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LEGAL ADVERTISING PAPER.—NEW-ORLEANS, TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 22, 1846.

MAGNE & WEISSE, PROPRIETORS. No. 81 Chartres street.

Loss of the U. S. brig Somers.

We are again called upon to chronicle a misfortune which has deprived the Gulf Squadron of one of its most efficient vessels, and sent many a brave and gallant soul to his last account. The U. S. brig *Somers* is lost, and a large number of her crew and officers have perished, or are prisoners to the Mexicans. For the details of the calamity, we are indebted to Purser WARRINGTON, who came up yesterday in the bark *Morgan Dix*, from Antonio Lazardi.

We learn that the *Somers*, while under the command of Lieut. Simms, was struck by a heavy squall from the North, on the 18th, at 9 o'clock, P. M., off Green Island. The brig capsized and sunk in a few minutes. There were 80 persons on board at the time, of whom it was not believed that 39 had perished—among them were passed midshipmen H. A. CLEMSON, and J. Y. HYNSON. Subsequently, however, it was ascertained, that 16 out of the 39 had drifted ashore—one of them have died from the effects of exposure; eight of them managed to reach the shore by clinging to a hen-coop. Five landed near Vera Cruz, and were taken prisoners of war by the Mexicans. Great credit is due the officers and crew of the English and French vessels of war, which were at anchor near the *Somers* at the time of the accident. Every possible assistance was rendered by them.

On the 5th inst., midshipman R. CLAY ROGERS, and Dr. J. A. WRIGHT, with a boat's crew from the *Somers*, went on an expedition, for the purpose of reconnoitering below Vera Cruz.—When Rogers and Wright, and a seaman had proceeded some distance from the boat, they were surrounded by seven Mexican soldiers.—Dr. WRIGHT made his escape; Mr. ROGERS and the seaman were captured, and sent prisoners to the castle of Perote.

Commodore CONNER arrived at Antone Lizardi, on the 13th inst., on board the *Princeton*, she went on board the frigate *Raritan*, as his flag-ship. The sloop *John Adams* was blockading Vera Cruz at the last accounts. The frigate *Potomac* arrived at Green Island the 13th inst. the frigate *Cumberland* sailed for Norfolk on the 6th.

The following is a list of officers and men on the *Somers*:—

Henry A. Clemson, *Acting Master*.
John Y. Hynson, *Passed Midshipman*.
Wm. L. Frazier, Ebenezer Terrell, Charles H. Haven, James Ryder, James Thompson, Chas. Lowe, Thomas Young, William Gillan, Malbi as Grant, Major Cain, Dennis Kelly, Alexander Anker, Chas. McFarland, James Fennel, Charles Tate, John Day, William Purdy, Edward McCormick, William Finsley, William Quest, John Hargrave, William W. Cady, John Chesapeake Myers, Clement C. Willen, Thomas Sullivan, Joseph Antonio, Adolph Demonte, Alanson Howard, William W. Powers, Henry W. Speir, James Chapman, Lewis Johnson, Jonathan Leopold, Thomas Jefferson, William H. Rose, Peter Hernandez.

The Picayune. Extra enables us to add some interesting particulars of the loss of the *Somers*. We extract the following from the Correspondence of that paper:—

"The accident is mainly due to the extreme lightness of the vessel. One or two minutes after she was over, most of the men and officers had gained the side of the vessel or the tops.—Dr. Wright and Lieut. Parker, passing through the wardroom after port, were the first to reach the main chains. They were followed by several men, and an attempt was made, with such means as were at hand, to cut away the main rigging. The men and officers using their penknives and sheath knives for the purpose. Capt. Simmes, who had been dashed on the lee side, was now drawn from the water, and as soon as he recovered he also directed our exertions. The cutting continued, the master, and passed midshipman Hynson, with a large number of men, had at this time reached the side of the vessel, and were making strenuous exertions to relieve her mast, but it was a fruitless effort, for the waves so far over that there was no strain upon the weather rigging. The small larboard gunline boat, was in the mean time cleared away and dropped easily round leeward, and manned by her usual complement of five oarsmen.—Midshipman Clarke, who had gained the main-top, was running from the steerage hatch, was ordered by Capt. Simmes to take charge of the boat and in calling that there was no chance of saving the brig, and that she was fast sinking Capt. Simmes ordered Mr. Clarke to shove off with Dr. Wright and seventeen men, besides Purser Steele, who reached the boat by swimming. As soon as clearing the wreck, first enquiry of there was room in the boat for another, to go off for Green Island, about half a mile distant, and immediately to return if possible and save more lives. This order was at once executed, and some of those in the boat had scarcely reached the side of the officers left on the wreck, in company with them. These officers resolved, decreed that they would wait and take their chance with the brig. Passed midshipman Hynson, who had been partially disabled by a contusion received in the firing of the Creole, was with difficulty supported to go into the boat. A lad by the name of Nutter, jumped out of the boat and refused to leave. Mr. Hynson, and a gentleman by the name of Powers did the same thing. Mr. Hynson, urging both others, those men then declared, but others taught have their places and that they would abide on the wreck with Mr. Hynson. Capt Semmes, who was in impaired health, was also entreated to go, but refused. Lieut. Parker answers in similar solicitation, by saying he would stay with the brig. Lt. Chevne and Acting Master Clemson held the same language. It is a remarkable circumstance that three of the officers and all the men who acted thus nobly are saved. When the vessel shot off, the gale was blowing with great violence and a heavy sea running, so that for some minutes it was a matter of doubt whether the boat would live. Purser Steele at one time proposed to leave the boat for a fish-davit, he was a Roman, by. The boat, however, reached the shoal in twenty minutes. Hunger was in all.

