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J. MAGNE & WEISSE.

WM MURE, Removed from No. 39 Camp street to No. 36 Royal street

A. C. BURNLEY & CO. Have REMOVED from 92 Magazine-street to No. 3 Camp street.

THE SPANISH CONSULATE Has REMOVED from 92 Magazine-street to 89 Camp street.

Office hours 9 A. M. to 2 P. M.
Jan 6, 1845—tf

W. F. VREDENBURGH & Co., No. 36 Old Levee st., will make liberal cash advances on Consignments of sugar, cotton, &c. to Messrs. S. H. Fiske, Esq., New York, or to Mr. Field Fowler, Boston. jl—1y

☞ ADVANCES—Liberal advances made on Consignments of Cotton to our friends in Havre

do WOOD & SIMMONS, 80 Magazine

☞ ADVANCES—Liberal advances made on Consignments of Produce to our friends at the North, Charleston, Savannah and Kingston, Jamaica.

do WOOD & SIMMONS, 80 Magazine

☞ The firm of DEITRICH & SPANNON, has been dissolved this day. The business will be settled by the undersigned at the late place of business, and all persons indebted to the late firm are requested to make immediate payment.

R DEITRICH
P C SHANNON.

New Orleans, 31st December 1844. jl—1m

P. C. SHANNON,
Commission Merchant, General Agent and Broker,
Continues business on his own account,
31 Tchoupitoulas street.

R. DEITRICH,
Commission Merchant,
38 Poydras street.

NOTICE.—The undersigned have changed the name of their firm to W. F. VREDENBURGH & Co., from this day. All interests remain as heretofore.

FIELD & Co.
jl—6m

W. F. VREDENBURGH & CO.,
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
No. 3 Old Levee

WATERSON, TOURNE & Co.
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
Nos. 7 and 9 Tchoupitoulas st.

jl—1y

☞ The business heretofore conducted under the name of W. ERICSON & Co. will be continued under the firm of ERICSON TOURNE & Co. jl

J. ROSSI,
Druggist and Apothecary
SIGN OF THE GOLDEN MORTAR,
Importer, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
Has always on hand a large assortment of DRUGS and Medicines, &c.
Removed from Gravier to Bienville, to the corner of Adele and Tchoupitoulas, one square below the Circus.
Ferry. 1y—jl

PEET & MORTON,
WHOLESALE DRY GOODS MERCHANTS,
No. 7 Chartres street. jl1

GARCHIA & PAYAN & CO.,
Wholesale and Retail Clothing Store,
No. 40 Chartres st.
Between Chartres and Old Levee streets.
m7 1y

MORTON & CO.,
Wholesale Dry Goods Merchants,
No. 2, Magazine street
☞ Plantation orders strictly attended to. m7—1y

WILLIAM DAVIDSON,
WILLIAM DAVIDSON & CO.
Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants,
No. 51 Canal street. N. ORLEANS
n30

SAMUEL TOBY,
Commission Merchant,
New York. 1y

☞ The undersigned give notice to the customers of the public in general that they have this day sold to Mr. C. B. MACARTY, No. 239 Royal street, and at Mr F. P. DECONGNY'S, Drug store, No. 98 Chartres street.

of B. & A. SOULIE, 48 Conti st., up stairs.

☞ The undersigned has the honor to inform the public that his office is situated in Exchange Passage, between St. Louis and Conti streets, and that he will attend to the business of absent persons, and the collection of all claims, &c.

A. DURAND

NORTH & BROTHERS,
DRY GOODS MERCHANTS,
Magazine Street,
CORNER OF COMMON, NEW ORLEANS.
jl—1y

HYDE GOER & RIFFLARD,
Importers of French, English, & German Dry Goods,
ALSO DEALERS IN
DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES
AND ALL KINDS OF
NEGRO WOOLLENS AND COTTONS,
For Plantations,
J. RIFFLARD, New Orleans.
R. De Goer, Paris.
New Orleans No. 31 Magazine street.

