The Weekly Comet

Thursday Morning, : : Dec. 7, 1854

THE MEDICAL NEWS.—We have on our table the December number of the Medical News and Hospital Gazette. It contains the usual amount of interesting medical intelligence from the pens of distinguished and talented members of the Profession in New Orleans.

☞ Through Captain Timothy of the Wharf boat we have to thank Elfort of that gem of a Coast Packet—the *Gem*, for city papers 24 hours ahead of the mail.

☞ Capt. JOHN COTTON, of the Laurel Hill, has our thanks for favors.

☞ Mr. J. B. D. DeBow, Superintendent of the census office, is making preparations to issue a daily paper in Washington city; the publication of which, he will commence, as soon as he retires from that office. It is to be entitled the United States Times.

☞ On the 27th ult., the Florida Legislature met at Tallahassee. In the Senate there are 11 Democrats and 7 Whigs. In the house there are 23 Democrats and 16 Whigs.

☞ Mr. Octave Cornay, is spoken in as a candidate to fill the vacancy or the representation of St. Mary, occasioned by the death of the late A W Baker.

ST. JAMES MASONIC LODGE.—At the Annual Communication of this body on Saturday night last, the following list of officers were elected for the ensuing year;

EUGENE LANGUE, W. M.; Chas. C. Emerson, Sr. W.; Robt. E. McIlhatton, Jr. W.; Wm. Hubbs, Sr. D.; Joseph McCormick, Jr. D.; Wm. S. Pike, Treasurer; James E. Elam, Secretary; R. H. Burk, Marshall; A. Reuter, Tyler.

SNOW.—The wind took another sudden shift yesterday morning and so sudden has been the change, that the thermometer has not had time to settle. A slight sprinkle of something like snow took place about 12 o'clock; so, a number of different persons have said, and those who were not out to feel and see it, we hope will not gainsay the assertion.

NEW RESTAURANT.—It will be seen that Messrs. RATCLIFF & FLAMANT, have taken the stand opposite Beal's Livery Stable on Third street, where they have opened a "New Restaurant" They will keep oysters always; Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, etc., and serve meals at the very shortest notice, all in the very best style, and smoking hot.—See Notice.

The celebrated German traveler, J. G. Kohl, has been for several weeks in this country, and proposes to make a thorough examination of all sections of the Union, of course, with the design of writing a book.

☞ The steamer Cataract from St. Louis, bound for New Orleans, on the 26th ult. struck a snag at the Devil's Island which knocked so large a hole in her bottom, that it was with difficulty she made the shore, and landed part of her cargo before she went down to the boiler deck. This is the second time the Cataract has been *pitched* into the season.

The journeymen printers of New York held a meeting on Saturday night for the purpose of devising means to relieve several hundred of their brethren who are out of employment, in consequence of the depressed condition of the trade in that city.

The London Diogenes has a picture of Menschikoff addressing the Russian army, and informing them that if they allow Sebastopol to be taken, some of them will have to take the news to the Emperor.

The bearer of such a despatch ought first to make his will.

A WITCH.—A young lady in Paris, lately made her fortieth ascent in a balloon, and landing in the country the rustics maltreated her as a witch.

THE LATE COL. JOHN R. GRYMES Tuesday morning's Delta, contains a brief but interesting biography of this distinguished citizen of New Orleans, from which the following is an extract:

"On the arrival of Gen. Jackson in the city, on the 2d of December 1814, John R. Grymes was one of the first of our prominent citizens to tender his services to the General. He was appointed aid-de-camp, and as such rendered the General most valuable counsel and assistance in the conduct of the ever memorable defense of this city. There was not one of his twelve Aids on whose judgment more relied than Col. Grymes. The sagacious General preserved beneath a rather flashy exterior, a clear vigorous intellect, an admirable judgment and tact, qualities of inestimable value in a military counsel. Then, as ever afterwards, to his very last appearance in public, the dress and outward bearing of Colonel Grymes indicated an apparent levity of character, which contrasted strikingly with the solid qualities of his mind and soul. He was always remarkable for his gay and showy dress. Of very dignified and graceful figure and bearing, he preserved by unusual care and taste in dress, to extreme old age, the same youthful and elegant bearing which rendered him so conspicuous an object, among the rather plain and ungraceful personages who surrounded Jackson in the great operations in the defense of New Orleans. During the siege, Colonel Grymes was frequently selected by Jackson on account of his dashing gallantry and adventurous spirit for enterprizes of great peril and responsibility. He was never unequal to any task assigned him. On more than one occasion his services were brilliant and effective.