As soon as the men were landed, Mr. Clarke, disregarding the most strenuous entreaties, resolutely shoved off again with a volunteer crew at the imminent hazard of their lives. Less than three minutes after the boat left the brig, Capt Semmes finding the vessel settling under them, gave an order for every man to save himself. All simultaneously plunged into the water, and grasping the posts, gratings, spars, coops and other floating objects at hand. Many must have gone down from the want of any support whatever, others struggled on frail floats to be again dashed on the reefs and dashed to pieces. Some were drifted to sea to be heard of no more, and others encountered the worst fate which could be apprehended in being devoured by sharks. Of near sixty who plunged from the wreck, only seventeen escaped.

Through all this appalling scene the greatest composure was observed by men and officers. There was no appearance of panic, no exhibition of selfishness. Those who could not swim were particularly enjoined to go in the boat. A large man by the name of Seymour, the ship's cook, had got in the boat, Lieut. Parker commanded him to come out in order to make room for two seamen. The man refused to *obeyed the order*, but was afterwards directed to go in the boat when it was found he could not swim.—Capt. Semmes and Lieut Parker were picked up by Mr Clarke from a grating, and Jacob Hozzard, a seaman, was rescued swimming near them. Those who survived have told of many instances of heroic self-devotion. The acting master, Henry A. Clemson, was struggling on a small steering sail boom with five others, two of whom could not swim. He found that all could not be supported and he left and struck out alone and unsupported. He was seen for the last time upon a sky-light and probably perished in the surf. The five men he left were saved, the two who could not swim being supported by their comrades, Amos Colson and John Williamson.

The letter speaks in the highest terms of the daring and devoted exertions of the officers of the Br. ships *Endymion* and *Alarm* and brig *Daring* and the French brigs *Pylade*, *Mercure* and the Spanish corvette *Louisa Fernanda* in rescuing the crew of the *Somers*. With regard to the Mexicans, the letter says:

"The Mexicans saw the accident from the fortress, and cheered and exulted for a long time. The brig had been for a time engaged in the blockade, and had done more to interrupt the commerce of the port than almost all the other vessels. Within the last fortnight both town and castle had been kept in a state of constant alarm by the burning of the Creole, and other demonstrations which I presume you will hear of in due time. I have no doubt the Mexicans were relieved when they saw her sink into the ocean. I append a list of the lost and saved—37 men saved—39 lost. One officer, Mr. Rodgers, Passed Midshipman, and one man, John G. Fox, were captured by the Mexicans two days before while reconnoitering an important point, in company with Dr. Wright, the latter escaping to witness the catastrophe of the brig."

OFFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The *Union* of the 12th, announces that Major Turnbull, Capt. J. E. Johnson, Lieut. Semmes, Lieut. Derby, and Lieut. Hardcastle,—all officers of the Topographical Engineers—were to leave Washington the next day for the army of the West. They will travel the national road, descend the river and expect to join General SCOTT at Brazos Santiago.

TEA AND COFFEE.—From calculations made by members, it is said that a tax on these articles will be determined by about one vote.—Close shaving.

☞ *The National Intelligencer* has a great deal of caustic humor about it. The following hit at the *Union* is very clever:

"We learn that it is a point much mooted in the course of the city whether the Madison *war* or the organ is about *changing* to the Administration. The war, they say, is a calamity, but the organ an infliction. The patriot might possibly recover of the disease, but then he seems doomed to die of the doctor."

City Intelligence.

☞ The murder of the black boy, John, was not perpetrated in the Cabaret of Marcel Dorsignac, I.m.c., as we stated yesterday, but on the sidewalk fronting said Cabaret.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held yesterday on the body of a young man named H. Van Oetern, a native of Germany, and aged about 28 years. He was was found dead in the Piney Woods Hotel, near the New Basin. Verdict: "Delirium tremens."

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.—Daniel H. Lawrence, *alias* D. H. Lazarus was arraigned yesterday, on a charge of forging and uttering a forged draft. He pleaded not guilty. William McNamann, accused of larceny, also pleaded not guilty. Two cases of assault and battery were afterwards disposed of, and the Court then adjourned.