SMITH BRYAN,
IMPORTER OF BRITISH DRY GOODS,
AND GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 34 Commercial Range, Bienville Street,
New Orleans

L'ESTADO.—A few cases superfine Estado, in store and for sale by SMITH BRYAN, 30 Customhouse jl0

SMOKED BEEF.—A superior article, for sale by H W SILBANK & Co. 38 Poydras

DELAINES.—300 of the above, landing from ship Manchester from Havre and for sale by NIMA LAFOSTE, 93 Royal

CLARET.—50 cases claret Wine now landed to debenture, under Custom-house lock and key, for sale by REYNAUD & FALLON, 34 Tchoupitoulas jl0

101 Casks & 50-60 bags, the cargo of ship Orleans, from Rio de Janeiro, for sale in lots to suit purchasers, by GEO GREEN & BRO. 92 Gravier jl0

FLOUR—1000 barrels most Choice Family Mills on board and for sale by H W SILBANK & Co. 38 Poydras

EXTRA MESS BEEF—In half barrels, put up expressly for family use, for sale by H W SILBANK & Co. 38 Poydras

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WHITE LEAD—Fresh Lewis No. 1 white lead in store and for sale by SMITH BRYAN, 30 Customhouse

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SEGARS—A complete and large assortment of choice Havana segars in store and for sale by CABALLERO, 42 & 44 Levee

IRON SAFE.—One fire and damp proof safe of C. Bell's manufacture—medium size—for sale by E. BURNLEY & Co. 36 Camp

HAVANA LEAF TOBACCO—Superior quality Vuelta de Abajo for wrappers and fillers, in store, for sale by J. M CABALLERO, 42 & 44 Levee

COFFEE—150 bags Coffee, landing from brig Margaret and for sale by MERLE, BEYLE & Co. 35 Old Levee

Superior PORTER—20 cases Bukty & Fortune Lion porter in pints and quarts in store and for sale by SMITH BRYAN, 30 Customhouse

LANDING on ship Celestin, from Bordeaux—14 barrels superior Champagne; 4 baskets soft shelled almonds; 9 do bottled Rum, for sale by SMITH BRYAN, 30 Customhouse

DAMAN, QUEYROLS & Co. 11 & 13 St Louis

LANDING ex ship Chateaubriand, from Bordeaux—6 casks superior Claret, Chateau Lafitte, 6 do Chateau Leoville, 6 do Chateau Margaux, 6 do Chateau Larose, for sale by DAMAN, QUEYROLS & Co. 11 & 13 St Louis

THOMPSON, SUGAR REFINERY, Alexandria, Louisiana Refined Sugar, Loaf Crushed & Powdered, constantly on hand, entitled to debenture, or for sale by NOR. ROSS & FOSDICK, 43 Chartres

COAL! COAL!—1000 tons of superior Pittsburg coal, at the wharf, delivered, no late to send part or whole of it. WEAR & MURPHY, 132 Old Levee

BROGANS, BOOTS, SHOES—In landing from ship Nemantom, and in store, a general assortment of Boots, Shoes and Brogans, for sale by FROST & Co. 10 Magazine

WINE—300 boxes claret, 12 bottles with labels and dinner tape entitled to debenture landing ex barque Paquebot de Lesydne from Bordeaux. RAYMOND CAHUZAC 34 Old Levee

OLIVE OIL—200 gallons pure Sperm oil; 2761 do bleached winter do; 1500 do do Elephant oil; 100 do tanner's oil (English); 3 bbls Tanner's oil, for sale by W F VREDENBURGH & Co. 36 Old Levee.

FOR SALE by the undersigned, landing from bocker ship Latrobe from Bordeaux—55 cases red Wine, 4 flerent brands; 30 half cases white Wine, 1 hhd cognac Rinschenwasser. 20 Bienville

WOOLEN GOODS SELLING OFF.