LARGE BUSINESS IN COTTON.—The sales of cotton in the market yesterday, according to our commercial record, were twelve thousand five hundred bales which is about the largest business of any single day since the season commenced.—*Crescent.*

☞ The State of Mississippi has 3,444,358 acres of improved land; raises 484,293 bales of cotton; 137,900 bushels of wheat; 22,449,552 bushels of Indian corn; 47 760 pounds of tobacco; 557,617 pounds of wool; 4,344,234 pounds of butter; 2,717,856 pounds of rice, and has $19,403,662 invested in live stock.

A wag says that they undertook to light the streets of Syracuse, in the State of New York, with red-headed girls. The plan was excellent, but failed from a singular cause; all the men however sober and sedate, feigned to be drunk every night as an excuse for *embracing the lamp posts!*

☞ The Emperor and Empress of France are engaged to spend the Christmas holidays with Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, at Buckingham Palace. It is doubtful whether they will be half as happy, contented and light-hearted as our Southern negroes are sure to be about the same time.

A man in Detroit has been fined $50 and sent to jail for sixty days, having whipped his wife the second night after marriage.

CAMPHOR AN ANTIDOTE FOR STRYCHNINE.—Dr. SUDDOCK, in a letter to the London *Lancet*, claims to have made the discovery that camphor is an antidote for that terrible poison, strychnine. A man who had been thrown into convulsions by two doses of the poison—one-sixth of a grain of each, administered for the rheumatism—was relieved by twenty grains of camphor taken in six grains of almond mixture.

REASON FOR NOT DANCING.—At the close of a fair held by the Free Will Baptist Society in Manchester, N. H., a few evenings since, the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Davis, was asked weather dancing would be allowed. His answer was no; for dancing did no good, it was a barbarous custom, and the first Baptist of whom we have any account, *lost his head by dancing!* The audence was satisfied with the reason.

KOSSUTH.—A London letter says "Kossuth is at present domiciled at his residence in St. John's Wood, about a mile from Hyde Park Corner. He is living retiredly, but sees a good many of his political friends, and it is understood is not without carrying on intrigues in Germany, through numerous agents attached to the revolutionary cause."

A TRUTHFUL PICTURE.—The following is a life-like profile picture, of a literary sucker:

The literary sucker is unquestionably a character. He has a great love for Byron, big neck ties and billiards. Has a great regard for classic literature, and in the same connection, a keen affection for Sue and Dumas. Borrows money from his friends, swindles his landlady, walks away from his tailor, and has a supreme contempt for creditors generally. Steals from old English annuals and novels such portions of them as his transcendent genius can appreciate, and transfers them to thrilling romances over his own signature. Talks knowingly of poetry and music to the young ladies of his acquaintance, and goes into rhapsodies at the mention of flowers and moonlight. Such is the literary sucker.

☞ The Cincinnati Gazette says that the excitement against P. B. Manchester, the banker, who lately failed in that city, is so intense that it would not be safe for him to be seen in the streets. He had absconded.—Up to the moment of his failure, he was considered one of the wealthiest men in the city He had created this opinion by his style of living. Many poor people who had deposited their earnings with him lose their all.

THE MAGIC OF MUSIC.—Music speaks intelligibly to all hearts. Its influence is universal. Its powers have been recognized in all countries, and its professors have been esteemed the most gifted of men. It has performed part of the services of nearly all religions; and in the ceremonies and pageants of courts has played no mean or unimportant part. In the altar service of the Jews it was no small adjunct; and in our own churches its strains are heard continually, doing it spiriting gently, in raising the feelings of the worshippers above the mean and sordid things of earth and time. Its empire is bounded only by the limits of the globe; and whether heard from the rose blown flute and rude tum tum of the South Sea Islander, or swelling in pealing harmonies from a thousand throats, it is alike potent and absorbing. In modern times its power and influence have been fully recognized; and, if the Orpheus lyre no longer wakes the woods to melody, or tames the listening brutes, it at least performs its office rightly in humanizing and refining the minds of man. Lavater warns us to avoid the man who hates music and the voice of a child: and in that sentence, had he never written another, he discovers the well of human sympathy deep sunk within his heart.—*Portland Eagle.*

☞ A man's own conscience is his sole tribunal, and he should care no more for that phantom, "opinion," than he should fear meeting a ghost if he crossed the church-yard at dark.—*Bulwer.*

THE MEETING YESTERDAY.—According to notice previously given by hand bill and otherwise; a meeting "of the Democracy of East Baton Rouge" took place at the Court House in this city, yesterday evening, to name a good and true man from the ranks of the (still) unterrified, to fill the vacant place in the leg slature.—Mr. ROBERT L. KNOX, was nominated.