SHOOTING.—The police of the 1st Municipality arrested yesterday, a woman named Lavania Mitchel, charged with shooting one James York. The latter had presented himself to Lavania's house, at the corner of Custom-House and Treme streets, yesterday morning, between 11 and 12 o'clock, when he was ordered to retire. At that very instant, a witness heard the report of fire-arms and York fell severely wounded in the neck. He was conveyed to the Charity Hospital. Recorder Genois will shortly examine the case.

☞ A number of decisions were read yesterday in the Supreme Court; we have heard that offered any general interest to our readers.

BEFORE RECORDER BALDWIN.—Mr. Michel de Armas, deputy sheriff, lodged yesterday morning complaint in Recorder Baldwin's office, against one James Armstrong, charging the same with stealing a quantity of spoons and forks, in a restaurant, of which the complainant was about to sell the furniture. Armstrong was committed, to be tried before the First District Court. Thomas Crawford was also sent before the same tribunal on a charge of larceny.

COUNCIL OF MUNICIPALITY NO. ONE.—*Monday Evening.*—The council met pursuant to adjournment; Recorder Genois in the chair.

Mr. Faures submitted a resolution authorizing all the collectors of this municipality to settle their accounts with all the treasurers of the municipality every Monday of each week; in default of so doing they will be removed from their office. This resolution was adopted with a slight alteration from Alderman Fabre.

A series of resolutions submitted by Mr Hagan, were next adopted. They provided that from and after the 1st day of January 1847, the clearing of the streets of this municipality shall be made as follows:—The municipality to be divided into three districts, with one contractor in each district; and contractors to furnish $2,000 security for the faithful discharge of their duties.

The Council next proceeded to the election of collector on diays and carts, in the room of Mr. Lambert resigned

Mr. William A. Nott was duly elected on the 5th ballot.

Mr. C. De Armas was next elected inspector of firewood on the 2d ballot.

The council shortly after adjourned.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.—The Grand jury was yesterday in session in this Court and found a true bill against Samuel G. Smith for the murder of a passenger, committed on the high seas some time ago on board of the steamship Galveston. The trial was fixed for the 4th of January next.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—Judge McCaleb yesterday issued an order for the release of the Yucatan schooner Leonidas, seized as a prize by the American Squadron on the 17th of November last. The owners of the schooner will pay the costs of court.

NEW WORKS.—Our thanks are due J. C. Morgan of the Literary Depot for the following new publications.

The Rainbow for 1847. This is a very handsome volume, published by Messrs. Bell & Gould of New York, and embellished by ten steel engravings, some of which are really superior. The literary matter, both original and selected, is of a high order. Contributions to the Rainbow as published from almost every state in the union. The only drawback about the volume is its binding which is too tawdry and tasteless.

Christmas Box, for the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, a story by T. S. Arthur. Mr. Arthur's productions are rees appreciated than they deserve. He has many of the attributes of a fine novelist. His narrative is lively and elegant, truthful in incident, and painted with a wholesome moral. The little volume before us will not diminish his reputation.

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF LOUISIANA.—This Society will celebrate its fifth anniversary to-day. The following is the order of exercises which will commence in the church of the Rev. T. Clapp, at 1 o'clock, P. M. Voluntary on the Organ: Another by the Choir; Prayer by the Rev. R. L. Stanton; Duett, the "Pilgrim Fathers": Oration by Thomas A. Adams, Esq. (delivered written for the occasion by J. W. Stanton, Esq.) Benediction by the Rev. Charles Fox.

The Society will dine at the St. Charles Hotel. Subscribers and invited guests are requested to meet in the gentlemen's parlor at 6 o'clock P. M.

THE MESSAGE BY TELEGRAPH.—The Boston *Atlas*, of the 9th inst. contains a very creditable and correct abstract of a part of the President's Message transmitted from New York by Telegraphic despatch. We notice one thing, that while the abstract has nearly all the *substance* of the original document, it is shorter than that paper by about a dozen columns. The New York *Tribune*, says: "They undertook to telegraph the whole of the Message to Buffalo on Tuesday—but the wires broke when they came to the Nineteen Millions."

IMPORTANT INVENTION TO PLANTERS.—We copy the following from the Baton Rouge *Conservator*:

CIRCULAR SAW MILL.—A few days since, we made a visit to the Circular Saw Mill, invented by Mr. Newton, of this town and now in successful operation at Mr. Scudder's plantation. It comprises new principles, and we should presume important ones, for the purposes designed. The improvement, consists in the movement of the saw, which enables it to cut any sized log whatever. The frame and gear of the mill above the foundation are of cast iron, and so arranged as to afford perfect facility in *raising and lowering* the saw to any desirable height, by which means the saw is easily adjusted to any sized log, without being compelled from necessity of construction to take a larger log than the saw will bear with safety, and convenience. By this arrangement, a log of the largest size, may be sawed of a stated width in a successive order of separate tiers and plank. The saw is admirably adapted to cut out timber for "coolers," as it can be adjusted to saw into a log a specific distance, the log is then turned, and again sawed in the following from 1, two of which placed together will make a cooler we believe of the most approved construction, the material of which can be afforded at the very price of lumber. We have not room to enlarge upon the invention, but will attend to it another time. We believe it is a very valuable one, simple in its construction, easily kept in repair, and can be procured at a price, that will make the mill a profitable appendage to any sugar plantation. We understand that Messrs. Brown & Sheldon who manufacture the mills, will have at the Fair specimens of the lumber sawed for "coolers" and building purposes.