C. M. SIMPSON offers for sale a large quantity of woolen goods of all kinds at very low prices, consisting of Black and Fancy Cloths, Kersey, Alpaccas, Bavarians, Mousseline de laines, Hosiery, Shawls, &c. &c.
28 Chartres street, corner of Customhouse st

BRANDIES—Landing ex bark June, from Bordeaux—20 quarter pipes cognac 1st proof, 9 Godard's brand, 50 quarter pipes cognac 4th proof, very soft of Eagle's brand, for sale by the undersigned, duty paid by
ZUG & ROLLEAU & Co. 17 and 19 St Louis

LANDING from ship June from Bordeaux—20 casks of red wine St. Julien Medoc; 10 do white wine Haut Sauterne
In store—old red wine in casks for family use; red wine in cases; Medoc, St Emilion and Castenau; Haut Sauterne and Grave white wine, for sale by
S TALAMON, 78 and 80 St. Louis

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J. MAGNE & WEISSE, PROPRIETORS.
NO. 81 CHARTRES STREET.

Official Journal of the State.

NEW-ORLEANS
SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 11, 1845.

☞ That bungling contrivance known as the United States Mail, failed yesterday from beyond Charleston. For the last month the mail has scarcely ever arrived oftener than twice a week. Since the inert, imbecile and pensionnable functionary at the head of the Post Office Department thus wantonly trifles with the interests and convenience of this commercial community, we think it nigh time that the citizens should take the matter into their own hands, and should commence immediate arrangements for running public expresses between New York and New Orleans. We doubt not that the expense attendant upon the establishment of such vehicles of communication would be cheerfully disbursed by the merchants and other professions of our city to whose business a regular daily mail is absolutely indispensable. We perceive that the enterprising citizens of New York have already taken the preliminary steps towards the adoption of a similar plan,—They are aware of the utter fruitlessness and folly of petitions and remonstrances transmitted to the Post Office Department. The complaints of the people who suffer from the snail-paced and uncertain arrival of the regular mail, however just and loudly expressed, appear to elicit no more attention from the individual who presides over the Department, than if they were addressed to an image of stone. Neither the Post Master General himself, nor the President who appoints him nor the Congress which should supervise and examine his official conduct, seems to care one iota for the grievances to which the whole community are subject, through the intolerable mismanagement and maladministration of the mail department. It, therefore, the citizens of New Orleans want a daily mail, they must establish one on their own account. Every other mode of acquiring regular intelligence from the north, through the agents and underlings of the General Government, has been attempted and proved unavailing.

TEXAS—THE LEISLATURE.

By a reference to the official report, it will be seen that the subject of annexation was formally introduced in the House yesterday. Mr. BOSTICK, in behalf of a majority of a select committee to which the [question] had been referred, reported that it was expedient for the Legislature to act upon the matter. Mr. GAYARRE, from the minority of the same committee, reported resolutions strongly in favor of immediate annexation.—After some debate the subject was made the special order of the day for Monday next at 12 o'clock. It is impossible in advance to predict the fate of the resolutions offered by Mr. Gayarré. There is a Whig majority of 9 in the House of Representatives. The resolutions will undoubtedly receive every democratic vote in that body, and quite probably a few Whig votes from the North-Western portion of the State. Whether they will suffice to secure a majority in favor of the resolutions, is problematical. At all events an interesting and exciting, and perhaps protracted discussion may be looked for on Monday.

KNICKERBOCKER.—We have received from J. C. Morgan of the Literary Depot, the December number of the ever welcome "Knickerbocker." It is rich in contributions; while the Literary notices and Editor's Table are as usual, racy, piquant and amusing.

ANNEXATION.—The Washington correspondent of the Charleston *Courier*, in a letter dated the 30th ult., says:—"The subject of the annexation of Texas has become the prevailing topic here. The dominant members of the House met in caucus on Saturday night, and, after due consultation, appointed a committee to prepare a plan for the action of the House on this subject. The committee was instructed to report on Thursday. I have since understood that a majority of the committee is in favor of Mr. McDuffie's project—that of taking the late Treaty of annexation as the basis on which a joint resolution or bill for the purpose.

"It is very probable," continues the same writer, "that whatever scheme the committee may prepare, will be adopted by a majority of the House. The Senate will not concur in any project.

