

The Weekly Comet

Thursday Morning, Dec. 14, 1854.

Capt. T. Effert of the coast packet Gen, has a renewal of our thanks for favors.

The Seventh Judicial District court is now in session at Clinton, Judge Merrick presiding

To G. P. Briant, Esqr., of the Treasury Department we are indebted for the following information, showing balance in the State Treasury on the 30th of November 1854.

General Fund.....	\$360,997.24
Militia.....	27,999.18
Fish.....	27,204.41
Int. Imp.....	15,940.12
Levee, and drainage fd.....	297,311.70
Road, and levee.....	14,091.99
Redemption of State debt fd.....	812.29
Free School accumulating fund.....	252.39
	\$827,966.11

Thursday the 29th ult, was celebrated in accordance with the Proclamation of the Gov. of Texas, as a day of Public Thanksgiving.

The well known St. Louis Packet Chanceller—Capt. Bacon, struck a snag near Cairo, on the 8th inst., and is a total loss.

On the 9th inst., a destructive fire occurred in Baltimore, between Eutaw and Park streets. It is said \$40,000 will not cover the loss.

Whilst the Steamer Union was discharging freight at Alexandria, La. the other day, the mate of the boat Thos. Harper met with an accident which resulted fatally. He was buried at Alexandria.

An English paper, says, that Sir. Gordon Drummond is dead. Sir. Gordon, was the last of his race, and this puts an end to the controversy about "Drummond light."

Those good people in the Crescent City, who are distressed to know what has become of that singular gentleman the Fakir of Siva, will no doubt be pleased to learn that he is now performing his wonderful feats of leverdemain, to fashionable and admiring audiences, in Lockhart Texas. So the Clarksville messenger informs us.

We are sorry indeed to have to notice the fact, that a company of rowdy boys, assemble near the Convent on Sundays, and annoy the ladies of the institution by their disgraceful conduct. Last Sunday we are informed, they made bold to scale the fence under some slight pretext, and were with difficulty forced to leave the premises. The attention of His Honor the Mayor and others in authority, is called to this fact, that prompt means may be used to prevent a recurrence of such things again.

The Orleans battalion of artillery on Sunday last celebrated the anniversary of their patron Saint—"Saint Barbe." Who was St. Barbe? Was he a fighting man? If so, what did he ever do in the killing way? We are curious to know, and can find nothing in our almanac. If he was an officer of militia, we should like to know of what grade, so as to put the title to his name. Perhaps he was nothing less than a full "Brigadier General."

How singularly appropriate it is, to canonize fighting men as Saints; it is so beautifully at variance with Christian principles. It is this, that forces us to believe, that after all, the people in Christendom are more than one half Turks.

COMPLIMENTARY.—The Boston Pilot (Catholic) speaking of the Know-Nothings, says:

"How, in the name of conscience, can these men have the impudence to find fault with honest immigrants, whose own ancestors were immigrant pirates—for such was the character of the early settlers in America.

A Good Move.—On the 11th inst., Mr. Adams introduced a bill to the U. S. Senate, which has for its object a change of the naturalization laws, so as to make the probation of foreigners twenty-one years

Ranting and ranting—office holding, and office seeking politicians, may dwell on the beautiful abstraction of civil and religious liberty, and talk of republicanism, and the injustice of taxation without representation—They may play upon national feeling and prejudice, so as to gull the ignorant mass into the belief that this is above all others, the land of liberty—the asylum for the offscourings of the cankered world, and that all men are equal; but unless a check be put—at once—without any delay, to evils, now staring us in the face; the ship of State must be dashed to pieces on "breakers ahead." The silver chord will be loosened, and may never be tied again, so as to bind this great country together. We appeal to such men in the nation as give now and then, a moments thought for the "Nation's welfare" apart from their own private affairs, and pecuniary interest—such men as from study and observation can see "where we are going to," and know the hour that all must be anarchy and confusion, if the balance of power is permitted to lodge with aliens, who know not the price of liberty. Such men must be free to confess that the future is full of gloomy forebodings.

It is a duty we owe those, who are to come after us, to guard by all honest endeavors, against a Spiritual Master on one hand, and a military despot on the other.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Adams' bill in the Senate will meet a fair and unbiased consideration.