LATEST DATES.

NEW YORK.....Dec. 10 | LIVERPOOL.....Nov. 14
WASHINGTON.....Dec. 11 | HAVRE.....Nov. 15
CHARLESTON.....Dec. 14 | HAVANA.....Dec. 10
CINCINNATI.....Dec. 5 | VERA CRUZ.....Nov. 28
BRAZOS ST. IAGO.....Dec. 11 | TEXAS.....Dec. 16

COMMERCIAL.

NEW ORLEANS, MONDAY NIGHT,
DECEMBER, 22, 1846.

The Cotton market to-day was very animating. We notice sales of about 8,000 bales, at an advance of ¼c. @ ⅜. The business was divided between the Continent and the North.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—In Sugar, the sales amount to about 550 hhds. Of Molasses 300bbls. were sold at 24c. etc. ⅜ gallon.

FLOUR.—The Flour market to-day was very animated, and the sales amounts to about 7,000 bbls. at from $4 12½ @ $4 25 for Ohio and Illinois; and $4 50 @ bbl. for St. Louis.

PORK.—A very speculative demand sprung up to-day for this article, and the sales sum up about 2,000 bbls., at from $8 75, $9 12½ for mess; and $7 75 for prime.

CORN.—The sales of Corn to-day amount to about 5,000 sacks, at from 50 @ 55 cts. ⅜ bushel for prime lots of white and yellow.

EXCHANGE.—There was a fair demand for Exchanges to-day at previous rates. Sterling 4¾ @ 5¼ ⅜ cent. premium; francs, 5. 47½ @ 5. 52½, New York, 60 days, 1½ @ 2½ ⅜ cent. discount; Check, ¼ @ ½ ⅜ cent. discount.

FREIGHTS.—A bark was taken to day for Nantz, at $1 50 ⅜ bbl. for Flour, and 1½ cts. ⅜ lb for Cotton; and one for Liverpool at ¾ cts. ⅜ lb for Cotton.

CHAMPAGNE.—100 Baskets Champagne. Wine of the following choice brands, landing ex ship Clifton from Havre:—

Moet Chandon et Epernay's Pink sparkling Sillery.
Grand Cordon sparkling Ay vintage 1842 S. Thomas.
Cordonavert sparkling Sillery Count de Marville.
Skreider's superior quality.
Marquis de Lavalette, sparkling Sillery, for sale by RAYMOND CAHUZAC
Dec. 22, 1846. 34 old Levee st.

Christmas and New Year's Gifts.
Great Variety Music Boxes.

BIFFET respectfully informs the ladies that he has opens This Day an assortment of fancy articles suitable for presents, such as: Toys, Dolls in the newest style, Fancy Boxes, Chessmen, Work Boxes, Dominoes, Necklaces fancy Cutlery, Chairs, Tumblers, Tea and Coffee-pots, Pocket-books, Card Cases, Guard-chains, Gloves, Purses, Leather, in a very large quantity of other fancy articles. 422

TAKEN to the pound of the Second Section of St. Bernard Parish a black Horse, about 5 years old, blind in the left eye, shod in front, and branded C. R. on the left hip.

If said horse is not claimed on or before the 15th January next 1847, will be sold at auction on that day, at 12 o'clock, M., at the plantation of the subscriber. AUGUSTE FAGOT, Sr.
30 on 10d Dec. 22. St. Bernard Parish.

LOST.—Going from the corner of Tchoupitoulas and Natchez streets, passing on the Levee, through Custom House Chartres and Royal streets to the corner of Royal and St. Ann, a Gold Watch, No. 90 and 2542 with a double case, a small gold clasp without a key. The person who has found, and will hand said watch to the undersigned at his Apothecary shop, will be liberally rewarded.
T. R. LAMBERT, Apothec.
30 Dec. 22. Corner of St. Ann and Royal.

The Watchmakers and Jewelers are requested not buy said Watch, and to return it if presented to them.

Head Quarters, 1st Division La. Militia,
New Orleans, December 19th, 1846.
General Orders, No. 6.

1st. The Volunteer Corps of the First Division will be held ready to join in the celebration of the approaching anniversary of the battle of the 8th of January, 1815.

2d. The artillery will be prepared to fire a national salute on that day, at sunrise, at noon and at sun set.

3d. The commanders of the several corps are charged with the execution of this order, and will not themselves subject to further orders from Head Quarters.