☞ The Charleston *Courier*, of the 4th inst. says:—"The northern mail, due yesterday, much to the gratification of editors, merchants and everybody else, came through regularly, by the Wilmington boat, and with it as we learn, directions from the Post Master General to continue the old arrangements, until further notice. We hope and trust, it continues, that this experiment will be abandoned, and that the department will extend the proper accommodation which the public requires, and which it will find demanded with an unanimity seldom seen exhibited on any occasion."

☞ The Fayetteville *Gazette*, of the 30th ult. says:—"Col. George C. Washington and Gen. John T. Mason, commissioners appointed under the provisions of the Cherokee treaty of 1835, with Col. Armstead, their Secretary, arrived in this place on Friday evening last, by the Rock-roe post coach line, on their way to the Cherokee nation. Col. S. C. Stambaugh, Counsel for the Indians, arrived in company. Gen. Mason is accompanied by his two daughters. The party, we learn, leave in the stage to-morrow morning, for the west.

JUDGE JOHNSON of the District Court at Baton Rouge, in his charge to the Grand Jury a day or two since, dwelt strongly on the unlawfulness and demoralizing tendency of betting on elections; and enjoined upon them the needful observance of the statute made and provided in such cases. He stated that he had recently charged two other Juries to the same effect, but that no presentments had been made.

MR. TORREY SENTENCED.—The motions in arrest of judgment, and for a new trial in Mr. Torrey, convicted in Baltimore, of an attempt to entice away the slaves of a citizen, have been refused and overruled, and the following sentence has been pronounced upon him:

"On the first indictment, confinement in the Penitentiary from December 28th, 1844, to 2d of April 1847. On the second indictment, until 2d April, 1849. On the third indictment, until 2d of April, 1851."

☞ It is a remarkable property in the seeds of many vegetables, that they retain their vitality, or power of reproduction, for an indefinite term. At a recent meeting of the "Farmers Club," in New York, a small bag of wheat was distributed among the members, the growth of seeds taken from an Egyptian mummy case, which had been entombed 3000 years.

SLAVERY IN DELAWARE.—The whole number of slaves in the State of Delaware is less than 3,000, and at a recent anti-slavery meeting at Wilmington, it was stated that three-fourths of the people were ready to sign petitions for immediate emancipation with moderate compensation. If this is true, it will not be long before Delaware becomes a free State. An event which we have long thought would come to pass at no very distant period.

The St. Francisville *Chronicle* suggests that the Whigs of the several parishes in the State give Balls on the 12th April next, in honor of the birth-day of HENRY CLAY. In West Feliciana they are determined to make the occasion one of genuine festivity.

☞ The *Carroll Watchman*, by the way very spiritedly conducted, proposes that some time this winter, a convention of the Editors of the State, connected with the country press, meet in New Orleans to transact business generally. We like the proposition, and hope it will be acted upon. Let it be while the Legislature is in session.—*Concordia Intelligencer*.

☞ The Pottsville Pa. Emporium of the 28th ult. makes record of the following freak of the blind goddess Fortune.

A poor but sober and industrious shoemaker of the name of Hoover, residing at Port Carbon, in this county, received information lately that a relative of his wife, who had early died in Germany, had bequeathed to her father, of the name of Shaffer, who formerly lived at Orwigsburg, and was also in poor circumstances, money and property to the amount of one million and a half of dollars. Mr. Shaffer has been dead for some time, and Mrs. Hoover, his daughter, being the only child, Mr. Hoover thus falls heir to this immense fortune. The necessary documents, establishing the validity of the will, &c. have been received, and Christopher Lossee, Esq. has been chosen as attorney in the matter.

A QUEER MAN.—The United States *Gazette* extracts from a French paper the following singular account:—

In the College of Santa Carlos, in Madrid, is a dissecting room in which students resort to study anatomy. The body of one who had just died in the hospital was brought. The pupils arrived with their scalpels, and commenced the work of dissection.—What was their astonishment to find that the deceased had no heart. On a closer examination, they found that the subject had the heart placed on the right side of the breast; and all the organs which are usually found in the right, were found in the left side. He seemed to have been the opposite of all his fellow men—living and walking antithesis.

The professors, in their turn, examined the subject, and all appearances justified the observations of the students. The is the fourth or fifth instance of the kind recorded in the anatomical annals of the human species.

