

The Ocean Telegraph.

The second effort to lay a telegraphic wire across the Atlantic will we presume be made shortly. A company of wealthy and enterprising individuals has been organized for the purpose of carrying a submarine cable across the Atlantic Ocean, and they have made a contract with a party in England to furnish them during this month (June 1858) with a telegraphic cable of the required length.

The points to be connected we learn are Cape Clear in Ireland and Cape Race in Newfoundland. The distance between these capes is one thousand six hundred and forty miles. The depth of the Ocean between these places has been ascertained by a system of what is termed "Deep Sea soundings." Between Cape Clear and Cape Race, there is found to be a remarkable step or ridge already known as the Telegraphic plateau, above which there is not more than 10,000 or 12,000 feet or two miles of water.

The bottom of the ocean is found to be composed of very minute shells and sand, forming a safe and secure basis upon which the cable is to rest. It is also found that there are no currents at and near the bottom of the sea and that the waters at these depths are perfectly tranquil.

Two vessels (one English the other American,) each having half the cable, will sail together to the middle of the ocean. The cable will then be spliced and the vessels will start in opposite directions, one for the coast of Ireland the other for the American coast. They will steam ahead with all the speed possible; and it is stated that provision has been made to guard against all conceivable accidents. In the event of a storm, they will be prepared by buoys and other appliances to suspend the work until a calm succeeds. It is generally believed that this great work will ultimately succeed.

The Concordia Intelligencer of last Friday has the following local river news: VIDALIA.—The river has been considered on a stand here for the last six days—that is, it has not risen perceptibly, and although considered by some to have fallen, those slight recessions have been but temporary and were soon recovered, or nearly so. The word tributary would apply to the stage of water in the river at this point. The drift sill comes, uprooted trees with green foliage displayed on their branches, as well as decayed trunks and the usual debris of extreme high water or an overflow. We are by no means certain that the late powerful floods in the Missouri, and the upper tributaries have reached us.

THE MARENGO AND BULLIET BAYOU LEVEES.—These grand guard levees in the upper portion of Concordia Parish are constantly protected with the same vigilance as formerly; but it has become absolutely necessary for their safety that they should no longer be used for the purposes of travel. Carriage travelling is especially prohibited. Constantly guarded by obstructions of log defences and vigilant sentinels no carriage can possibly get upon these levees; and they need no longer make the attempt.

ALFRED V. DAVIS, Esq., of Tacouy, on Lake Concordia, late on his passage to the North, was so impressed with the vast waste of the descending waters which he witnessed on reaching Cairo, that he immediately transmitted orders to his Tacouy plantation to have sent up to the defence and safeguard of the Marengo Levee, twenty-five of his best hands, superintended over by two white men, to remain there as long as danger shall exist.

This generous order was instantly complied with, and his force under the superintendence he ordered, are now upon the Marengo Levee.

ON Wednesday night the Marengo levee cared, or slid in, near the upper part, where fortunately the water was but two or three feet deep, and none found its way through. Had the slide taken place forty yards lower down there would have been ten feet water, and a descent into Grassy Lake. The levee guards instantly discovered the slide, rallied bands and repaired damages in the night.

THE ABOVE information was brought down to us by Capt. Lovelady, who has charge of the Levee night-watch.

BLACK RIVER.—On Black River, at Wild Cow Bayou, Jos. C. DeL'Hoste, Esq., reported, on yesterday morning, a total fall of six inches below the highest water mark of the present year. This is caused both by a fall in Red River, and in the Ouachita.

TENNESSEE RIVER.—We learn from E. L. Wallis Esq., of Kirk's Ferry, Parish of Tennessee, that up to Wednesday morning of the present week, there had been a daily rise of some eight or an inch, making an inch, or a little more, a week. There was yet about seven feet bank on the Tennessee at Kirk's Ferry.

ON the Tennessee, twenty miles below Kirk's Ferry, a fall was reported on Wednesday morning.

PRENTISSIANA.—That perfectly incorrigible man of the Louisville Journal finds material for a little fun even in the calamity of overflow; witness the following:

There has been, for some time past, a larger floating population in Cairo than in any other city of its size in the United States.

A Cairo paper enters at the prices of land in Mound City. This is not in good taste. Land is not high in Cairo—but water is.

The town of Iberville, in Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana, must be one of the most interesting places now out.—Exchange.

The truth is, the town of Iberville isn't "out" at all. It is ten feet under water.

