

The Daily Comet.

BATON ROUGE, MAY 10, 1856.

SOMETHING OUT OF THE COMMON ORDER.—There will be a lecture to-night in the Hall of the House of Representatives, by Miss Pellet, on Nicaragua. Miss P. has lectured in New Orleans, and Natchez, in each of which places she had large and appreciating audiences. She is not in town, at this writing, but will be, in time to make the necessary arrangements. There is no spot on the Continent more interesting at this moment than the young republic, and in the hands of a young lady, it must prove unusually interesting. We have had the views of warriors, and Statesmen, *Filibusters* and scorchers for the public press; now we expect such features of the country to be presented as never yet, have been looked upon by our people. The notice is short, but no doubt sufficiently long, to secure a good audience.

INFORMATION.—We would say to "J." in answer to his query, that the book is not yet out. The Appletons have it in press. We agree entirely with "J." that the book is much needed and marvel that it has not been thought of, before. If a man wants to make "a will," "a sale," "a bequest," "a devise," or a conveyance; he refers to the Book of Forms—"The Lawyers Own Guide." Or if he wants to write a particular kind of letter, for a particular kind of purpose, he looks to that valuable young man's companion, "The Complete Letter Writer."—Since the Constitution of our State requires a man to swear that he never did; will not, and wouldn't if he could—fight a duel, misunderstandings and difficulties are of common occurrence, for as J. says, "who the devil's going to lose his vote, to apply a *cat-aplain* to his wounded honor?" In default of the book of forms, for arranging difficulties, so as to place them before the public eye, to show that, although Brown has called Smith "a liar," and Smith has called Brown "a thief," that neither of them are wounded to hurt, and that it can all be blotted out by a *back lick*—in default of the book, "J." can use the following form:

"Whereas, there has been for some time past a hostile feeling between Mr. Tracey Tupman, and John McDonohouse, and whereas, both parties have signified a willingness to be at peace, and to take back what they said, and whereas, the undersigned citizens have been appointed and accepted by both parties, as suitable persons to effect a *com-pro-miss*; we hereby stipulate the following terms and conditions, and propose the same, to both parties, for their ratification and acceptance."

Here may follow the conditions, headed "Article one, two, three" and so on. If McDonohouse called Tupman "a liar," it must be taken back; if Tupman kicked him for it, it must be retracted. If either of the parties were damaged by the tearing of breeches, the Tailor's bill must be paid by the party causing the rent.

A DISASTROUS MONTH.—The month just expired will long be memorable for its disastrous conflagration. So far as we have information, there occurred during this period thirty-two fires where the loss exceeded \$10,000 in each instance, (thirteen of which originated in manufacturing establishments,) and the aggregate loss resulting reaches the enormous aggregate of \$1,847,000. A fire at Galena destroyed property to the value of \$300,000; one at Baltimore, \$175,000, one at Philadelphia, \$350,000; one at Boston, \$200,000, and one at Nashville, Tennessee, \$200,000. In addition, destructive conflagrations have swept through the forests of Virginia, inflicting serious losses.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

LETTER FROM CENTRAL AMERICA GRANADA, April 15th, 1856.

(Special Correspondence of the Comet.)

Dear Comet:—As we are to-day in hopes that our long imprisonment as it were, is to end by the arrival and departure of a mail, I will again give you a sketch of the stirring events, that have marked the past four weeks in this state, presuming that when you last heard from us, we were daily expecting war with all the neighboring States, as they had united in a common league against Nicaragua.

You will see the main events detailed in the Nicaraguense a copy of which I send you and I propose to follow the minor, but equally important scenes that have been enacted within our borders.