THE MISSISSIPPI.—The St Louis *Republican*, of the 23d, says:—

The river opposite here was yesterday free from floating ice, and the communication again opened.

The steamer Mungo Park, from Peoria, which has been detained by the ice below the mouth of the Missouri for nearly a week, arrived in port yesterday morning. The navigation is yet closed above.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

ORLEANS THEATRE.—Halfley's splendid Opera of the *Jewess* will be performed to-night at this favorite establishment.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—The beautiful drama of "Faguias" will be presented this evening with new scenery, decorations, etc. "Scamp" is also announced, in which the pretty Miss Randolph will personate the character of Joseph.

MRS. KENT'S BENEFIT.—This evening's entertainments at the American Theatre, have been set apart for the benefit of Mrs. Kent, one of the most charming and versatile actresses, who has ever graced the boards of this highly popular establishment. The pieces selected for the occasion, are the "Devil and his Sister"—the "Widows Victim," and the amusing burlesque of "A lad-in." We hope the fair beneficiary will be greeted with an overflowing house, on this, to her, all important occasion.

ARRESTED.—A female by the name of Julia Crockett was arrested yesterday by the officers of the Second Municipality police, charged with stealing $150 in gold coin, the property of Samuel F. Parker. She will be examined this morning before Recorder Baldwin.

☞ James Gallagher, was arrested yesterday for stealing a coat and pocket book, from a person on the Levee. He will be examined before Recorder Baldwin.

☞ Our thanks are due to Mr. Morgan of the Literary Depot, for a specimen number of the "Journal des Belles Lettres" published at Philadelphia, and conducted by the Editor of Waldie's Library. It is a weekly quarto periodical, and is intended as a vehicle for the republication of all the standard works of the day. It is elegantly got up on fine paper, neatly printed.

STEAMBOAT ACCIDENTS.—We learn by the Captain of the steamer *Creole*, that the steamer *Potomac*, from this port for Mobile, burst her centre boiler after passing Choctaw Pass, near Mobile. By this accident Captain Wilder, the pilot, had his leg fractured so badly that amputation, it is feared, will be necessary, two men were blown overboard and drowned, and several persons were severely injured.

☞ By Captain Wall, of the steamer *Mathouse*, from St. Louis, arrived at this port last evening, we learn that the steamer *Capitol*, from Cincinnati for St. Louis, was burnt on the 27th ult., during the night, eight miles above Chester. A gentleman, his lady and son, whose name we could not learn, have perished by this disaster, whilst the remainder on board saved themselves with the utmost difficulty, leaving every thing behind them. Boat and cargo a total loss.

☞ By the same, we have been informed that the steamer *Reindeer*, from Cincinnati for St. Louis, struck a snag eight miles below Chester, and sunk to her hurricane deck. Boat and cargo supposed to be a total loss. Fortunately no lives were lost.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened:

The memorial of the undersigned, acting in behalf of Messrs Hope and other holders of Bonds issued by the State of Louisiana in favor of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana, humbly represents—

That on the 1st August last the Citizens' Bank having for the fourth time neglected or refused to make provision in the city of Amsterdam at the counting house of Messrs Hope & Co. to meet the interests due on the Bonds issued to its favor by the State of Louisiana as required by the act of incorporation of said Bank, approved 30th June, 1836, your memorialists have again been under the painful necessity of registering their protest against the State of Louisiana, and said Citizens' Bank, and said protest is hereto annexed under letter A.

That on the 21st Sept., 1844, said protest was regularly served by Victor Fouton, Esqr., Notary Public in and for the city of New Orleans upon the Governor of the State and upon the President and Board of Management of said Citizens' Bank as will appear on reference to the annexed document marked B.

That by reason of the repeated failure on the part of the State and the Citizens' Bank to provide for the interests of said Bonds as maturing, said interests have accumulated to the amount of $688,949-78 and must still continue to accumulate to the palpable injury and prejudice of your memorialists so long as said Citizens' Bank is made to have in its employment of debts due to it its own unsecured bonds or debts.

