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New Orleans, 27th Dec. 1845.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Oct. 2, 1846.

THE Price of Fresh Flour being this day, $4 50 per barrel, according to the Tariff, the Bakers will give 36 ounces of Bread for Ten Cents, during next week from MONDAY, 5th inst.

Bread of the Second quality or of three loaves for Ten Cents, must weigh 25 per cent more viz: 45 ounces.

Signed: A. D'ORGENOSSAN, Mayor.

☞ T. BOURNON, Surgeon Dentist, 93 Conti st., office open from 9 o'clock, A. M. until 6 P. M. m17

☞ ED. CLAGUE, *Importer of Havana Produce*, No 28 Gravier street.

☞ WILLIAM DAVIDSON & Co., Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants, 81 Canal street, New-York.

☞ R. STEEL, No. 11 *Camp Street*, Importer and Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Stationery. Account Books for sale or made to order. a29

☞ WM. MURE, BRITISH CONSUL, 10 Mousson's Buildings, cor Royal and Conti sts.

☞ TAYLOR & BROTHERS, *Importers of Wines, Grand French, English and German*, corner Chartres and Levee streets. f3

☞ J. P. BERCIER & Co., COMMISSION MERCHANTS, and Grocers, Levee, have constantly on hand fresh Groceries, Wines, Liquors, &c., at moderate prices.

CHARLES A. BARRIERE,
DEALER IN
French, British and American
DRY GOODS,
No. 57 CHARTRES STREET,
NEW ORLEANS
DIRECT IMPORTATIONS OF FRENCH GOODS

☞ JOHN McCARTY, PLUMBER, No. 131 Camp street.

☞ HAS purchased a new assortment of French Clocks, Lamps, Bronzes, Rich Vases, Table Pumps, Brass Cocks, Rich Cut Tops Short Lead Pipe, Shower Baths, Water Closets, Tube Pumps, Sheet Lead, &c., which he promptly puts up in the best manner. Orders left at the store will be punctually attended to. m19

☞ NOTICE.—The Board of Directors of the Mechanics' Exchange Company, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, have declared a dividend of Five Dollars per share, out of the profits of the last six months, payable on the 15th inst. at the Office of the Company, No. 19 Exchange Place.

New Orleans, 14th Sept. 1846. s15

☞ MESSRS. P. BLANCHARD AND MILLS, Auctioneers, have removed their Sales Room to the Exchange, No. 19 Exchange Place, where they are always ready to receive consignments of Merchandize, Furniture, Real Estate, &c. Sales of Stocks, Bonds, Bills of Exchange, &c., will be attended to at the Brokers' Board, at 12 o'clock, M. Sales at Auction Rooms every day, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Sales at residences, Stores, &c., when desired. Liberal cash advances made on consignments. Orders left at their Rooms will be punctually attended to. Thankful for the liberal patronage of the public, they hope by strict attention to business to merit a continuance of the same. s28

☞ LEECHES! LEECHES!! RECEIVED by the Empress from Havana, and the Rose from Vera Cruz, a fine supply of Spanish Leeches, which will be sold at the usual Depot at Barrow's store, near the Mint. REYNAUD PETTRIER.

MESSRS. WARREN & Co. respectfully solicit the attendance of the Medical Profession and Students, at the opening of the 30th Course of Lectures, 1846-1847, in the above established School. s13

☞ LEECHES.

TWELVE thousand Swedish and Hungary Leeches received per ship Neptune, from Stockholm. The undersigned, the only agent in this city, is prepared to fill all the orders that may be entrusted to him, at wholesale and retail, at the most reasonable rates, at 100 Esplanade street, Faubourg Marigny. The ship Neptune has not been reported to the Sanitary Board, and Captain Greenleaf has received pratique without delay. Physicians are invited to call during the day, and Planters every time they come to the city. JAMES SIMPSON.

☞ ST. LOUIS HOTEL. The undersigned respectfully informs his friends and the public, that they will be open for the general entertainment for the reception of Boarders on the 15th inst. next, and pledge themselves, that every exertion will be exerted on their part, to render the comfort of their guests complete, by the assistance of the best servants that can be procured, and neatly furnished throughout. The most liberal and encouraging terms will be given to any gentleman to the management of the same. s29-2m HAWLEY & Co. Proprietors.

☞ REGISTER of BIRTHS and DEATHS, 7 Exchange Passage, near Bienville street.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

HAVING been appointed Recorder of Births and Deaths for the First Municipality of this City, I regard the duties of the above said parish and city, to confirm them myself in the exposition of the following act:—

Copy of the Act, passed March 6, 1819.

SEC. 1. After the passage of this act, the birth of every free child in the parish and city of Orleans, shall be declared therein within thirty days. The declaration shall be made in the manner prescribed in the third section of the act to which this is a supplement, and every person offending against the provisions of the said section, shall pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, nor less than five dollars, half of which shall be for the benefit of the State and the other half for the benefit of the informer.