By order of
JOHN L. LEWIS, Major General,
Commanding 1st Division La. Ms.
VICTOR WILTZ, Aid-de-Camp.

DANCING SCHOOL.
No. 74 *Royal street, between Bienville and Conti.*

MONSIEUR and MADAME HAZARD respectfully inform the ladies and gentlemen of New Orleans that they have just arrived from Philadelphia, and that they have opened a Dancing Academy at their residence, 74 Royal street. They will give lessons in fashions and in accidents.

Madame Hazard will teach the ladies who wish to perfect themselves in the art of Dancing.

In addition to plain dancing, she will teach the following dances will be taught:

The REDOWA WALTZ
MAZURKA WALTZ
MAZURKA QUADRILLE
VALSE SIXTEEN AND ALL SIXTEENTHS
POLKA QUADRILLE
POLKA WALTZ.

Monsieur Hazard being a native of Paris and having the advantage of a long residence in Paris, and with the best professors of Paris and London, is sure the persons who may patronize him that he will teach them the above Polkas and Redowas as they are practised in the best circles of Europe.

The terms, hours of tuition and references may be known on application to Mons. and Mme. Hazard as above. 27 6d

☞ HEALTH AND LONG LIFE within the reach of all. Every one may now be healthy and live long. Physicians at a very cheap rate. A pamphlet containing full details, by the celebrated MORRISON'S PILLS. Certificates, Advice, Medicines, during twelve years experience in the United States, without one cured but perfect. Prices of Medicines: Pills, 25 cts. per box; Ointment, 25 cts. per box. Sold wholesale and retail at HALLEY'S Office in Magazine street, and Fancy Depot, 131 Chartres st. 44 1m

☞ FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.—Lost on the evening of the 14th inst. a large French **Bull Dog**, grey black colour with white, with a large collar, the whole hair was cut off. The above reward will be given to the person who will bring back said dog to the owner, good.
Dec. 22. 30 RIRAN.

Nov 30 cod Cassochian and English st

J. P. LASSERE, Cutler, No 26 Carondelet, opposite Maison st.—Has the honor to inform those who have patronized him for the last twelve years and the public in general that he has received from the first Paris a very large assortment of **Fine Cutlery**, of every description and size—Table knives, carving knives and forks—pen knives, razors, scissors, travelling table service, surgical instruments—hernia bandages—clamps—amputation and operating knives—and fine manufactories razors which he guarantees as well as other cutlery in his branch. He repairs and cleans all kinds of instruments, razors and other articles. He also repairs and cleans fowling pieces and every description of firearms—the whole at moderate prices. d19—1m

GRAND DEPOT
OF
GRANIER'S FRENCH BLANKETS!!

THE subscribers, successors to the late J Magne, sole Agents of Zoe Granier, of Montpelier, take pleasure in announcing to the Planters, Gentlemen merchants and dealers throughout the South, West, and South-western States, that their Depot, No. 21 Magazine street, will always be well supplied with fresh arrivals of these **CELEBRATED BLANKETS.** The assortment will consist of—
Bleached 3 point white Blankets 80 to 85 per pair,
Superior white do. do. 7 to 9 do do.
Superior indigo blue do. 7 to 9 do do.
Superior green do. 7 to 9 do do.
Superior scarlet do. 7 to 9 do do.
Also—Superior Merino Bed Blankets, from 6 point to 12-point.

N. B.—The above goods will be sold at the lowest market price, and liberal discount made from regular prices when large quantities are taken.

H. DE GOER & RIPPLARD,
Agents for Mr. ZOE GRANIER, and Importers of French Dry Goods, 21 Magazine st., N. O. 6m

NEW GOODS.

I HAVE just received by the ship Tagliona from Havre a superior, rich and beautiful assortment of **Fancy Goods**, consisting in part of a great variety of Vesets, Mantleaus, Mantillas, Scarfs, Shawls, Embroideries, Bridal Dresses and Garlands, Ribbons, Laces, Fancy Gloves, Hosiery, and a variety of articles for Dress and Ornament, to suit all tastes. Also—**Bonnets** of every kind and style.

They were opened on the 21 November, and I most respectfully invite Ladies and Gentlemen to call and examine them.

D. F. WEYMUTH, 21 Canal st
Commission Merchant and Importer, having orders for Millinery Goods, are most respectfully invited to send them to us and we will use our utmost endeavors to give satisfaction. n24

MRS. CHILDS, encouraged by her success as an Instructress, offers her services as a teacher of English, she addresses herself particularly to the ancient population, and to strangers who are not acquainted with a language now absolutely indispensable as well in business as in society. The literary circle of our city and all persons who profess the art of teaching testify to the talent of Mrs. Childs, and to her entire ability as exhibited either in the Public Schools, or in private institutions. The highest recommendations can be furnished.

Mrs. CHILDS will give lessons either at her own residence or at that of her pupils.