That your memorialists entertain too high an opinion of the honor of Louisiana to believe that her Representatives will permit the continuation in her State of a law the practical operation of which after nearly two years, experience is proved to be a virtual nullification of the contract entered into under the guarantee and pledged faith of the State of Louisiana.

All which your memorialists beg to submit with the most earnest prayer for such action as may lead to the restitution of their just rights, as laid down by the act of 30th January, 1836, under which they have been induced to lend their money; of which rights they now find themselves deprived by an exercise of sovereign power on the part of the State, one of the parties to the contract of loan and the issuer of the Bonds now dishonored.

(Signed,) EDM. J. FORSTALL,

For Messrs HOPE & Co. and other Bondholders of the Citizens' Bank.

THE CALUMNIATORS OF HENRY CLAY.

We continue this morning our extracts from the Columbus *Whig*, in reference to the libels charged by the Columbia Clay Club, on the Rev. Messrs. Scott, of New Orleans, and Lyon of Columbus.

The following is an editorial of the *Whig*, of 26th September last.

CHARGES AGAINST MR CLAY.

For several weeks, a report has been in circulation in Columbus, by the authority of the Rev. James A. Lyon, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this place, which, we think does Mr. Clay great injustice. So long as this report was confined to a few individuals, and even to our own city, we were disposed to let it pass, at least with a verbal contradiction, however false we may have supposed it to be,—and how much soever we may have disliked the zeal with which *ministerial* influence was lugged into a political canvass. It seems, however, that it was destined for a more extended theatre, and that the good people of Noxubee are to be regaled with this *report*, which is one of the patriest slanders that party detraction ever uttered against Mr. Clay.

We therefore deem that we should be unworthy to be in any degree the representative of the great party to which we belong, if we did not denounce the authors of this report, and challenge them to the strictest proof.—So long as we occupy the station we do, there shall feel it an incumbent duty to contradict what we deem to be false, whether it wear the ecclesiastical robes, or whether it come in a more humble guise.

The charge, we understand from responsible gentlemen to be, "That the Rev. Mr. Scott of New Orleans had stated to him (Mr. Lyon) that eighteen months or two years ago, he (Mr. Scott) was travelling in company with Mr Clay on the Mississippi river, in a steamboat; that he saw Mr. Clay playing cards on Saturday night, during the trip; that he played cards during the whole night, and continued playing on Sabbath morning;—that when it was announced on the boat that there should be preaching or prayers, as it was Sabbath, Mr. Clay threw down his cards on the table, and retired to the state room and closed his door."

This is certainly a very grave and serious charge; and we ask for the *proof*, the *time*, the *place* and the *persons present*.

And as Mr. Lyon has thus publicly thrown himself into the political arena, and marked his debut in the novel and unexpected capacity, with such grave and serious charges, we hope he will excuse us for requiring what we think gives an *ecclesiastical* politician should not shrink from, viz: the *proof* of what he says.

We therefore request those who may hear this charge and who are disposed to believe it, to suspend any decision upon it, until the proofs of its truth shall have been furnished. For the satisfaction of our friends abroad, we will state, that we have information now, in this city, which will prove the charges here made, to be untrue.

The foregoing elicited from the Rev'd Jas. A. Lyon the following letter, which was published in the *Whig* of the 3d October, and was immediately transmitted by the Editor of that paper to the Rev'd Mr. Scott.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE WHIG.

GENTLEMEN:—My attention has been called to some remarks made in your last paper, which I think (though perhaps not so designed on your part), do me injustice, and are calculated to injure me abroad. That which I regret most is your representing me as a heated politician, as having "publicly thrown myself into the political arena," &c. This statement you doubtless made on the ground of having spoken to you on politics as we walk and conversation, but from mere *rumor* which in these times of excitement is a very uncertain criterion of truth. It is probable that if you had taken *facts* instead of *reports*, you would have come to a different conclusion and perhaps have used different language.