SEC. 2. The death of every free person within the parish and city aforesaid, declared thereto within three days, the declaration shall be made by the nearest relations of the deceased, if they are present, and in case of absence, by the person who resided in the same house, if house, the owner or tenant of the house in which the individual will have lived, and every person offending against the provisions of this section, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding ten dollars, nor less than five dollars.

The undersigned will be under the painful necessity of prosecuting all persons neglecting or refusing to conform to the above to the causes of the above act.

s26-1y F. M. CROZAT.

☞ Fashionable Goods from Paris.

CORNER ROYAL AND CONTI streets.

MADAME LAURENT is about to leave for France to make her purchases, has come to inform the ladies of New Orleans and environs, that she will sell the following goods at very moderate prices, viz:

Laces and full dress Tuscan, Rubinet and a great variety of new articles.

Dentin, Mog & Co's printed barages and organdis.

Barage plaids and stripes.

Pelerines and embroidered neck handkerfs.

Ruisseau and flowers white and black, kid gloves and mittens, mourning dresses and embroidered cambric handkerfs, three thread lace and Brussels and cotton edge Fans, umbrellas, parasols and corsets.

Brodes scarfs, silk and to D. dresse stockings.

Bridal outfits at short notice ordered.

Also Mantillas, lace scarfs and shawls, a new article, and

☞ DUFFAU has the honor of informing the public that he keeps constantly at No 118 Bourbon street, formerly the establishment of Mr Thomas, a choice lot of well broke horses and light vehicles, and for sale on liberal terms and prices at the most moderate prices. He will unravel and buy horses.

Mr Duffau will continue his practice of Veterinary and Horse Shoeing as usual. s25-1y

☞ SILK AND SUMMER GOODS.—We are selling at very reduced prices our remaining stock of grass goods, Barages, Balzorines, Organdy, Muzzulman and Taglioni dress goods, Jaconets at 25, 30 and 31 cts. Longcloths at 25 cts. right French Calicoes, latest styles, at 20 cts. &c. Also, white Muslin Curtain Goods; Swiss Muslins, Jaconet do, Plaid do, Lace do, Parasols. Balzorine Scarfs, Lace Scarfs, white Muslin do, embroidered, Rich Silk Scarfs, Silk and Cotton Hosiery, Crinoline skirts, Grass do, Ribbons with fringe Linens, a large assortment, Bird's Eye Diaper, Linen Lawns, Linen Cambric Handkfs do, borders, Embroidered Cambric Handkfs, Silk pocket do, Damask Table Cloths and Towels, Russia Diapers, Sheeting, white and brown, Domestic, Drilling, Cotton Checks, Thread and Cotton Laces, Ladies Boot Gloves, do black and white Silk, Gentlemen's Gloves and Hosiery, Cravats, Silk Cravats, Linen do, Suspenders, Cotton Cord, Buttons, Combs, &c. &c. Also a few pieces of very fine Damp d'Ete; &c.

DAVID & CHASE,
m19 93 and 95 Chartres st.

☞ NEW DARRAGE, Silk Tissue, Balzorine and Muzzulman dress goods, just received per ship Solon, a choice lot of rich Barage Robes, selected in Paris expressly for New Orleans market, comprising dark colors for dress and rich colors for evening dresses.

C. M. SIMPSON, 33 Chartres st.
corner Customhouse

Fall Fashions.

BLACK SILK HATS—Daily, the finest, from Havre we have received a consignment of superior Hats of the latest styles, which we will sell at wholesale or retail.

ol HILL, CLARK & RIPPLEARD, 21 Magazine st

☞ BANNERS, BLANKETS!!! Just received, a large assortment of blanks of the best quality, French, English and American of the most different sizes. Also, blankets for plantation use, for sale low.

C. M. SIMPSON
ol 33 Chartres street corner Customhouse

☞ COGNAC.—Just received 30 bbls very fine Cognac, Eagle brand, and 5 half pipes superior Cognac, 4th proof, for sale by REYNAUD, CUCULLU & Co.
ol 34 Tchoupitoulas st

☞ UMBRELLAS.—New Styles, Just opened 3 cases of rich Parasols imported direct from Paris, and of the latest styles.