It's ALL OVER NOW.—The Northern Daily Times (an English paper) says France is ready to a man to embark in the overthrow of Russia's power; and England only waits for the call to hurl the Czar, from his throne.

There Now! This puts an end to the Eastern Question. "Grim visaged war must smooth his wrinkled front." England only waits for the call, to hurl the Czar from his throne." When this comes to be put in the Slavonic language and meets the eye of Nicholas, no doubt that gentleman will curtail the dimensions of his formidable moustache, whilst he trembles in his boots, at the consequences. Can there be no inducement offered, the "Northern Daily Times" to take back this threat.

Mr. Stackpole must have a very mean opinion of the people of Hay and Fish-line streets, when he offers the pitiful sum of "five dollars" as a reward for "twenty five, lost by him in that locality." Fifteen, for "twenty five" would be about a fair measure, for the present sliding scale of honesty and virtue. It is unreasonable to expect people to be honest, without competent reward. For this reason Stackpole in the simplicity of his heart, has wasted the price of advertising, his loss.

THE SENATORSHIP.—The hour for the Legislature to assemble draws nigh and no question will have precedence over the important one, of "Who shall be Senator." As the term is to be a full one, it is therefore to be hoped that a good and sufficient man, will be honored with the post; and as new political elements will be introduced into that body, we have every reason to believe that it will not be as "one sided," as it has been. We hear new names spoken of, that will carry an unlooked for weight and influence with them; and we incline to the belief that independent of all the chances to be held, that the result will not be known until after the result.

Very ungallant.—The last Knickerbocker had the following upon a poetess with red hair:
Unfortunate woman, how sad is your lot—
Your ringlets are red, and your poems are rot.

BARNUM'S LIFE.—Very much ado is made about Barnum's Autobiography. We hold that the life of a man should never be written until it is finished. Then, his life is interesting, if it never was before; and if a dagguer-type likeness looks one in the face on the front page of the book, why it does not savor of egotism. A likeness on the title page, always looks to us as speaking, to say, "This is the man that writ this book;" let this picture be dagguer-typed in your mind, that should you meet the writer hereafter you may know him.

If Barnum would consent to "go die," his autobiography would bring double the amount it will otherwise. We knew a man "once upon a time" to die for a small amount of "three thousand," dead, dead, dead. A plaster of ten thousand (horse power) would not bring him to life again, to read his own shame. Now, if Barnum, will only go from home and meet with some accident—or stay at home, and go through the customary forms of mortuary proceedings, his book will bring three times the amount it will otherwise. Then he can come to life again, after the sale of the book gets dull, and add another chapter to humbuggery, that will call for still another edition of the work.

What a splendid operation could be made of it.

NEVER TOO LATE TO DO GOOD.—This is a common adage, but not often put in practice by those who preach from the text. The Rev. Bishop Andrews of the M. E. church south, has just given a life insurance, by a matrimonial union, with Mrs. Childers of Sumnerfield Ala. May we not say in the patriotic language of star-spangled banterdom—In Union their is strength.

Franklin's Party.—A paragraph, which appeared in the Lake Superior Mining News, stating that "the bodies of Sir John Franklin and his men had been found by Dr. Kane's party, frozen perfectly preserved," has been extensively copied, and its substance telegraphed far and wide. We place no faith in this report, because it is extremely improbable, as Dr. Kane's party was not at all likely to be anywhere in the vicinity of the place designated by Dr. Rae in his narrative. Our impression is that the mining News had received information of Dr. Rae's discovery, and by mistake attributed it to Dr. Kane.

HOW ABERNETHY GOT MARRIED.—I have mentioned the recent death of the widow of the late John Abernethy, the great surgeon? She was on for eighty. There is a story of the way in which Abernethy got this woman to marry him. Once upon a time he went to church, and was shown into a pew where there were two ladies. He had no prayer book, and the young lady handed him one. They walked out of the pew together, and found at the porch that it was raining very heavily. Abernethy offered to take them home in his carriage which was waiting. They had some chat, in the course of which it came out that they were mother and daughter, not very well off, and widow and daughter of an officer in the army. Abernethy set them down at their humble dwelling.