Early in March Schlessinger returned from Costa Rica, bearing the declaration of war by that State, and on the 15th ult., he was given by Walker, a command of three hundred men, and ordered to advance into and occupy the department of Guanacosta, on the frontiers of this State and claimed by Nicaragua. Schlessinger marched his men without order or regularity and as if careless whether the enemy was far or near. No scouts were sent out, and no guides were employed. On the 20th he reached the Hacienda of Santa Rosa a mile from the Puebla of Guanacosta and halted to take dinner and rest. No pickets were stationed or sentinels posted and while all were in confusion, each looking about for something to eat and drink, one thousand Costa Ricans, headed by President Juan R. Mora, attacked them and in a few minutes the Nicaraguans were routed and flying in confusion, Schlessinger among the foremost of the fugitives. Mora had already proclaimed his intention to shoot without mercy every American taken with arms in hand, and he made good his proclamation by executing upon the spot seventeen men whom he made prisoners on the field. The killed wounded and missing of our troops amount to nearly one hundred, but of the loss of the enemy no reliable account has been obtained. While these events were taken place in the south, the States on the north were gathering their troops, and slowly closing down upon that frontier—Salvatore, Guatemala and Honduras, were already in the field, but happily these States were desisted from their intentions and listened to terms of peace from Nicaragua. Between the 20th and 30th ult., Mora moved up towards Virgin Bay and San Juan del Sur, whilst Walker concentrated our troops at Rivas, where he at first designated to await the foe, but finding they would not attack him in that city, he resolved on a piece of strategy, that I will leave the American public to criticise and judge of for themselves.—In order to confuse the enemy and mislead Mora, Walker marched all the American troops to Virgin and embarked them on board the steamers, and crossed to San Carlos. This was on the 5th inst., and the next day the Costa Rican army two thousand strong, entered and burned the town to ashes, brutally killing every American they could find. The next day they entered Rivas and San Juan del Sur, each twelve miles distant from Virgin, the first on the Lake and the other on the Pacific. Meanwhile Walker, went down the San Juan to Castillo and left two companies of troops to defend that point and also to impress Mora with the idea that he was retreating upon San Juan del Norte it seems that Mora was misled by this opinion and was actually making arrangements to march upon Granada. He was thus entirely thrown off his guard, whilst Walker suddenly on the 9th arrived with his forces by the north shore of the Lake.—Early on the 10th he was on his march for Rivas, at the head of six hundred Americans and about two hundred natives.—Mora was all this time entertaining the blissful idea that "Los filibusteros," were far down towards San Juan, when suddenly on the morning of the 11th between 6 and 7 o'clock, he was aroused from his slumbers by the terrible crack of Walker's rifles and the charging shout of the Nicaraguans. The battle that followed through the day and until 3 o'clock of the morning of the 12th was as bloody and desperate a contest as has ever occurred in Central America. All the Baton Rouge boys were in the hottest of the fight but happily all escaped unhurt. Walker left Granada with only two days rations and one hundred rounds of cartridges for each man, and the long march had greatly tired his army, so that from hunger, thirst exhaustion of the men and ammunition he was compelled to call off his troops and return to Granada leaving behind forty killed and some forty-five wounded and missing. The loss of the enemy was about six hundred in killed and the wounded amount to near or quite two hundred more.

On the 12th inst., a courier arrived from Leon with despatches from President Rivas, bringing the glad news that Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala had broken the league against Nicaragua, and had received our commissioners with great respect and with the most friendly demonstrations. Salvador had disbanded her army of recruits, the Guatemala army was ordered home and the Hondurians were dispersing to their native hills. This leaves Costa Rica alone in the field and we are now in hopes that she will send in propositions for peace. But to return to Mora. Immediately after Walker's troops were called off from Rivas the Costa Rica forces that had dispersed during the fight, returned to the city and brutally murdered the wounded and horribly mutilated the dead, and not satisfied with this feat of barbarism they returned to Virgin and murdered all the men and women that had been found after their entry there. They also burned the wharf of the Transit Company, and committed every species of excess that can be mentioned upon the people of San Juan del Sur. Scouting parties of the Costa Ricans are scouring the country around Rivas and San Juan searching for Americans and murdering them without respect to age, sex or condition. Walker's army re-entered Granada on the night of the 12th, wearied, footsore and utterly exhausted and for the present, matters are "in status quo," but every hour we are startled by some rumor or absurd report.

We all look now to fatherland for sympathy and assistance and it gladdens all hearts to think that we will soon hear from the States and be able to tell to friends and countrymen at home the trials and dangers through which we have passed and by which we are still surrounded. A man named Campbell was hung in the Plaza yesterday for shooting another soldier on the morning of the 10th while under the influence of liquor. He was tried by court martial and sentenced to be shot, but Walker commuted the sentence to hanging as an example for the army.

All the boys from Baton Rouge and Plaquemine are well, but say they have a full of glorious war in the streets and behind the walls of Rivas and that the music of those minnie balls is any thing but pleasant to their ears. Minister Wheeler is busy gathering up facts and preparing documents to be sent to the American Government, respecting the brutalities of the Costa Ricans since they invaded Nicaragua.—There is abundant proof that England and France have set on Mora and furnished him with men, arms and money to "exterminate every American from Nicaragua."

How long will the United States stand silently by and witness these scenes when by a simple word, this stream of blood and desolation can be stopped and peace and prosperity smile upon a land beautiful as Eden and capable of sustaining a population of millions. Adieu, Craus.