C. M. SIMPSON
33 Chartres street corner Customhouse

☞ GUNS! GUNS!—100 superior Guns received on consignment, for sale at wholesale very low, and on accommodating terms by H. le GOER & RIPPLARD,
ol 21 Magazine street

☞ GROUND PEPPER—Boxes containing quarter pound papers, landing ex ship Bowditch, for sale by
ol ROBERTS & HALL, 75 Magazine

☞ PICKLES—10 cases Underwood's Cucumbers assorted, for sale by ROBERTS & HALL, 75 Magazine
ol

☞ NAILS—1100 kegs cut, assorted manufacture, from best Juniata iron, for sale by ROBERTS & HALL,
ol 75 Magazine

☞ BAGGING ROPE—326 pieces bagging, 625 coils rope, for sale by REYNAUD, CUCULLU & Co.
ol 34 Tchoupitoulas st

☞ FLOUR—400 bbls St Louis City Mill Flour, for sale by REYNAUD, CUCULLU & Co.
ol 34 Tchoupitoulas st

☞ TOBACCO—350 bales Vuelta de Abajo, wrappers and fillers, landing ex brigt T Street, from Havana, for sale by L. LANTIS, 49 Gravier st
s30

☞ FLOUR—100 bbls Quincy City Mill Flour, landing from steamer Robert Morris, and for sale by
s30 JAMES E WOODRUFF, 60 Camp street

☞ PRIME PORK—100 bbls Prime Pork, at Winburn's inspection, for sale by JAMES E WOODRUFF,
s30 60 Camp street

Monday morning, Oct. 5, 1846.

To the Subscribers of the Bee.

As many of our Subscribers and particularly those who are annual advertisers, have their places of business at a considerable distance from the Office of the BEE, we have been induced to establish for their convenience, a Publishing Office, at No. 13, Camp Street, near the City Bank. Advertisements for the Paper may be left there until 8 o'clock P. M., and will receive prompt attention.

THE MAIL failed yesterday from beyond Philadelphia. The Magnetic Telegraph from New York informs us that at 2 o'clock, P. M. of the 26th ult., the Great Western steamship had not arrived, though she was hourly looked for.

Latest from the Army.—Capture of Monterey.—Three Days' Fighting.

At a late hour on Saturday night the steamer *Jas L. Day*, arrived from Brazos Santiago, having left that place on the 30th ultimo, bringing late and highly important news from the Army. The town of Monterey was assaulted on the 21st ultimo, by the troops under the command of General TAYLOR and Colonel WORTH, and after a bloody conflict which lasted three days, was surrendered to the American forces. Captain Eaton, one of General TAYLOR's Aids arrived on the *Day*, bearing despatches for Washington. The following letter from RICE GARLAND to Mr. DAVID PERKINS, at Fort Polk, tells the story briefly and no doubt accurately:—

MONTEREY, Sept. 24th, 1846.

MY DEAR SIR:—On the 21st, 22d and 23d instant there was some hard fighting here, and many poor fellows have suffered by it; but I think it may be said with safety that General TAYLOR has the town in his power. The place was much more strongly fortified than General TAYLOR had an idea of, and the Mexicans defended their works with skill and determination. This morning, Colonel MORINO, Adjutant General of the Mexican Army, came into camp with a proposition from General ARTEGA to evacuate the town, he and his army to march out into the interior. This Gen. TAYLOR declined, and insisted upon Artega and his Army becoming prisoners of war—the men to be disbanded, with a stipulation not to take up arms against us during the war—the general and his officers to remain in custody until disposed of by the Government. The parties have been negotiating all day. If they do not agree there will be some more fighting, but the place cannot hold out long. Although we carried the place and won the victory, yet it has cost us dear. The carnage on our side is great probably more so than that of the Mexicans. But this we do not know, as they fought under cover all the time. Gen. WORTH has distinguished himself as a gallant soldier and a skilful commander. Gen TAYLOR has a fair chance, and he has nobly availed himself of it. His division, with HAYS' regiment of Texians, have gained more ground, and carried more points, than all the rest of the Army, and with very little loss. Up to yesterday at 9 A. M. it was 5 killed and 25 wounded. The whole loss on our side cannot be much less than 500 men in killed, wounded and prisoners. I have no time to send you the details of the different actions. We hope to be in town to-morrow. Yours, truly,

RICE GARLAND.

Sept 25.—The enemy have agreed to give up the town. I am not positive as to the terms, but if they is as rumored, we gain but little by them. It is certain Gen Taylor has receded from his first ground and granted all the enemy asked.

R. G.

The following are the terms of capitulation as stated in the memoranda furnished the editors of the *Picayune*:

The terms of capitulation were in effect as follows.

That the officers should be allowed to march out with their side-arms.

That the Cavalry and Infantry should be allowed to march out with their arms and accoutrements.

That the Artillery should be allowed to march out with one battery of six pieces and twenty-one rounds of ammunition.

That all other munitions of war and supplies should be turned over to a board of American officers appointed to receive them.

That the Mexican Army should be allowed seven days to evacuate the city, and that the American troops should not occupy it until evacuated.

That the Cathedral, Fort, or Citadel, should be evacuated at 10 A. M. next day, (25th,) the Mexicans then marching out and the American garrison marching in. The Mexicans allowed to salute their flag when hauled down.