As he stood at their table he handed his card to the daughter and said—"Young lady, I am Mr. Abernethy the surgeon. I have never married, for I never could spare time to court. I should like to marry you. If you will have the goodness to write me a line on Tuesday, saying whether you will have me, I shall call the next day and take you to church." Mamma asked him to walk in. He said he could spare fifteen minutes, and he came out within that time the accepted of a very pretty woman. They were married on the Tuesday, and he drove home with her to the stately mansion of which she thus became the mistress.

EQUADOR.—The Panama Star has late accounts from Ecuador. The Star says that in Cuenca, extremely rich mines of gold have been discovered. The guano deposits at the Galapagos Island are to be immediately surveyed and reported upon.

SPIRITUAL REVELATION.—Mr. Azor Hoyt, a convert to "spiritualism," in Williamsburg, N. Y., declares that through the medium of third parties, he has had an interview with Napoleon the First, and that that once celebrated individual most positively denies that Napoleon the Third is his nephew, and he therefore wishes to see the imperial throne, on which the latter has fraudulently seated himself, crumble to the dust. The once grand Emperor prophesies that the struggle now going on in Europe, is moulding the destinies of that part of the world to their proper proportions, and that truth, justice and liberties of the people will triumph in the end. Farther, within three months the magnates of Europe will be astonished and bewildered by the assassination of a crowned head, which will have the effect of overturning an empire and raising the banner of the people.

COAL! COAL!—The subscriber requests all who want Coal at present prices to procure their supply during the present month. Prices at the yard, \$1.00 per bbl. Cash on delivery. [Nov. 11] W. F. TUNNARD.

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 Klempner, and East by the property of Lewis Shoppers, Esqr. For terms, apply to Nov. 15. WM. S. PIKE.

FOR SALE.—A fine Black Walnut Counting House Desk. Apply at his office. Oct. 29.

CLOAKS and TALMAS, GENTS BLACK and White Cloth Cloaks and Talmes, new style. For sale by Business & LANSOW.

MINCE PIES.—Fresh Yante Currants. Genoa Citron; Bottled Oler. A. MONTAN & BRO.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR RENT OR SALE.—Situated South East of the Court House, the North part occupied by Mrs. Robinson. For Particulars Apply to Nov. 10th. ROBERT BEAL.

LIME!—50 barrels No. 1 West-ern Lime, now in store, and for sale Oct. 25. A. M. NTAN & BRO.

To Families. JUST RECEIVED.—A fresh supply of the following articles, for sale at retail: LARD, HAMS, PIGLE BEEF, Mess PORK, Butter Crackers, Soda Biscuit and Cheese. CHARLOTTE & HOFFMANN.

BRAN & OATS.—150 bags in store and for sale by [Oct. 24-11] JOSHUA BEAL.

MESS PORK. A FEW BARRELS ON HAND. For sale by CHARLOTTE & HOFFMANN. Dec. 9.

HAY.—A small lot prime western just received and for sale by JOSHUA BEAL.

Fresh Arrivals per Gipsy. SUGAR CURED HAMS; Shoulders; SIDES; Lard. Also a fresh supply of No. 1, MACKEREL. CHARLOTTE & HOFFMANN. Court House Square—op. V. Heule.

BRUSHES! BRUSHES!—A fine assortment of Hair, Tooth, Nail, Cloth and Hat Brushes. For sale by Business & LANSOW. No. 37 Third Street.

FLOUR, BRAN, AND CORN: 50 BAGS BRAN. 50 BAGS CORN. 30 BARRELS "EXTRA" FLOUR. Just received and for sale by Dec. 10th 1854. JOSHUA BEAL.

NEW CITY MAP.—The Public are respectfully informed that a new map of the city is in course of preparation by the subscriber giving the ground plan of each house and lot numbered according to the record and drawn up on a large scale, accompanied by a lithographic view. Price when finished, mounted on canvass with rollers will be FIVE DOLLARS. MICHAEL GILL, Land and Engineering Surveyor Dec. 8.

CLOAKS.—A few Gentleman's Cloaks, of Superior Cloth for sale by Oct. 29. WADDILL & PHILLIPS.

KID GLOVES!—We have just received a large and varied assortment of Kid Gloves of all colors. Besides a complete stock of "Buck," "Dog," and "Goat Skin," Silk, Moerino and Cloth Gloves. [Sep. 25] WADDILL & PHILLIPS.

