing stock of Middling, and the continuous gradual growth of the consumption of this, tend to Middling and good ordinary to improve the value, and to Middling and good ordinary to improve the value, and to Middling and good ordinary to improve the value, and