That there should be an armistice of eight weeks, during which time neither army should pass a line running from the Rinconada through Linares and San Fernando.

This lenient offer of the American General was dictated with the concurrence of his Generals and by motives of good policy and consideration for the good defence of their city by the Mexican Army.

Killed—Capt. Williams, Topographical Engineer; Lieut. Terrett, 1st Infantry; Capt. L. N. Morris, 3d do; Capt. Field, 3d do; Major Barbour, 3d do; Lieut. Irwin, 3d do; Lieut. Hazlitt, 3d do; Lieut. Hoskins 4th do, Lieut. Woods, 4th do; Capt. McKavett, 8th do, Col. Watson, Baltimore Battalion; Capt Hansom, 1st Tennessee Regiment; Lieut Putnam, 1st do do; a Lieutenant in a German Company.

Wounded—Major Lear, 3d Infantry, severely; Capt. Bainbridge, 3d do, very slightly; Lieut. R H Graham, 4th do, severely; Capt. Lamotte, 1st do, slightly; Lieut. Dilworth, 1st do, severely; Maj. Abercrombie, 1st do, slightly; Lieut. Wainright, 8th do slightly, Lieut. Rossell 5th do, slightly; Lieut. Porter, 5th do, slightly; Major Mansfield, Engineers slightly; Lieut. Meade, 3d do; Volunteer Division, slightly; Colonel Mitchell, Ohio Volunteers, slightly; Col. McClung, Mississippi Regiment, severely; Maj. Alexander, Tennessee Volunteers; Lieut. Allen, do do, Lieut. Scudder, do do; Lieut. Nixon, do do; Capt. Fowler, Mississippi Regiment; Lieut. Thomas, Texas Regiment; Lieut Armstrong, Ohio Regiment, severely; Captain Gillespie, Texas Rangers, mortally wounded, since died.

For the following details we are chiefly indebted to the copious accounts furnished by the *Picayune* in its second edition of yesterday—that paper having had the good fortune to receive its voluminous correspondence.

Gen'l. Taylor arrived before Monterey on the 19th with a force of about 6,000 men, and occupied the remainder of the day in reconnoitering the city, his advance guard being frequently fired on, and himself narrowly escaping being shot. The next day Gen'l. Worth was ordered to move to the right and gain the Saltillo road beyond the west of the town, and storm the hights above the Bishop's palace. The action took place on the 21st, and is graphically described in one of Mr. Haile's letters:

At daylight on the 21st, the column was again in motion, and in a few moments was turning the point of a ridge which protruded out towards the enemy's guns, bringing us as near to them as their gunners could desire. They immediately opened upon the column with a howitzer and 12-pounder, firing shell and round shot as fast as they could discharge their pieces. The road now wound in towards a gorge, but now far enough to be out of range of their guns, which still played upon us. Another ridge lay about three-fourths of a mile beyond the first, around the termination of which the road wound, bringing it under the lofty summit of a height which rises between Palace Hill and the mountains, which at that point are on the west. When the head of the column approached that ridge a body of Mexican cavalry came dashing around the point to charge upon our advance. Capt. Gillespie immediately ordered his men to dismount and place themselves in ambush. The enemy evidently did not perceive this manœuvre, but on the moment they came up, the Texans opened on them a most effective fire, unsaddling a number of them. McCulloch's company now dashed into them—Capt. C. F. Smith's camp, and Capt. Scott's camp of Artillery, (acting as Infantry) and Lieut. Longstreet's company of the 8th infantry with another company of the same regiment likewise charged upon the enemy. The Texan horsemen were soon engaged with them, in a sort of hand to hand skirmish, in which a number of the enemy fell, and one Texan was killed and two wounded. Col. Duncan now opened upon them with his battery of Light Artillery, pouring a few discharges of grape among them, and scattering them like chaff. Several men and horses fell under this destructive fire. I saw one horse and rider bound some feet into the air and both fell dead and tumbled down the steep. The foot companies above named then rushed up the steep and fired over the ridge at the retreating enemy, a considerable body of whom were concealed from our view, around the point of the hill. About thirty of the enemy were killed in this skirmish, and among them a Captain, who, with two or three others, fell in the road. The Captain was wounded in three places, the last shot hitting him in the forehead. He fought gallantly to the last, and I am sorry that I cannot learn his name. The light batteries, one of which is commanded by Lieut. Mackall, were now drawn up, on the slope of the ridge, and the howitzers opened upon the height of Palace Hill. A few shells were only thrown, before the enemy commenced firing with a nine pounder from the height immediately over the right of the column, aiming at Duncan's battery. The seven regiments took position, and a few more shells were thrown towards Palace Hill, but did no execution. The nine pounder continued to throw its shot, with great precision, at our batteries, one ball falling directly in the midst of the pieces, but fortunately hitting neither men or guns. Finding his batteries thus exposed, and unable to effect anything Col. Duncan removed his command to a rancho about half a mile further up the Saltillo road, where Gen. Worth took up his position, after ordering the foot regiments to form along the fence, near the point of the ridge. The Artillery batteries, 5th, 7th and 8th Infantry, and the Louisiana Volunteers remained in this position about two hours, directly under the fire of the enemy's guns (two two.) The balls fell directly in their midst all the time without wounding a man! To begin with, the Mexicans manage their artillery in battery as well as the Americans do—this I believe is now conceded by every officer. At half-past 10 the column moved towards the General's position. At this time Capt. McKavett, of the 8th Infantry, was shot through the heart by a nine pound ball, and a private of the 5th Infantry was severely wounded in the thigh, that he died next morning. About fifty Mexicans now appeared upon the hill side, over the moving column, and, fired at our troops some one hundred musket shot, without doing any harm. The Division deployed into the positions pointed out, and remained an hour or two, when Capt. C. F. Smith, of the Artillery Battalion, with two companies (his own and Capt. Scott's) and four companies Texan Rangers on foot, were ordered to storm the second height. This the gallant officer cheerfully undertook, and was followed with enthusiasm by the officers and men of his command. It was considered on all sides to be a most dangerous undertaking, and this party was considered most emphatically a forlorn hope. That the height would be taken no one doubted, but that many brave fellows would fall in the attempt, seemed inevitable. The distance to be climed after reaching the foot of the hill, was about a quarter of a mile; a part of the way was almost perpendicular and through thorn bushes and over sharp-pointed rocks and loose sliding stones.