BUTTER CHEESE BROOMS, &c. 25 boxes choice W. R. Cheese. 10 Baking extra family Butter. 4 Jcs. Beef Tongues, (very choice). Just received from Cincinnati, per steamer T. H. Lucas. [Nov. 12-11] JOSHUA BEAL.

Pure Whale Oil. 10 BARRELS pure Solar Whale Oil. Just received and for sale at New Orleans, prices. WM. BOGEL, Druggist.

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.

BIRD SEED.—A full supply of fresh Hemp Seed, Canary Seed, Bunn Seed, etc., just received and for sale at the Drug Store of [Nov. 15.] WADDILL & DAY, Corner of Church and Third streets.

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. 2-11. J. W. BROWN.

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.

WANTED.—A lady who has resided a number of years in the South, and has experience as a Governess, desire a situation, either as a teacher in a private family, or to take charge of a female school. For God-reference given as to qualifications—apply at the Comet office. Dec. 11.

Commented. The Waneing Ball.

In your paper of Saturday an article appears bearing the above caption and treating upon the "Ball" that came off at the Harney House on Thursday night, which I propose saying a little about.

You appear to know a great deal about the "Waneing Ball" for a man who was not in the room, and who, gave what he seen through the aperture in the door connecting the offices with the ball room, (rather a singular place for an editor and a manager to be seen,) you must be entirely ignorant of all that was going on in the room.

You make this particular ball a fitting one upon which to express your peculiar ideas of "decency," and refinement, and what a "promiscuous gathering" is. If you can have the assurance to say that the "Waneing Ball" was composed of a "promiscuous gathering" of ladies and gentlemen, I would like to have you point out a few of those whom you would have composed a ball suited to your taste of "decency," that our next, may be attended by them. You were asked by two of the managers if you would like to have tickets sent to any person or persons, and gave some names to them to whom tickets were sent, and the presence of some of the parties in the Ball room gave evidence that they were received.

You say that "a young gentleman may procure a pair of snake colored pants, and after putting three pots of pomatum on his locks, go to the crowded ball room, and press to his bosom, the most fastidious *Demoiselle*, who trends the floor in white satin slippers" &c. Now I was present at the "Waneing Ball," and did not see a pair of "snake colored pants," nor a "fastidious *Demoiselle* pressed by some young gentleman to his bosom," and you never seen it! (therefore you lie.) In fact, I seen nothing but perfect gallantry manifested by the gentlemen towards the ladies, and have heard several ladies express their entire satisfaction and desire to have "another of the same sort" as soon as convenient.

You pitch into alabaster shoulders as if you knew something about what they are, and had been in the room to see them. Tell us how you seen them through a hole in the wall, will you? We would like to know, as we may, some day, lose our senses and try the hole ourselves. If any were exposed to the gaze of the critic we did not see them; on the contrary, we were at a loss to discover the cause of such a sudden change from low neck dresses, to those more suited our taste.

As to the young gents becoming intoxicated, I will admit it to be a fact; but, Sir, you did not see one of them misbehave in the Ball room. They may have, and I believe did use spir-its too freely in the bar room; and if they did, you sanctioned by repeated articles in your paper, the drinking of liquor and the heaving of grog shops, (therefore you lie again.)

The last paragraph of your article is a little modified and you seem as if you would like to say more, but cant go back to alter what you have already said.

The fact of the ball not being "numerously attended" can be very correctly attributed to three reasons:—First, some of the ladies, whose intention it was to have attended, were prevented by the loss of our favorite packet, the Gipsy, on which some of their relations and friends were passengers, and of whom they had no reliable information. One of the managers of the Ball, was a passenger at the time, and had a very narrow escape. Second, the sudden illness of near and dear relations and friends. Third, the miscarriage of some of the tickets, that I know to have been sent.

The Baton Rouge papers announce Dr. Jehu Perkins as a candidate for the legislature, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Boatner. The people of East Baton Rouge could not have selected any one better qualified to represent them in the councils of the State.—Dr. Perkins has no political antecedents, but, if a knowledge of all that pertains to the commercial and agricultural condition of the people, and the judgment to originate ways and means for the proper development of the States' resources, and a life which has been marked by high toned morality, be looked upon as requisits in the choice of a representative, they may be found in Dr. Perkins, and we only hope he may triumphantly elected.—Bayou Sara La. Chronicle.