As it is the charge being a "heated politician" and I wish to deny and repudiate, you will allow me to state the following facts a little in detail.—It is well known to this community, that, for the purpose of recruiting my debilitated health, I travelled extensively in the Eastern, Northern, and North Western States during the summer. On my return home, nothing was more unusual than that friends should ask my opinion with reference to the success of the two distinguished candidates for the Presidency. That was a *civil* question, asked in a civil manner, which *courtesy* compelled me to answer, which I did honestly and candidly by saying, that it was my opinion, so far as I was capable of judging, that Mr. Polk would be elected.—Such conversation no where was given in answer to questions, in the most private manner, without any intention on my part that my opinion or name should be used for political capital.

Again, as I was a minister of the gospel, it was most natural for my friends, in speaking of Mr. Clay to allude to his moral character, supposing, and very justly too, that I regarded a good moral character in the man who was to occupy the Presidential chair, and wield a tremendous and fearful influence over the minds of men, as being of vastly more importance than anything else. These allusions to Mr. Clay's moral character, led me to speak of what I had heard the Rev. Mr. Scott say with reference to his conduct on a certain occasion in his presence, and which is to the best of my recollection substantially as follows:

That once on a time, *not last winter, as I know*, but longer ago, eighteen months, two years or more, (I never heard any definite time specified) he was travelling in company with Mr. Clay on the Mississippi or some other river, that Mr. Clay frequented the card table, on a Sabbath morning, as well as at other times,—that when preparations were being made for religious exercises on the Boat, Mr. Clay, retired to his state room, and there remained until after worship was over. This is to the best of my recollection what I heard Mr. Scott state more than once. Furthermore heard him say, that Mr. Clay stood at this moment of time, bound over in the District of Columbia, to keep the peace, to prevent him from fighting a duel with a Mr. King of Alabama. It is due to Mr. Scott however to state, that he did not make these statements except as they were naturally drawn from him in the course of conversation. Then he made them not as a boasted politician, but as a Christian and a Christian Minister, in regarding a great Christian for any man of a corrupt and dissolute moral character to be elevated to the Presidency, as he considered the prevalence of sound morals and Christian principles of infinitely more importance to mankind than that of any political principles.

Such conversation I have had with friends who have introduced the subject to me since my return home, invariably in the most *private manner*. And if my friends have been indiscreet in using my name and statements, all I have to say, it was done without my will or pleasure, and I am very sorry for it. This, gentlemen, is all the ground that any one has for *representing me as a "heated politician."* I have never been, since the commencement of the canvass, attending political meetings, in coffee houses and everts talking politics—nor can that man living be produced, who will testify that I have said a word, or used the slightest influence to change his opinion or his vote. You will perceive gentlemen, that you have done me injustice, in representing me on the authority of *report* as having publicly thrown myself into the political arena.

As to the frequent use you make in your remarks, of harsh and severe epithets and expressions I take it for granted from what I know of your disposition and temper of mind that they were made under the impulses of excitement, and that you will retract them at a more propitious moment.

I remain, gentlemen, yours, &c.
Very respectfully,
JAMES A LYON.

P. S. I hope that if there be any papers that have copied your remarks, they will have the goodness to insert also, this my explanation, which I make not so much on my own account, as on account of the sacred cause which I profess.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE SENATE OF LOUISIANA.

FRIDAY, JAN 10th, 1845.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President submitted a communication of M. Gremez, Esq., on the subject of the publication of the Reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court; which was referred to the Committee upon the Judiciary.

Mr Labaure, with leave, introduced an act to amend an act to facilitate the liquidation of the property Banks.

Mr Ledoux gave notice that he would on Monday next, introduce an act to renew an act to incorporate the Town of St Francis, in the parish of Pointe Coupee.

Mr Leblanc, on behalf of the Committee on Elections, reported that Messrs Morancy, of the county of Concordia, Liveaudais, of the Third District, Edwards, of the parish of St Tammany, Washington and St Tejeras, and De Clouet of the county of Attakapas, were duly elected members of the Senate.

Mr Slidell, with leave, introduced a memorial signed by several citizens of New Orleans, asking an act of incorporation for an Insurance Company, accompanied by a bill; and asked its reference to the Committee on Finance.

Mr Downs thought it would be better to refer this matter to some other Committee, inasmuch as it was probable, as was usually the case, that the Committee upon Finance would be overburthened with business.