THE STEAM FIRE ENGINE.—The Council has resolved, we believe, to have a machine of this description built that will cost $9,000. Mr. Bolvin, the French engineer, who proposed to the Council special committee to build for $1,200 a steam fire engine of 100 horse power, to be moved as well as worked by steam, and to throw continually a quantity of water equal to 995 gallons to a height of 246 feet, now proposes, we understand, to meet the Council's views, to build for $9,000 a steam fire engine of 50 horse power, throwing 497 gallons to a height of 246 feet per minute.—The Cincinnati engine cost $8,000, but is of much less power than that proposed by Mr. Bolvin.—*Delta.*

☞ A Joint Stock Company for the purpose of building a large hotel, has been formed at Memphis.

HEAVY IMPORTATION OF CIGARS.—The brig Baltic, which arrived at Boston, on Thursday week, from Havana, brings the largest quantity of cigars ever imported in one vessel at that port. The import comprises 2,158,235 cigars, consigned to different houses in this city.—*True Delta.*

To Young Men out of Employment.—The Cincinnati prices current; quote the market value, of "spring frogs" at $3 per douzen.

CUBA AND THE UNITED STATES.—The Madrid *Clamor Publico* of the 28th says:

"France, like England, and in accord with her, is to send a strong squadron to Cuba, to protect it, if necessary from any attack on the part of the United States."

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—The Docket of Admiralty causes will be called in this morning at ten o'clock, and cases set down for trial. *Delta 22d inst.*

The whole number of Volumes in the Libraies of the Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, is as follows: "In the College Library, 6,500; Medical Library, 1,6000; Law Library, 14,000; Theological Library, 4,500; Sosiety Library of Students, 13,000; total 98,100. Besides these volumes, there are 2000 pamphlets.

☞ On the morning of the 26th ult., five houses were burned in Louisville, Ky.

[OFFICIAL.]

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN,

BATON ROUGE, Dec. 5th, 1854.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, present:

JOHN R. DUFROCQ, Mayor.
ED. HURIART, CHAS. GUERDY,
H. TOMLINSON, E. BROOKS,
ED. WILLIS.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Mayor be authorized to renew, if possible, a certain bond for fifteen hundred dollars, due by the Corporation to the Louisiana State Bank, and payable on the 12th inst.

A petition from Clarisa Hill, f. w. c. relative to her property on North Street.—Said petition was laid on the table.

An account of J. M. Halliday, for surveys of boundaries of grave yard, and plans of the same was presented and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Cemetry.

The amount of seventy-five dollars was allowed Micheal Powers, for ditching 2094 yards by order of the street Committee.

The amount of one hundred and fifty dollars was allowed Mr. Henry Tomlinson, being the appraise value of certain land expropriated from him by the Corporation from the opening of North Street.

The following accounts were also allowed.

James J. Odom, for jail hand,	$65 20
" " " " Loafers,	10 65
Henry Tomlinson, for nails,	5 74
W. F. Tunnard, coal for Mayor's Office,	4 50

On motion, *Resolved*, That two persons be appointed as assistants to the Town Constable in the discharge of his duties, who will be invested with the same powers an authority now delegated to that officer, and who will be subject to the orders and direction of the Mayor and Town Constable, and will hold their offices during the pleasure of the Board. In case of neglect of duty, the Mayor is authorized to suspend said assistants until the meeting of the Board of Selectmen, and appoint substitutes in their place, as well as in case of sickness or resignation. Said assistant-police to receive forty-five dollars per month for their services.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for two persons to act in pursuance of the above resolution:

The names of F. A. Nephler, M. Hernandez, Joseph Sanchez, James Routh, J. Murphy, Geo. Lockwood and Loretto Rodrigues were proposed.

On counting he votes it appeared that F. A. Nephler and Joseph Sanchez, had each received four votes, and they were declared duly elected

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

J. R. DUFROCQ, Mayor.
JAS. C. GAYLE, Clerk.

SCOTCH SNUFF.—A full supply of the Best Scotch Snuff, in bladders and bottles, just received and for sale at the Drug Store of [nov. 15.] WADDILL & DAY, Corner of Church and Third streets.

FOR SALE.—A fine Black Walnut Counting House Desk. Apply at his office. oct-20.

Sweet Oil.

A FRESH SUPPLY—Just received, and for sale by CHARROTT & HOFFMANN, oct 17. Court House Square.

FRESH CONGRESS WATER.

Four Gross of Fresh Congress Water, in pint bottles just received and for sale at the Drug Store of [nov. 15.] WADDILL & DAY, Corner of Church and Third streets.