FIRE AT MONTEBAY LANDING.—We regret to learn that a fire occurred on the premises of S. C. Scott, Esq., on last Friday, which entirely destroyed his dwelling and warehouse. Fortunately his store was uninjured. The fire originated in the kitchen close to the dwelling and spread with such rapidity, that it was with the greatest difficulty that the family escaped with their lives.—Concordia Intelligencer, 25th.

Peace in Utah.

The National Intelligencer, of the 11th inst., has the annexed gratifying intelligence. The President of the United States last night transmitted to both Houses of Congress the subject message, communicating, on the authority of an accompanying despatch from Gov. Cumming, the agreeable intelligence that our difficulties with the deluded population of Utah have, it is believed, received a pacific termination. The whole country, we are sure, will share in the feelings of satisfaction with which the President communicates to Congress this gratifying result of the measures which have been taken by his Administration for the suppression of revolt and disorder in that distant Territory.

WASHINGTON, June 10, 1858.

To the Senate and House of Representatives: "I transmit a copy of a despatch from Gov. Cumming to the Secretary of State, dated at Great Salt Lake City, on the 2d of May, and received at the Department of State on yesterday. From this there is reason to believe that our difficulties with the Territory of Utah have terminated, and the reign of the constitution and the laws has been restored. I congratulate you on this auspicious event."

"I lose no time in communicating this information, and in expressing the opinion that their will be no occasion to make any appropriation for the purpose of calling into service the two regiments of volunteers authorized by the act of Congress, approved on the 7th of April last, for the purpose of quelling disturbances in the Territory of Utah, for the protection of supply and emigrant trains, and the suppression of Indian hostilities on the frontier.

"I am the more gratified at this satisfactory intelligence from Utah because it will afford some relief to the treasury at a time demanding from us the strictest economy, and when the question which now arises upon every new appropriation is whether it be of a character so important and urgent as to brook no delay, and to justify and require a loan and most probably a tax upon the people to raise the money necessary for its payment."

"In regard to the regiment of volunteers authorized by the same act of Congress to be called into service for the defence of the frontiers of Texas against Indian hostilities, I desire to leave this question to Congress, observing at the same time that, in my opinion, the State can be defended for the present by the regular troops, which have not yet been withdrawn from its limits."

JAMES BUCHANAN. The accompanying despatch from Governor Cumming is of great length, and gives a full and satisfactory account of his reception among the Mormons; but states that the people of the Territory are removing from every part of it toward "the South," and have determined to destroy their houses and abandon the country.

PUNCTUATION POINTS.—The points now used in punctuation were introduced into writing gradually, some time after the invention of printing. The Greeks had none, and there was no space between their words. The Romans put a kind of division between their words, thus Publius Scipio Africanus. Up to the end of the fifteenth century, only the period, colon and comma had been introduced. The latter came into use latest, and was only a perpendicular figure or line proportionate to the size of the letter. To Aldus Manutius, an eminent printer, in 1700, we are indebted for the semi-colon, and also for the present form of the comma. It is also laid down rules now observed in regard to their use. The note of interrogation and exclamation were not added till some years later, and it is not known by whom.

Inverted commas (") were first used by Mons. Gillemeot, a French printer, and were intended by him to supersede the use of Italics letters; and the French printers now call them by that name. But they have lately been used by English printers to note quoted matter. In a book—the Art of English Poetry, printed in 1802, it appears that the present mode of denoting quoted matter is of late origin, as such matter is therein denoted by being set in Italics.

IT is not known by whom the apostrophe and dash were invented.

A GOOD SWIMMER.—Capt. Smith, of the schooner Sheppard A. Moore, at Philadelphia from St. Louis, reports that on the 20th of May he came on deck at 8:30 A. M., and found that his son, a lad of 14, was missing. A search of the vessel showed that the lad was not aboard, and it was concluded that he must be overboard, when the vessel was put about and beat back over the course she had sailed, and not until 12 o'clock was the boy discovered and picked up. He was swimming manfully, and had divested himself of most of his clothing. He alleged that he could have sustained himself for two or three hours longer. There was a heavy sea running at the time, and the wind was blowing a nine-knot breeze.

WAGONS FOR OVERFLOWS.—The unaccountable "Andrew Jackson" of Home-manufactured wagons in Natchez, Andrew Boger, has made some plantation wagons, and has them for sale, especially for overflowed districts. He has made the wagon boxes, flat-bottomed, and water-tight, so that they can be used as a life boat in deep water,—by taking off the box, carrying over the landing, then the teams, and lastly the wheels, after which, all can be rigged up again for shallow water or dry land operations.

Truly this beats all yanked-down, basswood lams, and oak nutmegs included.—Concordia Intelligencer.