Mr. Kenner said he could see no necessity for referring this bill to any committee. Why not take it up and act upon it at once? The principle of usurious imprisonment had been already established and had already been recognized in our legislation. He remembers a bill bearing the same title being passed in the other House, some years ago when a member of that body. It had fallen stillborn, and the project was abandoned. Where was the use of referring this bill? He considered it to be perfectly inasmuch as the body were accompanied to act upon it without a report as with one.

Mr Slidell said, the object of the senator (Mr Kenner) and his own were precisely alike; they only differed in the employment of the means. He (Mr Slidell) thought the object of encouraging the use of this body could better be attained by a reference to some committee; he was taking up the bill, and if adopted, perhaps, inconsistently acting upon it. It was true that the principle of mutual assurance was well recognised. But this bill was to incorporate a company with a large capital, and somewhat unlimited powers. In matters where acts of incorporation were involved, he thought the safest course was to refer, and he proposed to be governed himself accordingly. He did not know that there was any thing in this bill that was objectionable; he did not believe it was. Still it was better not to depart from a practice recommended by sound reasons of good policy. He repeated his object was identical with that of the senator from Kenner; Mr Slidell thought that the object would more surely be attained by a reference of the bill, than by hasty and perhaps ill digested action, which might be attended with protracted debate.

Mr Downs would suggest that although the principle of mutual insurance was well recognized, yet it had been repealed by several of the charters of the banks established in New Orleans, and while one of the reasons assigned by the monopolists in favor of their demand, that the business of the city was liable to monopoly by irresponsible foreign insurance companies from the want of local companies, combining efficiency and confidence with responsibility, he would submit it to a committee. It might not be proper or necessary to change a single word in it, but for the reasons given by the Senator from New Orleans (Mr Slidell) he considered it would be better to refer it for preliminary examination.

Mr Labauve moved the question of the propriety to refer the bill to a special committee. He was not aware of any particular committee should have charge of it, but he conceived it desirable to be referred before submitting it to the Senate for final action.

The question referred to a special committee, prevailed, and the President appointed Messrs Slidell, Labauve and Marshall, members of said committee.

Mr Slidell, with leave, introduced an act relative to the practice in the First Judicial District Court, which underwent its first reading.

On motion of Mr Slidell the rules were further dispensed, and the bill was taken up on its second reading.

Mr Slidell remarked that this bill was entirely local in its character, and would be generally acceptable to the members of the bar in the city of New Orleans.

It was taken up and passed.

Mr Ledoux gave notice that on Monday he would introduce a bill granting the privilege of keeping a ferry to B. B. Waveland, in St Tammany.

By a message from the House of Representatives, the concurrence of the Senate was asked to a bill making an appropriation of $1,500, for the purpose of procuring furniture for the use of the Convention.

On motion of Mr Carter, said bill was taken up and passed.

The concurrence of the Senate was further asked to a joint resolution fixing Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, M. for the election of State Printer.

On motion of Mr Carter, said resolution was taken up and passed.

And, on motion of Mr Bernard, the several messages from the Senate were reported to the House.

Whereupon, on motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, (Saturday,) at 10 o'clock, A. M.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, Jan. 10, 1845.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. The roll being called, 45 members answered to their names.

On motion of Mr Stille the oath of office was administered to Mr Parham of Concordia.

Leave of absence was granted for a few days to Messrs. Morgan, Fluker and Tournillon.

Mr Newport presented a petition from the inhabitants of East Baton Rouge, remonstrating against the enormous amount of expenditures by the Board of Public Works, and declaring that E. Baton Rouge has received only nine hundred dollars out of the vast amount. The petition prays for an appropriation for the purpose of making certain improvements. Referred to the Committee of Internal Improvements.

Mr Gayarré introduced a petition from Charles L. Cook, stating that the contract for reporting decisions of the Supreme Court will expire in a few months, and that he is willing to take the contract at a reduction less than now allowed. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr Davis submitted a petition from the Sheriff of the Parish of Rapides, praying for the correction of certain errors in the roll of the taxes of