The 7th Infantry, commanded by Capt. Miles, was ordered to support Capt. Smith's party, and by marching directly to the foot of the height, arrived before Capt. Smith, who had been ordered to take a circuitous route, Capt. Miles sent to Lieut. Gant with a detachment of men, upon the hill side, to divert the attention of the enemy from Capt. Smith's command, which could not yet be seen. The 7th had already sustained a heavy fire of grape and round shot, as they forded the San Juan, which winds around the foot of the height, which fell like a shower of hail in their ranks, without killing a man. Lieut. Gant's party were greeted with grape and round shot, which cut the shrubs and tore up the loose stones in the ranks without killing any one; but the gallant young officer came within an inch of being killed by a cannon ball, which raked down the steep and filled his face with fragments of rock, dust and gravel. This fire was accompanied by a constant discharge of musketry, the enemy covering the upper part of the hill side, but the detachment continued to move up, driving the Mexicans back, until they were recalled. Capt Smith's party now arrived and moved up the hill, the Rangers in advance, and did not halt an instant until the Mexicans were driven from the summit. Whilst this was going on, Col. Persifor F. Smith, who commanded the 5th and 7th Infantry—the 5th, with Blanchard's Louisiana boys, under Maj. Martin Scott, had been ordered to support the whole—gave orders for these commands to pass around on each side and storm the fort which was situated about half a mile back of the summit on the same ridge and commanded Bishop's Palace. Such a foot race no one ever witnessed before or ever been seen; the Louisiana boys making the tallest kind of strides to be in with the foremost. Capt. Smith had the gun which he took upon the height, turn down toward the breastworks and fired into it. Then came Col. F. P. Smith's men, with a perfect rush, firing and cheering—the 5th and 7th and Louisianans reaching the ridge above nearly at the same time. The Mexicans fired at them with grape, but it did not save them, or cause an instant's hesitation in our ranks. Our men ran and fired, and cheered, until they reached the work; the foremost entering at one end, whilst the Mexicans, about 1000 in number, left the other in retreat. The colors of the 5th Infantry were instantly raised, and scarcely were they up before those of the 7th were alongside. The three commands entered the fort together, so close was the race—the 5th, however, getting in advance in front. J. W. Miller, of Blanchard's company, was among the first four or five who entered. The three commands may be said to have come out even in the race, for the 7th was not five seconds behind. In less than five minutes the guns found in the fort were sounding away at the Bishop's Palace. More ammunition was found than our troops will use with the three guns that were captured. One of the guns was found concealed. They are 9 pound brass pieces. Several mules and half a dozen horses and mustang tents were likewise captured. Killed, none. Wounded, in 7th Infantry, Lieut. Potter, bullet through the calf of the leg. Orderly Sergeant Hurdle, of K company, Corporal S. P. Oakley, severely in the thigh. Oakley is from New York city and a very intelligent, well educated man, as well as a good soldier. Private White—the same who captured the Mexican officer's flag at Marin, and who received it and its contents from Gen Taylor—wounded in the head. Fifth Infantry, killed, none; wounded—Lieut Russell, in the arm; Sergeant May, Brand, badly, in the mouth with musket ball—Privates McManus and Grubb, slightly wounded—Sergeant Uptergraph, color-bearer, distinguished himself by his gallantry.