IMMORTALITY writes to George Ticknor, of Boston, that his physical strength is slowly declining, but that he still works, chiefly at night, and can stand for an hour without fatigue. He is in his 89th year. The fifth volume of Cosmos is going through the press.

The Santa Fe Gazette says that there are not more than four hundred bona fide residents within the whole territory out of which it is proposed to form Arizona. The number is exclusive of the inhabitants of Dona Ana county, the latitudinal line having been abandoned.

TELEGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE.

St. Louis, June 22.—The river here has fallen eighteen inches during the last forty-eight hours and is still receding. All the upper streams are falling.

Louisville, June 22.—The Ohio opposite this point is falling rapidly. There is now six and a half feet over the rocks on the Falls.

St. Louis, June 23.—The river is receding at this point about six inches in twenty-four hours.

St. Louis, June 24.—The river at this point fell one foot during the twenty-four hours ending last night. All the upper streams are receding.

Louisville, June 24.—The Ohio here is falling rapidly. There is scarcely eight feet of water in the canal.

The Vicksburg's Trip. Louisville, June 22.—The steamboat Vicksburg, Capt. Thomason, has made the trip from New Orleans higher in four days and twenty-two hours.

The Telegraphic Cable. New York, June 24.—Letters which have been received here, dated on board the U.S. frigate Niagara, engaged in the undertaking of laying the transatlantic cable, state that during the recent experimental trip, the line parted five times, although the weather was perfectly calm.

Later from Utah. St. Louis, June 15.—We have intelligence here to-day, that Col. Kane had arrived at Camp Scott, on the 16th ult., and reports that Salt Lake City, and the whole of the Northern settlements, were nearly deserted.

About forty thousand were in motion, the trains extending for miles down the valley. It is supposed that the Mormons are going to Sonora. Brigham Young had delivered the seals and records to Governor Cumming.

It is reported that there were no male at Camp Scott.—Piquette.

MORTAR PRACTICE AT WEST POINT.—A correspondent of the New York Post, writing from West Point, gives an interesting description of the military performances of the U.S. Cadets at that place. We copy the following paragraph:

At half-past eight o'clock we were attracted to the grounds again by a delicious air from Zouave, played by the band—one of the finest, by the way in the country. While all ears and hearts were engrossed with the music, long went a mortar, speeding a shell through the air at the rate of a mile a second, more or less, and describing a fiery parabola along the horizon, as it flew, until it fell upon the works of Fort Clinton, which was the imaginary citadel of a band of British Outragers. Five mortars were in battery manned by cadets, and every few minutes the utter darkness was penetrated by volleys of these fiery missiles. Presently a fire ball was discharged so as to fall a little short of the fort, and by its light reveal the situation and condition of our enemy and his works. These balls, though not larger than a good-sized base ball, burned for twenty minutes or more, so brightly as to make all the line of attack distinctly visible and illuminate the whole plain. The discoveries which the light enabled the besiegers to make, seemed to awaken them to new activity. Volleys of grenades were fired to clear the walls where imaginary red coats were trying to repair imaginary breaches in their works; the shells, five at a time, falling like Satan's devils, "with hideous ruin and combustion," down among the outragers. Our fight was very much like the one fought with the same enemy in Congress the other day. There was no shooting back; we had it all our own way, and consequently achieved a complete and speedy victory. At ten the drums beat to quarters, and in ten minutes not a cadet or a soldier was to be seen except the sentinels at their post, while the roads were gradually cleared of the retreating visitors.

A gentleman from Bolivar, Tenn., last week saw a nondescript sort of article floating down the Mississippi, near his plantation; it resembled a miniature Noah's ark, with the hull knocked off. Curiosity led him to board it, when he was astonished to find himself in the store of a friend residing fifty miles up the river. The contents were not greatly injured. He tied the store to the shore, and started off to let his friend know where he might find his place of business.

In the list of patents issued from the U.S. Patent Office, and dated June 8, we find one to George W. Morse, of Baton Rouge, for improvement in breech-loading firearms.

As it is characteristic of great wits to say much in a few words, so small wits seem to have the gift of speaking much and saying nothing.

By a curious law of North Carolina, magistrates are not allowed to receive fees for trying the matrimonial knot in that State.

Troubles are like babies—they grow bigger by nursing. Don't meet troubles half way, for they are not worth the compliment.

The Little Rock Gazette of the 19th, says the Arkansas river is falling, with sufficient water for the largest class boats.

It costs twenty-six dollars an hour to light the new Hall of the House of Representatives at Washington with gas.