LATEST INDIAN NEWS.—We learn from our correspondent residing within a short distance of Billy Bowlegs, that he had an interview lately with Bowlegs, who says that he has learned that a reward has been offered for the capture of all Seminoles, even for squaws and babies. Bowlegs says that he now offers as a reward a fine rifle, powder lead moccasins and blanket for every scalp of a white person. He and his people are planting corn, and hope to raise a good crop—says that his people will not be much disturbed by the war for some years to come—thinks a little war interesting—says that he can get powder and lead from the white people—that a white man will go to the devil for money—he asks why is it, that your chiefs hang and shoot Indian thief and brave, and let the white man kill and steal all his days!—he expect to take some of his young men and go on a scalping and supply excursion to the white settlements before long—he boasts that one Indian can whip ten soldiers, and that a hundred soldiers can't find one Indian when he hides—in the old war he thinks the soldiers were sometimes afraid to find Indian in a swamp—says he did not wish to have a war, but that there are some bad Indians as well as bad white men.—[*National (Fla.) Democrat.*]

MISS NIGHTINGALE.—FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, the woman beloved of all men and all nations for her noble humanity, has been gazetted officially as directress-general of all hospitals in the British dominions. No nurse can for the future be appointed in any public hospital without her sanction. She has been ill from a fall, but is quite recovered.

A liquor store in Cattaraugus county, New York, was demolished a few days ago by a mob of "respectable" females

WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND THEY ARE OURS.—This is the head of a brief communication to the New Orleans Crescent, from Thibodaux, informing the editor of that paper; that the "whole American ticket (names in italics with stars) has been elected." This ought to satisfy the most stubborn and perverse, that there is no use in contending farther. The enemy is vanquished—acknowledges the "corn" and what's the use of wasting any more words or wind in the contest. But here's another exchange, lying as quietly by the side of our New Orleans contemporary as though they were not sworn enemies; continually biting their thumbs at one other,—as though oil and water would mix, and the lion and the lamb lie down together. This paper has a column of artillery to fire into the American Party, because of a "glorious victory" over the "Enemy" in Cataboula last week, where seventy three votes, were cast.—The editor has thrown all his exclamations points at the aforesaid column, after the withering article was written—an article which must create an immense sensation, when it gets spread about, and afford much comfort to the Cataboula democracy. Here's an offset for the Crescent's brief and "glorious" epistle. A patriot of either party—disinterested (in every thing except the spoils) must feel very safe when he lies down at night—it must do his soul good, to think that when he goes to sleep perchance to dream, that he will wake up again, and find things just where he left them. Certain it is, "The Enemy" must be vanquished.—The party now in power "must" to use the language of "The True American" "be removed sooner or later." If the Dogberry party don't do it, the devil will.

THE BATON ROUGE COMET.—This nebulous mass in its late fiery course though its eccentric orbit, appeared to approach very near the large and brilliant star discovered in 1776.—This star being apparently in the path of the Comet, it was thought that a collision would ensue, but this Comet, like all others, was erratic in its dispositions, and deviated its course leaving the star on its right, distant—according to a nice calculation since made—about 7,946,210 miles; so direct however was the course of the Comet towards the star, when first observed, that great fear and dread seized upon the minds of the inhabitants—not only of the star—but of the earth; their fears however, were the fruits of ignorance, because we should all be aware of the fact that in the year 1770 a Comet in its way to the sun, struck against several stars—satellites of Jupiter—and became entangled among them, without being able to extricate itself for several months, and yet no injury resulted from the contact. In watching the course of this elliptic monster on its way to the constellation Canis Major, we feared that it would meet with a similar accident, and our fears proved not to be groundless, for soon after it had passed this brilliant star mentioned above, its course became confused and wild, changed from South to due North, and to the consternation all save ourselves, run into the constellation Ophiucus; the only visible effect of this collision yet discovered, is the total disappearance of the serpent hitherto held by Ophiucus.

The above is from the *Caddo News*. The editor will oblige us in his next, to tell us plainly, what he means. If his desire is to show, a familiar acquaintance with celestial bodies, his labor is lost, because the fact is conceded. If on the other hand, it is a throw at us, we desire a just public to withhold its opinion, until we find out what it's about. If the editor of the *News*, thinks we run against him, for "Canis Major," he is simply mistaking, there is a greater dog than he, down at Alexandria.

Four tons weight of gold dust had arrived in England from Australia, previous to the 19th ult.

Gen. Sam Houston has put himself in the field for the Presidency. He is his own candidate, and not likely to become anybody else's.

—Should like to know, on what ticket the General's going to run.—If it is the "Independent Artesian," we can say to him that the place is occupied.

The Crystal Palace in New York, which originally cost \$600,000, cannot, it seems, find a purchaser, although it is said, only \$125,000 is asked for it. On the 29th of May, however, it will be offered at auction, and in the meantime an effort will be made to induce the city to buy it.