Thus was this brilliant *coup de main* made almost without bloodshed. I have not time now to give the particulars of this glorious affair. Capt. C. F. Smith was in the advance, with McCall, at the Garden of Rescca de la Palma, and is one of the most gallant and accomplished officers in the Army—so say all his fellow officers whom I have heard speak of him. Col. P. F. Smith—Gen. Smith of Louisiana—distinguished himself on that occasion, as did Maj. Scott and Capt. Mies, and, in truth, every officer and man did his duty nobly.

The gallant conduct of Capt. Blanchard and Lieuts Pendrick, and the two brothers Nicholls, is praised by all the officers who were there. The truth is the Louisiana boys have fought every day for four days, and I assure you, as Gen Worth's report will bear me out in saying, and as every officer in the 2d Division will testify that that corps has distinguished itself on every occasion where they have been called on. The sons of Judge Nicholas, of Donaldsonville, have stood fire for four or five hours at a time, driving the enemy—under their command—from bush to bush, and rock to rock, and at last were among the foremost to rush into the Bishop's Palace and take it by storm. Capt. Blanchard and his company have already made a reputation that will not soon be forgotten. S G Allen, private of this company, was mortally wounded in this fight, and died next morning. Capt Smith had to one killed or wounded in his party of regulars—two Texans were wounded, viz: Wm Carley and B F Keese.

While this battle was going on, Capt. Childs of the Artillery Battalion, with three companies, Capt. Vinton's, Capt. Scott's and Lieut. Ayres, and three companies of the 8th infantry, was ordered to take the summit of Palace Hill. This movement was executed through the chapparal with so much secrecy that Capt Childs was within one hundred yards of the great work of sand bags before he was discovered—and a heavy fire of musketry the troops rushed forward and took the place. Three artillery men were captured by the Mexicans and inhumanly shot, after surrendering.

The storming of the palace occupied several hours of hard fighting. Mr. Haile says:

At length a charge was ordered, and our men rushed down upon the palace, entered a hole in a door that had been blocked up but opened by the howitzer, and soon cleared the work of the few Mexicans who remained. Lieut. Ayres was the lucky one who first reached the halyards and lowered the flag. One 18 pound brass piece, a beautiful article, manufactured in Liverpool in 1842, and a short 12 pound howitzer, were captured, with a large quantity of ammunition, and some muskets and lances. The fort adjoining the palace walls is not completed, but is very nearly constructed as far as it is built. The killed on our side, in taking the palace, were seven wounded, twelve. Lieut. Wainwright was wounded in the arm and side by a musket ball, but will soon recover, it is hoped. Mr. John Francis, of New Orleans, belonging to Blanchard's company, was killed. I will give a full account of this affair at another time. Colonel Childs, Capt. Vinton, Capt. Blanchard, Lieuts. Longstreet, Lieut. Clark, (Adjt. of the 8th) Lieut. Ayres, Lieut. McCown, and the two Nicholls seem to have been the heroes of the day. The two latter "did the thing up brown," and not only Judge Nicholls but old Louisiana may well be proud of such sons. The Mexicans lost at least thirty killed—seventy-one had been buried this morning, and I have seen a number lying on the hill side, that were not discovered by our men when they brought in the dead.

On the 23d the whole division entered the town under Gen'l Worth, and the fighting was continued in the heart of the city. Every street had a line of breast works on each side, and every house was a fortification. The enemy were driven from point to point, as far as the main plaza of the city, which they now occupied. With respect to Gen'l Taylor's operations on the other side of the town, they may be briefly stated. On the night of the 20th the mortar and howitzer battery were so stationed as to play on the strong-holds around the citadel. The action commenced on the 21st, and is thus described:

Col. Garland's Brigade were ordered to move to the left for the purpose of storming the battery discovered by Lieut. Pope the day before, and to carry, if possible, the lower part of the city. Major Mansfield, Capt. Williams and Lieut. Pope were ordered in advance to select the most available point of attack, and to direct movements of the column upon it.—Three companies were drawn forward as skirmishers and advanced rapidly towards the works, followed by the Brigade in line of battle under a cross fire of artillery from the citadel and fort, and a heavy fire of musketry. The column charged into a street about 300 yards to the right of the battery, passed the works entirely, and effected an entrance to the town. After advancing rapidly about 400 yards beyond the battery, they came immediately in front of a masked battery of artillery and musketry, which swept the street completely by its range. The barricades of the streets at many yards distant from the head of the column, were lined with Mexican troops, who completely covered themselves, opened a murderous discharge of grape and musketry upon the advancing column. Every house in the street was pierced for musketry and enfiladed the street in every direction.