Apply at No. 103 Royal street, between Conti and Saint Louis. REFERENCES:
Wm. Freret, Pierre Soule,
Dr. Mercier, Armand Pilie,
Le. Eynis, F. Buisson. n25 3m

Polytechnic School—No. 155 Canal st.

MR. MACALY, Principal of the above Institution, respectfully acquaints parents and guardians of youth, that he has taken a lease of the house he now occupies in canal street, for a term of years, and that for the comfort and better accommodation of pupils, he has fitted up a large, additional class room.

To give manliness of character to the pupil, improve his carriage and promote his personal activity, a gentleman from Paris, of high military skill and experience is employed to give instructions in MILITARY TACTICS and the exercises of the GYMNASIUM. To enumerate the physical advantages of Military training and Gymnastic exercises, combined with unremitting attention to the intellectual improvement and scholastic duties of the pupil, is quite unnecessary to an intelligent public.

All the branches of a liberal education are taught on the most approved plan by the best masters, and no extra charges are made for military instruction; the use of globes, philosophical apparatus, &c.; pupils, however, who join the military classes are required to have a uniform dress for review days and to furnish themselves with muskets.

N. B.—Boarding in the family gives the advantage of two hours additional instruction in the evenings, one hour by an English and the other by a French teacher.

WANTED—An additional ENGLISH TEACHER. Apply personally at No. 155 Canal street. n18—3m

STORAGE! STORAGE!!—The subscribers have ample rooms for the storage of 3000 barrels, or the bulk thereof, in their fire-proof, Warehouse on Tchoupitoulas, Notre Dame, Commerce and Julia streets. They are also prepared to receive goods on Consignment, for the storage of all dry goods, during the cotton season, on the most advantageous terms; and from the location of their warehouses, and the arrangements made by them, can offer to *pilot their owners*, as great, if not greater facilities in the receipt and delivery of produce than any similar establishment in the city. All goods will be weighed, and drayed either into or out of the Warehouse at the lowest rates.

EMERSON, TOURNE & CO.,
136 Tchoupitoulas st

COFFEE—900 bags old Rio and Java for sale by ROBERTS & HALL, 75 Magazine st.

LANDING ex bark Lubeck from Bordeaux 60 casks Claret good, ordinary and superior, for sale by RAYMOND CAHUZAC 34 Old Levee st.

WOOLS—2000 lbs best Wools, in store and for sale by REYNAUD, CUCULLU & CO.
d22 3t 34 Tchoupitoulas street.

FLOUR—5000 bbls superfine Flour in best shipping order in store and for sale by REYNAUD, CUCULLU & CO.
d22 3t 34 Tchoupitoulas street.

FLOUR—250 half bbls best St. Louis Flour in store and for sale by REYNAUD, CUCULLU & CO.
d22 3t 34 Tchoupitoulas street.

WHISKEY—30 bbls very old Tuscaloosa Whiskey, for sale by REYNAUD, CUCULLU & CO.
d22 3t 34 Tchoupitoulas street.

HOPS—15 bales very fresh Hops just received and for sale by REYNAUD, CUCULLU & CO.
d22 3t 34 Tchoupitoulas street.

DOMESTIC LIQUORS, 75 bbls, quarter casks and Octaves Rum, Gin, and double anchor Brandy and pure spirits landing ex bark Paris, for sale by ROBERTS & HALL, 75 Magazine st.

NOTICE.—The ship Amelia, Capt. Hawes from Havre, is now discharging opposite the Orleans press, 2nd Municipality. Consignees are requested to take out their permits within five days, otherwise their goods will be sent to the public stores. L. H. GALE, 63 Common St.
City Bank, }
New Orleans, December, 19, 1846. }

THIS Bank will be closed on Friday next the 25th inst., (Christmas Day) and on the 1st and 8th of January next. Notes and Bills falling due on those days will be payable on the days preceding.
d22 S. J. PALFREY, Cashier.

RICH GOODS FOR PRESENTS.—C. H. SIMPSON has just received and now offers for sale the following assortment of rich goods suitable for HOLIDAY PRESENTS:—

Rich robes of Cashmere, rich Cashmeres by the yard, printed and embroidered Bareges, embroidered and printed Mantilla de Lanas, spotted Bibbs figured and brocaded silks, Mantillas and Vestes, Ladies Paris Cambric Handkerchiefs, the newest styles of Cambrics, embroidered Cambric Handkerchiefs, (very pretty) embroidered Pocket Handkerchiefs, Gentlemen's fancy silk Pocket Handkerchiefs, Ladies' fancy Hosiery, Gloves, Collars, Capes, &c. &c. d22 3t Corner of Custom House street.

CHARTRES ST. Corner of Custom House street.
December 22 1846. 10td

Loss of the U. S. brig, Somers.

We are again called upon to chronicle a misfortune which has deprived the Gulf Squadron of one of its most efficient vessels, and sent many a brave and gallant soul to his last account. The U. S. brig *Somers* is lost, and a large number of her crew and officers have perished, or are prisoners to the Mexicans. For the details of the calamity, we are indebted to Purser WARRINGTON, who came up yesterday in the bark *Morgan Dix*, from Antonio Lazardi.