Punch says he once saw a father knock down his beloved boy, and thought it the most striking illustration of sun down he ever beheld.

It is curious fact that every general officer in the American Revolution was a Free Mason—except Benedict Arnold.

The latest news from the seat of fashion, Paris, is to the effect that "long skirts and sweeping trains are to be replaced by short dresses and shorter petticoats."

A Southern Methodist minister, detailing his experience on a certain circuit, counted twenty-six children who had been named after him, and added, that during the year he received as compensation for his labor "\$19."

FROGS.—As an instance of a big business done on a small scale, we would compare the operations of John McKinney & Co., of Utica. They kill and dress for the Albany and other markets, forty thousand frogs weekly, for which they receive excellent prices.—Albany Knickerbocker.

THE BUZZARD AND STYX.—These two steamers carry each six guns, and it may be doubted whether any two steamers of equal power, ever made a greater noise.

The Little Rock Gazette, of the 12th, reports Arkansas river falling fast, with about eight feet water in the channel to Napoleon.

New Orleans Markets. There has been no material change in prices. The demand running mainly on the Middling and better qualities, those descriptions have commanded very full prices, but the lower grades have been neglected and sold at earlier rates.

INFERIOR 54 a 64
ORDINARY 74 a 84
GOOD ORDINARY 94 a 10
LOW MIDDLING 104 a 11
MIDDLING 114 a 114
GOOD MIDDLING 124 a 124
MIDDLING FAIR 134 a 134
FAIR 144 a 144

SCOTCH.—Quoted, Common, Fair and Fully Fair 41 67, 74 Prime to Choice 74 to 82.

MOLASSES.—Ordinary, Refining Reboiled, 50c in bulk and 54 in half barrels.

COFFEE.—10 to 11c for Fair to Good Fair, and 11c for prime.

PEPPER.—Superfine St. Louis 41 50, Tennessee Extra 35 25.

PORE.—\$16 50 to 16 75 for Mess. Bull.

BARON.—Ribbed Sides 74 to 85, 64 to 64 for shoulders, 9 to 10 for Clear sides.

CANNES.—20c for Full and 18c for short weight.

TALLOW.—10 for City Rendered.

WHISKEY.—20 to 21c for Rectified.—Bulletin, Saturday, June 20.

SHERIFF SALE. J. Mayo & Co. vs. Thomas T. McCallum, No. 1212.

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF F. F. A. IN THE District Court of the Parish of Catahoula, and to the Sheriff thereof directed, I have seized upon as the property of the defendant, Thos. T. McCallum, a tract or parcel of land in Township seven range two East containing eighty, with all the improvements thereon, being the land upon which the defendant now resides and will on

Saturday the 7th day of August 1858, within legal hours at the Court House Door in the Town of Harrisonburg, offer said property for sale to pay and satisfy said writ.

Terms of sale cash under the benefit of appraisal. D. M. PRICHARD, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, June 25, 1858.

SHERIFF SALE. R. H. Cuny, Treasurer, vs. Eliza A. Kiper, et al. No. 817.

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF F. F. A. IN THE District Court of the Parish of Catahoula, and to the Sheriff thereof directed, I have seized upon as the property of P. J. Holstein Tutor two mules and will on

Saturday the 7th day of August 1858, within legal hours at the Court House Door in the Town of Harrisonburg offer said negro for sale to pay and satisfy said writ.

Terms of sale cash under the benefit of appraisal. D. M. PRICHARD, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, June 25, 1858.

SHERIFF SALE. E. B. D. Jackson vs. Emily Kinete, No. 1059.

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF F. F. A. IN THE District Court of the Parish of Catahoula, and to the Sheriff thereof directed, I have seized upon as the property of plaintiff, one lot of saw mill iron consisting of several pieces, and will on

Saturday the 7th day of August 1858, within legal hours at the Court House Door in the Town of Harrisonburg offer said property for sale to pay and satisfy said writ.

Terms of sale cash for what he will bring. D. M. PRICHARD, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, June 25, 1858.

SHERIFF SALE. Wm. Strother, vs. J. G. Johnson, No. 1029.

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF F. F. A. IN THE District Court of the Parish of Catahoula (issuing upon a 12 months bond) and to Sheriff of said Parish directed, I have seized upon as the property of the defendant J. G. Johnson the following described property a negro boy John aged about seven years, and will on

Saturday the 7th day of August 1858, within legal hours at the Court House Door in the Town of Harrisonburg offer said negro for sale to pay and satisfy said writ.