It being impossible, in the opinion of the Engineer Officers to effect anything in attacking the barricades in front, the column moved rapidly up a street to the right, with the intention of turning them. Being reinforced by the Ohio regiment, a second charge was made, under the direction of Gen. Butler, which owing to the tremendous fire of musketry and grape from the barricades and stone houses, likewise proved ineffectual. "The troops were then ordered by Gen. Taylor to retire in good order and get under cover from the enemy's fire, which order was handsomely executed.

During the engagement in town of Garland's Brigade, the forts that were passed on the left in entering the town, were gallantly carried by the Tennessee and Mississippi regiments—the first commanded by Col. Campbell, and the second by Col. Davis. Lieut. Col. McClung, of the Mississippi regiment, was dangerously wounded. These regiments sustained a great loss, of killed and wounded, but I cannot, in the short time left me, ascertain the names or number of those who fell. Capt. Bragg's battery of Light Artillery was brought into action, but as it was impossible to use it effectively, it was withdrawn. Several pieces of artillery was captured. The forts that were taken were occupied by Ridgely's Light Artillery company, who turned the captured pieces against the Mexican works, and the ammunition was kept up the rest of the day. There were many skirmishes, and gallant deeds, etc. etc. which I will mention at a future time.

On the night of the 23d the enemy abandoned the two works which had proved so destructive to the 3d and 4th Infantry, and they were occupied early next morning, by the Mississippi and Tennessee regiments under General Quitman. About 8 o'clock, same morning, these two regiments advanced on the town, and a sharp engagement commenced. These regiments were supported by a body of Texian Rangers, (dismounted for the occasion,) under General Henderson, and by the 3d regiment of Infantry. The fight was kept up until 4 o'clock P. M. during which time our troops drove the enemy from house to house, almost to the main plaza. The loss of life on our side was not severe during this day. On the morning of the 24th, a flag of truce was sent in, which resulted in the capitulation of the town.

During the whole of the engagement on the 21st, Col. Kinney was exceedingly useful in carrying orders, and in giving advice in matters with which his thorough acquaintance with Mexican customs rendered him familiar. He was in the thickest of the fight, moving about from point to point, and doing good execution with his rifle. This gentleman's services have been invaluable to Gen. Taylor in the movements of the Army from Matamoros to this place. He has been every where, reconnoitering the country and procuring information—riding night and day, and exposing his life in a thousand ways. The Colonel never flinches from any duty required of him, and, had Gen. Taylor ordered him to go and bring him Ampudia's portfolio, he would have undertaken it. I devote a paragraph to a mention of this gentleman's services, because he deserves much from the public, for whom he has labored so arduously and efficiently.

P. S. Our killed and wounded, in taking Monterey, amounted to about five hundred, nearly three hundred killed. Some time will elapse before the number will be known, accurately, but it is well known that few prisoners were taken by the Mexicans.

On the 24th the city capitulated—the terms being as above stated. Mr. Haile, in his letter to the *Picayune*, remarks:—"Many persons, particularly the Texian volunteers who fought so bravely, are displeased at these terms. The town was all but in our hands, and they believed could have been taken in three hours. I believe that it would have required much more hard fighting to have taken it, but this was not the question with Gen. Taylor. He and all his officers knew perfectly well, of course, that the town could soon be taken, but he wanted no prisoners to take up his time and eat his substance, but he did have an object in view which will be reached by the terms of this capitulation, and that object will lead to a result most beneficial to our Government, under whose advice or orders Gen. Taylor acted in agreeing to these terms."

The force of the Mexicans is believed to have been about 12,000 men; that of the Americans 6,000—of course the former had every advantage, not in numbers alone, but in the command of powerful fortifications. Monterey barricaded as it was, and held by 12,000 troops, was considered by the Mexicans little short of impregnable.

Mexico.

We find in the *American Flag* published at Matamoros a few scraps of information from the city of Mexico as late as the 2nd inst., which is later than advices received here. We copy the following:

The Government of Mexico had received by extraordinary express from Vera Cruz, official communications from the United States, inviting them to enter into negotiations for Peace—upon which subject the Government were occupied on the 30th ult.

Gen'l Santa Anna was expected to be in the city of Mexico on the 6th instant, and great preparations were making for his reception at the Capitol.

It was thought that the American Commodore had been fooled in thus permitting Santa Anna to enter Mexico. The *Expectador* understands that the Commodore was very uneasy and perplexed, after having ascertained that Santa Anna and Almonte could unite, and arm the whole population; and fearful that he had done wrong in not exacting a guarantee from the former.

With regard to the news from Matamoros, the *Diario* says—"Taylor's army, composed principally of dancing masters, printers, and doctors, are suffering greatly from the fever—this being the season for the prevalence of that disease in those parts—and disorder seems to be augmenting every day."