We learn that the *Somers*, while under the command of Lieut. Simms, was struck by a heavy squall from the North, on the 18th, at 9 o'clock, P. M., off Green Island. The brig capsized and sunk in a few minutes. There were 80 persons on board at the time, of whom it was not believed that 39 had perished—among them were passed midshipmen H. A. CLEMSON, and J. Y. HYNSON. Subsequently, however, it was ascertained, that 16 out of the 39 had drifted ashore—one of them have died from the effects of exposure; eight of them managed to reach the shore by clinging to a hen-coop. Five landed near Vera Cruz, and were taken prisoners of war by the Mexicans. Great credit is due the officers and crew of the English and French vessels of war, which were at anchor near the *Somers* at the time of the accident. Every possible assistance was rendered by them.

On the 5th inst., midshipman R. CLAY ROGERS, and Dr. J. A. WRIGHT, with a boat's crew from the *Somers*, went on an expedition, for the purpose of reconnoitering below Vera Cruz.—When Rogers and Wright, and a seaman had proceeded some distance from the boat, they were surrounded by seven Mexican soldiers.—Dr WRIGHT made his escape; Mr. ROGERS and the seaman were captured, and sent prisoners to the castle of Perote.

Commodore CONNER arrived at Antone Lizardi, on the 13th inst., on board the *Princeton*, she went on board the frigate *Raritan*, as his flag-ship. The sloop *John Adams* was blockading Vera Cruz at the last accounts. The frigate *Potomac* arrived at Green Island the 13th inst. the frigate *Cumberland* sailed for Norfolk on the 6th.

The following is a list of officers and men on the *Somers*:—

Henry A. Clemson, *Acting Master*.
John Y. Hynson, *Passed Midshipman*.
Wm L. Frazier, Ebenezer Terrell, Charles H. Haven, James Ryder, James Thompson, Chas. Lowe, Thomas Young, William Gillan, Malbi as Grant, Major Cain, Dennis Kelly, Alexander Anker, Chas. McFarland, James Fennel, Charles Tate, John Day, William Purdy, Edward McCormick, William Finsley, William Quest, John Hargrave, William W. Cady, John Chesapeake Myers, Clement C. Willen, Thomas Sullivan, Joseph Antonio, Adolph Demonte, Alanson Howard, William W. Powers, Henry W. Speir, James Chapman, Lewis Johnson, Jonathan Leopold, Thomas Jefferson, William H. Rose, Peter Hernandez.

The Picayune. Extra enables us to add some interesting particulars of the loss of the *Somers*. We extract the following from the Correspondence of that paper:—

"The accident is mainly due to the extreme lightness of the vessel. One or two minutes after she was over, most of the men and officers had gained the side of the vessel or the tops.—Dr. Wright and Lieut. Parker, passing through the wardroom after port, were the first to reach the main chains. They were followed by several men, and an attempt was made, with such means as were at hand, to cut away the main rigging. The men and officers using their penknives and sheath knives for the purpose. Capt. Semmes, who had been dashed on the lee side, was now drawn from the water, and as soon as he recovered he also directed our exertions. The cutting continued, the master, and passed midshipman Hynson, with a large number of men, had at this time reached the side of the vessel, and were making strenuous exertions to relieve her mast, but it was a fruitless effort, for the waves so far over that there was no strain upon the weather rigging. The small larboard gunline boat, was in the mean time cleared away and dropped easily round leeward, and manned by her usual complement of five oarsmen.—Midshipman Clarke, who had gained the main-top, was running from the steerage hatch, was ordered by Capt. Semmes to take charge of the boat and in calling that there was no chance of saving the brig, and that she was fast sinking Capt. Semmes ordered Mr. Clarke to shove off with Dr. Wright and seventeen men, besides Purser Steele, who reached the boat by swimming. As soon as clearing the wreck, first enquiry of there was room in the boat for another, to go off for Green Island, about half a mile distant, and immediately to return if possible and save more lives. This order was at once executed, and some of those in the boat had scarcely reached the side of the officers left on the wreck, in company with them. These officers resolved, decreed that they would wait and take their chance with the brig. Passed midshipman Hynson, who had been partially disabled by a contusion received in the firing of the Creole, was with difficulty supported to go into the boat. A lad by the name of Nutter, jumped out of the boat and refused to leave. Mr. Hynson, and a gentleman by the name of Powers did the same thing. Mr. Hynson, urging both others, those men then declared, but others taught have their places and that they would abide on the wreck with Mr. Hynson. Capt Semmes, who was in impaired health, was also entreated to go, but refused. Lieut. Parker answers in similar solicitation, by saying he would stay with the brig. Lt. Cheyne and Acting Master Clemson held the same language. It is a remarkable circumstance that three of the officers and all the men who acted thus nobly are saved. When the vessel shot off, the gale was blowing with great violence and a heavy sea running, so that for some minutes it was a matter of doubt whether the boat would live. Purser Steele at one time proposed to leave the boat for a fish-davit, he was a Roman, by. The boat, however, reached the shoal in twenty minutes. Hunger was in all.