Terms of sale cash for what he will bring. D. M. PRICHARD, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, June 25, 1858.

SHERIFF SALE. Oakley Hawkins & Co. vs. John Ker, No. 1126.

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF F. F. A. IN THE District Court of the Parish of Catahoula, and to the Sheriff thereof directed, I have seized upon as the property of the defendant John Ker a tract or parcel of land being the fractional N E 1/4 of Sec 5 Township 7, North of Range 6 E containing 147 60-100 acres more or less also 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Sec 5 Township 7, North of Range 6 E containing 147 60-100 acres more or less also 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Sec 5 Township 7, North of Range 6 E containing 147 60-100 acres more or less and will on

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Terms of sale cash under the benefit of appraisal. D. M. PRICHARD, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, June 25, 1858.

COME ONE, COME ALL. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons and friends of Harrisonburg to the public generally that a public examination of the Pupils of said school will take place on the 10th of July. The Examination will commence at 8 o'clock A. M. At the evening, commencing at early 7 o'clock.

N. B. As Miss Shaw, our music teacher, signs leaving for home in a day or two, and as we have to raise \$500.00 at that time, we must earnestly and respectfully request all our patrons, as well as others indebted, to be prepared to settle up at the time above mentioned. Sheriff's Office, June 25, 1858.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. I, J. H. W. B. Sheriff of the Parish of Catahoula, do hereby give notice to all persons who are indebted to the estate of the late J. H. W. B. Sheriff of the Parish of Catahoula, to come forward and settle up with me at the time above mentioned. Sheriff's Office, June 25, 1858.

PROBATE SALE. Succession of Green Carter, dec'd. BY VIRTUE OF an order of sale issued by the Hon. the 12th District Court of the Parish of Catahoula, and to the Sheriff of said Parish directed, I will on SATURDAY, the 10th day of July, within legal hours at the late residence of the dec'd, offer for sale at public auction property belonging to the estate of the dec'd, to wit:

- 1 Feather Bed and Bedding, 1 Lot Crockery, 4 Chairs, 1 Grain Stone, 1 Lot Tools, 1 Lot Crockery, 1 Rifle Gun, 8 Trunks, 1 Lot Knives, Forks, &c., 6000 Feet Square Timber, 1 Skil, 79 Logs—old timber, 17 Logs Timber.

Terms of Sale—Cash under benefit of appraisal. Such as does not bring its appraisement in Cash, will be resold on some day of the 10th of August for what it will bring. Large bills will be received in full payment of the above property. D. M. PRICHARD, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, June 25, 1858.

NOTICE. ALL PERSONS knowing the whereabouts of the firm of W. E. GALT, either by note, account, or otherwise, are notified to make immediate settlement, further indulgence will not be given. The affairs of this firm for the year ending on the 31st of December, 1857, must be closed. The receipt of either party will be recognized as good. W. E. GALT, Sheriff's Office, June 25, 1858.

W. M. E. MARSHALL, A. S. DEAN, CIVIL ENGINEER, A. S. DEAN, ARCHITECT, and Parish Surveyor of Catahoula Parish, will visit Harrisonburg professionally on a day and a half of June next.

Persons wishing their Plantations and Sections lines established will please apply and send to the office of the "Independent" at that date. Bibles held out instrumentally. Monroe, La., 15th May 1858.

SHERIFF'S SALE. Heirs of A. S. Barr vs. Joseph White, District Court—Parish of Catahoula.

BY VIRTUE OF a writ of fi. fa. in the District Court of the Parish of Catahoula, and to the Sheriff thereof directed, I have seized upon as the property of the dec'd, Joseph White, a PARCEL OF LAND, being the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Township 6, Range 5 East, containing 78 acres, and 10-100 acres, and will on

Saturday, the 3rd day of July, 1858, within legal hours, at the door of the Court House in Harrisonburg, offer said property for sale to pay and satisfy said writ.

Terms of Sale—On a credit of 12 months, what it will bring. Purchasers to execute notes on hand, with appropriate security, and to the plaintiffs, with a special mortgage acknowledged and as additional security. D. M. PRICHARD, Sheriff's Office, May 29, 1858.

PROBATE SALE. Estate of George W. Copley, dec'd. BY VIRTUE OF an order of sale issued by the Hon. the 12th District Court of the Parish of Catahoula, and to the Sheriff of said Parish directed, I will on every TUESDAY, the 3d day of July, or any day thereafter, within the hours prescribed by law, at public auction, at the residence of the estate of Geo. W. Copley, deceased, the following described property, to wit: know to this country, description of land, and will on

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