Eight thousand dollars were sent to the Governor of this State, (Tamaulipas) by the Government of Mexico, to be distributed among the late sufferers by inudation at Camargo.

A hasty organization was recommended to secure their independence and liberty.

The Negotiation with Mexico.

As we maintained from the first, the account received in this city of the reply of the Provisional Government of Mexico to the overtures of peace tendered by President POLK, proves to be entirely correct, all others were groundless. The Washington *Union* of the 26th ultimo, corroborates our statements by the following authoritative remarks:—"We can state, upon competent authority, that the report is not true, that Mexico has refused to negotiate with the Government of the United States until we shall withdraw our Armies from her territory and our fleets from her coasts. This report is absolutely destitute of foundation. The Government of that republic has determined to refer the President's overture, to open negotiations for peace, to the constituent Congress of Mexico, which will assemble in the beginning of December, (we believe the 6th)."

To this the *Union* appends an elaborate editorial in which it observes "the gist of the matter is, that the Mexican Government has not positively declined our overture—nor has she accepted it upon conditions—she has neither refused nor accepted it; but has referred our proposition to the constituent Congress of December, to decide the whole question."

This is exactly what the New Orleans press stated. The remainder of the article in the *Union* is devoted to an exposition of the necessity of pursuing active and vigorous measures with Mexico—a policy which the official has time and again recommended in common with almost every paper throughout the country, but which the Administration has, thus far, shown little disposition to observe. There is, however, in another part of the *Union* an article entitled the "Conduct of the War," prefixed to a letter from Camargo, in which the plan of purchasing and paying for all that is procured from the Mexicans is severely condemned. The Government organ approves the sentiments of the letter. We trust it speaks by the card, and that the Administration having tried the soothing system so long, has discovered its hopelessness, and will hereafter permit the American troops to follow out the usages of war and forage on the enemy.

From the Rio de la Plata.

—By the arrival of the bark Mazeppa from Rio de Janeiro accounts in a letter from the La Plata have been received by the N. Y. Commercial. The only item of any interest, however, relates to the mission of Mr. Hood, whose propositions to the Buenos Ayrean Government are said to be as follows:

1st. The evacuation of the Montivedean territory by the Argentine troops. 2d. A free election of the deputies in the city and country. 3d. Their meeting when elected, at a neutral point, for the purpose of choosing a President, apart from all influence of contending parties. 4th. The acknowledgment of such President by all parties, whether Unite or any other; and 5th. Stipulations for reciprocal faith in favor of the belligerents.

It was reported that Gen. Oribe was making preparations for a pitched battle with Rivera.

Speech of Daniel Webster.

At the Whig State Convention of Massachusetts held in Boston on Wednesday, Mr. WEBSTER was present. He was received, as he entered the Hall, with great applause, and being called on for a speech, spoke as follows:

I deem it a great privilege to be present, even to be present for a few moments, in so large an assemblage of the representatives of the Whigs of Massachusetts. Wherever the Whigs of Massachusetts assemble, and wherever their representatives assemble, there is an odor of liberty that I love to inhale. There is attachment to the Constitution of our country and the institutions of our fathers which warms my heart—that heart which shall not cease to beat, while it beats at all, with every thing favorable to human liberty.

Gentlemen, of such a party as the Whig party, made up of intelligent, independent, conscientious men, it is not to be supposed or expected, said that on great and interesting questions, and in all the divisions of such questions, there should be an entire unanimity. But experience shows that there is an unanimity of feeling and of purpose which brings about in the end a unity of action and co-operation in effort.

There are topics, upon the expediency of which, there are gentlemen present, high in my regard, who see a line of duty which is not entirely apparent.—Others may look to other sources for success and, others may rely upon other results, upon other hopes; but for myself, I confess that at this period of my political life, full of high hope of the general feeling that actuates all good men in the country, I confess that for my part, in the dark and troubled night that is upon us, I do not see that above the storm proclaiming light to give us, but the intelligent, patriotic, united Whig Party of the United States.

Gentlemen, the hour of your separation has arrived and I may not trespass upon your attention. I rejoice in the general unanimity that has prevailed in your meeting. I partake with you in the happiness you all feel in the prospect of being able to elect your Governor, and in the prospect of the ascendancy of Whig principles.

I rejoice with you in the prospect of the overthrow of whatever has contributed further to depress the political interests of the country, or whatever threatens further to mar the industrial pursuits of the nation. And I rejoice in the anticipation that we may be allowed to indulge the hope that experience shall carry home conviction to the ranks of our adversaries that for general honor of our public institutions, for the general state of our affairs, depends upon the firm maintenance of the Whig principles which we have so long endeavored to maintain.

I am thankful for every token of your respect and favor, and now take my leave of you, sinc