MARRIED.
On the 8d inst., by the Rev. Father BLAKE, Mr. A. J. MOORE, of New Orleans, to Miss OCTAVIA CORNAY, of the Parish of St. Mary.
[*New Orleans Bulletin.*]

AT BEAL'S.
20 DOZ. LONDON Porter quarts and pints,
2000 Fine Cigars,
5 Bags Prime Java Coffee,
4 dozen Worcester-shire Sauce,
3 dozen English Pickles in Mustard,
5 Boxes Assorted Pie Fruits,
10 Barrels Fresh Currant,
10 dozen Durkee's Yeast Powders,
10 barrels Prime Lard,
10 barrels Prime Centrifugal Sugar,
3 cases Lancour's Matches,
10 barrels Dried Apples,
10 bags Prime Rio Coffee,
1 barrel Tuscaloosa Whiskey,
1 barrel Bourbon Whiskey,
1 barrel Monongahela Whiskey.
Just received and for sale by package and retail,
[May-8] JOSHUA BEAL.

Special Notice to Tax Payers.
ALL Persons indebted for the State Taxes of the year 1855 (and previous years) are hereby notified that the Tax Roll has just been received, by the undersigned, and they are requested to come forward without delay and pay the same otherwise they will be proceeded against according to law. H. V. BABIN, Sheriff and Col'l.
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BARBEE & BENJAMIN,
(Successors to S. M. Hart & Co.)
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
GROCERIES & WESTERN PRODUCE.
FRONT STREET.
HAVING succeeded the firm of S. M. Hart & Co. we are prepared to carry on the same business heretofore conducted by them.—Will buy and sell on commission; make liberal advances on COTTON, SUGAR and MOLASSES, and attend promptly to a GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS. Our arrangements for regular receipts of WESTERN PRODUCE, are such as to enable us to furnish retail dealers at reduced prices, over the New Orleans Markets.
A large and commodious fire-proof warehouse, enables us to give the best storage.
[May-7] BARBEE & BENJAMIN.

Notice to Tax Payers of the Parish of East Baton Rouge.
ALL PERSONS indebted for Parish Taxes for the year 1855, and all previous years, are hereby notified to call on the undersigned Collector, or his agent and make immediate payment; who can at all times be found at his office on Church street at R. R. Puckett's old stand.
J. G. WASHINGTON, Collector.
May 7, 1856.

Embroideries.
A VERY large stock of Embroideries, the finest and richest patterns, Collars Cuffs, Chimezzetta, etc., at Simon's Capitol Cheap Store.
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"Young America Cigar Store."
DROZ & GRANDPRE, having purchased the Cigar Store of P. Verbois, on Lafayette, inform their friends and the public generally that they have just received from New Orleans a large Assortment of Imported Cigars of all Brands, Pipes of all sorts, No. 1 Assorted Chewing and Smoking Tobacco, Imported Cigarettes and also the best Made's Sugars. All orders from the country promptly attended to.
The Young America Cigar Store solicits a share of public patronage.
[ep-301] K. DROZ, CHAS. GRANDPRE.

Dental Notice.
THE subscriber continues the practice of his profession, at his office, on Lafayette st., North of the Harney House. He has so extended his facilities for doing PLATE WORK, as to afford the very best quality of work, at reduced prices. He is in possession of all the recent improvements and discoveries of the art.
T. FAY, M. D.

HOUSE, SIGN, COACH AND ORNAMENTAL PAINTING.
THE undersigned respectfully offers his services to the public, as a practical and experienced workman; all orders entrusted to him will be executed with neatness and dispatch. Also, GRASSING, PAPER HANGING and GLAZING.
Residence on Penitentiary st., near Meers, Hackett and Brooks. GEORGE H. EAMES.

NEW ARRIVAL—DRESS GOODS.
AT THE PHILADELPHIA CHEAP STORE.
JUST received by steamer Grenada, another assortment of the above goods consisting of Striped Black Challeys, plain plaid & striped black barrettes, plain & figured fancy cold. Challeys in dress patterns, plain & flounced Barrettes, Organdies, Jacquets and Swiss Mouslin. Also, a beautiful assortment of trimmings, ribbons, &c., all of which are bought at auction and will be sold at very low prices. [May 6.]

Embroidery and Pattern Cutting.
THE LADIES of Baton Rouge, are respectfully informed that Miss Guild, is now at the Harney House, where she proposes to teach the elegant art of embroidery. Also a new style of cutting and fitting dresses, mantillas, etc., by an unerring chart of her own invention called "The Crystal Palace Chart." This is the only systematic rule for cutting ladies dresses. Miss Guild, may be seen at the Harney House.
[May 6-1f.]

CLARET AND WHITE WINES.
casks just received and for sale by [ap-25] JOSHUA BEAL.

THE store Puckett's agents for New Orleans included.

JUST sub & Co. 300 Bas 40 Bbls 25 Bbls may-7 500 by