As soon as the men were landed, Mr. Clarke, disregarding the most strenuous entreaties, resolutely shoved off again with a volunteer crew at the imminent hazard of their lives. Less than three minutes after the boat left the brig, Capt Semmes finding the vessel settling under them, gave an order for every man to save himself. All simultaneously plunged into the water, and grasping the posts, gratings, spars, coops and other floating objects at hand. Many must have gone down from the want of any support whatever, others struggled on frail floats to be again dashed on the reefs and dashed to pieces. Some were drifted to sea to be heard of no more, and others encountered the worst fate which could be apprehended in being devoured by sharks. Of near sixty who plunged from the wreck, only seventeen escaped.

Through all this appalling scene the greatest composure was observed by men and officers. There was no appearance of panic, no exhibition of selfishness. Those who could not swim were particularly enjoined to go in the boat. A large man by the name of Seymour, the ship's cook, had got in the boat, Lieut. Parker commanded him to come out in order to make room for two seamen. The man refused to *obeyed the order*, but was afterwards directed to go in the boat when it was found he could not swim.—Capt. Semmes and Lieut Parker were picked up by Mr Clarke from a grating, and Jacob Hozzard, a seaman, was rescued swimming near them. Those who survived have told of many instances of heroic self-devotion. The acting master, Henry A. Clemson, was struggling on a small steering sail boom with five others, two of whom could not swim. He found that all could not be supported and he left and struck out alone and unsupported. He was seen for the last time upon a sky-light and probably perished in the surf. The five men he left were saved, the two who could not swim being supported by their comrades, Amos Colson and John Williamson.

The letter speaks in the highest terms of the daring and devoted exertions of the officers of the Br. ships *Endymion* and *Alarm* and brig *Daring* and the French brigs *Pylade*, *Mercure* and the Spanish corvette *Louisa Fernanda* in rescuing the crew of the *Somers*. With regard to the Mexicans, the letter says:

"The Mexicans saw the accident from the fortress, and cheered and exulted for a long time. The brig had been for a time engaged in the blockade, and had done more to interrupt the commerce of the port than almost all the other vessels. Within the last fortnight both town and castle had been kept in a state of constant alarm by the burning of the Creole, and other demonstrations which I presume you will hear of in due time. I have no doubt the Mexicans were relieved when they saw her sink into the ocean. I append a list of the lost and saved—37 men saved—39 lost. One officer, Mr. Rodgers, Passed Midshipman, and one man, John G. Fox, were captured by the Mexicans two days before while reconnoitering an important point, in company with Dr. Wright, the latter escaping to witness the catastrophe of the brig."

OFFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The *Union* of the 12th, announces that Major Turnbull, Capt. J. E. Johnson, Lieut. Semmes, Lieut. Derby, and Lieut. Hardcastle,—all officers of the Topographical Engineers—were to leave Washington the next day for the army of the West. They will travel the national road, descend the river and expect to join General SCOTT at Brazos Santiago.

TEA AND COFFEE.—From calculations made by members, it is said that a tax on these articles will be determined by about one vote.—Close shaving.

☞ *The National Intelligencer* has a great deal of caustic humor about it. The following hit at the *Union* is very clever:

"We learn that it is a point much mooted in the course of the city whether the Madison *war* or the organ is about *changing* to the Administration. The war, they say, is a calamity, but the organ an infliction. The patriot might possibly recover of the disease, but then he seems doomed to die of the doctor."

City Intelligence.

☞ The murder of the black boy, John, was not perpetrated in the Cabaret of Marcel Dorsignac, I.m.c., as we stated yesterday, but on the sidewalk fronting said Cabaret.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held yesterday on the body of a young man named H. Van Oetern, a native of Germany, and aged about 28 years. He was was found dead in the Piney Woods Hotel, near the New Basin. Verdict: "Delirium tremens."

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.—Daniel H. Lawrence, *alias* D. H. Lazarus was arraigned yesterday, on a charge of forging and uttering a forged draft. He pleaded not guilty. William McNamann, accused of larceny, also pleaded not guilty. Two cases of assault and battery were afterwards disposed of, and the Court then adjourned.

SHOOTING.—The police of the 1st Municipality arrested yesterday, a woman named Lavania Mitchel, charged with shooting one James York. The latter had presented himself to Lavania's house, at the corner of Custom-House and Treme streets, yesterday morning, between 11 and 12 o'clock, when he was ordered to retire. At that very instant, a witness heard the report of fire-arms and York fell severely wounded in the neck. He was conveyed to the Charity Hospital. Recorder Genois will shortly examine the case.

☞ A number of decisions were read yesterday in the Supreme Court; we have he