BRICKS—BRICKS—Having purchased the steamer Mary Foley, we are prepared to deliver Pressed or Repressed Bricks in New Orleans, or any point on the Coast. For particulars apply to Smith, Johnston & Scott, New Orleans, or to TRUDEAU, HUTCHISON & CO., sept 27 Baton Rouge.

Western Produce.

100 Bags White Corn; 5 Tierces prime white lard; 10 Barrels Iowa Onions. Just received per steamer Oceana, and for Sale by Nov. 6th. JOSUA BEAL.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.—The undersigned is now prepared to manufacture by Steam power at the shortest notice all kinds of Sash, Blinds, Windows, Doors, &c—letters addressed to him at the Post Office at Baton Rouge will meet with immediate attention. sept-3-tf. J. W BROWN.

FOR SALE.—A valuable lot of ground, situated on the North-East corner of Fifth and Florida streets, measuring One Hundred and Twenty feet, French measure on each street. Bounded on the North by the property of Mrs. Andrew Klienpeter, and East by the property of Lewis Sheppers, Esqr. For terms, apply to nov. 16. WM. S. PIKE.

The love of admiration is the canker upon the heart of many lovely woman. It is vanity in its worst form.—It insinuates itself into the moral nature, and either makes the woman an object of vulgar stare, or public notoriety. When her beauty is gone, the absence of the stimulant to her weakened nature leaves her irritable and disappointed. Beauty is a dangerous inheritance, and requires a special duty from the owner of it. The destiny of a beautiful woman is nobler than to be stared at by a vulgar crowd, or flattered by heartless society.

The editor of the Middletown (Ohio) Herald has evidently been used up in a trade with some sharp Yankee, and breaks out thus:

'In this chiseling, avaricious, skinning, gouging, cold-hearted, money-lending, watch-swapping, and horse-trading age, that significant sentence of St. Paul's ought if possible to be hung up in fiery letters upon the sky as a warning to mankind—'for the love of money is the root of evil.'"

A FACT.—The American Organ at Washington says:

"We have reason to know that the American party in New York, if united, would have polled at least 20,000 more votes than were necessary to elect their candidate. And it must not be forgotten that our party has not been in existence a single year, and that it is gaining strength rapidly in all quarters of the country. Let not the Argus or the Union taunt our party with defeat under such circumstances. Let them look at elections which have transpired since the New York and Pennsylvania elections, and answer the question. Do the elections in Massachusetts and Delaware show a decline or advance in American stocks?

THROWING VITRIOL.—The New York papers contain further particulars with regard to the singular case of Mr. GREY, who has been arrested for throwing vitriol upon the ladies who were passing from Niblo's Garden. This business has been a specially with GREY for a long time He appears to be a religious monomaniac, and his conduct is attributed to his zeal for the suppression of theatrical amusements.

A CLERICAL RESIGNATOIN—Mr. E. C. Grien, North Carolina, has resigned the $1,400 annum)2d class) clerkship which he held in the Navy Department.

Such instances are so rare, that they are worth mentioning.

Mr. Evariste Decuis, whig, was elected on the 13th inst., Representative of the Parish of St. Martin, to the State Legislature, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Resignation of P. P. Briant, Esq.

New Orleans, Dec. 4th.—Col. John R. Grymes died last evening of an attack of Paralysis. He had been sick three weeks.—*D. Advocate.*

The English Government has lately contracted with a London manufactures for thirty-five million cartridges and fifty-two thousand bomb-shells. It will take a year to complete the contract.

U. S. CORVETTE ALBANY.—Considerable anxiety is now felt among those who have friends on board of this ship, which left Aspinwall over two months ago, and has not since been heard of. The following is a list of her officers:

"Commander, James T. Gerry, Lieutenants, Wm. W. Blecker, Montgomery Hunt, John Quincy Adams, Henry Rodgers; Surgeon, Stephen A. McCreary; Assistant Surgeon, Richard D. Corcoran; Purser, Nixon White; Master Robert A. Marr; Midshipman, Bennett J. Riley.

The *Albany* was a twenty gun ship, and had a full crew of 180 men.

A valuable trick poney, belonging to Welch & Lent's circus, was killed in Philadeldhia a few nights since by his keeper, a man named Smith. It appears that Smith, while gearing the animal for the ring, was bitten by the latter, whereupon the man seized a mallet and struck him on the head, killing him instantly.—*True Delta.*

Ole Bull and Strakosch were before the Louisville police court on Saturday, the 24th ult., and it is said they looked oddly enough in such a position. The charge against them was, giving concerts without paying license. It appeared that it was owing to the neglect of their agent, and they were let off on paying the required tax.