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The Message.

Our columns to-day It is not so long, but that every citizen interested in the welfare of the State may read it Nevertheless, there are those who prefer a condensed abstract, and to them we offer a brief summary of the document The message is well written, elegant and polished in style, with flowing sentences and rounded periods. The Governor writes like a man of taste and education.

The message opens with a reference to National affairs, and particularly to the Mexican war, which, it says, was brought about by a long series of unprovoked aggressions, tolerated with magnanimity until patience ceased to be a virtue He refers to the rapidity and ease with which large numbers of volunteer troops were raised as thrilling evidence of the practical wisdom of our federal system The Governor then recapitulates all that Louisiana has done with a view to send men and munitions to the seat of war In connection with this subject he calls attention to the fact, that as no law of Congress exists authorizing enlisted volunteers to draw pay, until actually mustered into service, some difficulty has been experienced in completing the late requisition for a regiment. He recommends the passage of a bill appropriating an amount sufficient to cover the expenses incurred by individual contributors. Six brass six-pounders and two howitzers have been sent to Tampico at the request of Commodore PERRY.

The Governor further states that he has been repaid, with the exception of a small amount yet in dispute, the entire sum expended by the State of Louisiana in raising and equipping troops himself upon the intelligence of the outbreak of hostilities and expresses the obligations of the State to the Hon. E. Lavere for the speedy settlement of these claims by the General Government

In respect to the disbanding of the Louisiana Volunteers, the Message, being the production of a Locofoco functionary is discreetly silent. Nothing could be said in defence of the act, and therefore it is well to let it gradually die away and be forgotten The Volunteers who returned were, many of them, in a pitiable state of destitution, having been brought in debt by a system of over charging and extortion which it is the duty of the Legislature to investigate

The sword voted to General TAYLOR is ready to be delivered to him, whenever that gallant officer is willing to indicate the time and place.

The militia laws require serious amendment Regular annual appropriations are advised for the purchase of arms, in which, on account of the defective returns to Congress, our State is deplorably deficient The State Arsenal should moreover be supplied with ammunition and the other means and appliances of war and defence One of the most efficient modes of reforming the present system, would be a certain summary and responsible method on collecting and enforcing penalties.

Appropriations for the maintenance of the Charity Hospital are much needed Congress should be asked to make an annual allowance towards the support of that institution during the war

Free schools and public education, are properly considered subjects of paramount importance, and the Legislature is strongly urged to frame a comprehensive, thorough and satisfactory system, whatever may be the time and labor required In fact his Excellency talks of education in the spirit of an enlightened and sensible man Particular pains should be taken to select a competent individual for the responsible trust of superintendent of the Public Schools The Governor advises the acceptance of the proposition made by the Centenary College to educate, in perpetuity, ten State students, instead of paying ten thousand dollars for the old Louisiana College.

The policy of leasing the Penitentiary has proved so vessful and may be regarded as a settled question Some legislation is required for the better government of its inmates who may become insane.

The finances of the State are in a prosperous condition On the 31st December, there was a balance in the Treasury of $291,785 61 cents. The State debt proper, is $1,293,000, only a small portion of which falls due in June, 1848, and which may be readily provided for.

The message concludes with a handsome and pathetic allusion to the death of the lamented ALEXANDER BARR, in which Gov JOHNSON pays a feeling and felicitous tribute to the virtues and ennobling qualities of the deceased.

Col. FARRAR—It is with great pleasure that we are enabled to announce the election of the sterling Whig and able member, as speaker of the House of Representatives Col. FARRAR is one of the most enlightened, liberal and experienced of our Representatives and will, we are persuaded, preside over the deliberations of the House with equal efficiency and dignity The opponents of Col FARRAR may be estimated from the fact, that one or two Locofocos absolutely dared to break through the rigid restraints of party ties, and sustained him in an unconcealed manner

LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA.

In Senate.

MONDAY, January 11th, 1847

The Senate met yesterday at 12 o'clock precisely. The Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Pierre Landry, was in the Chair Messrs Dupre, Senator from St Landry and Calcasieu,—Hereford, Senator from East Baton Rouge,—Derbigny, from Lafayette,—Preston, from Jefferson, and Young, from the parish of Natchitoches, were severally called to the Chair and took the oath prescribed by the Constitution. The Governor's Message was received, read and ordered to be printed. The Lieutenant Governor stated that he had received from the Secretary of State the returns of elections to supply certain vacancies in the Senate. Referred, on motion of Mr. Nicholas, to the Committee on Elections Whereupon the Senate adjourned to this morning at 10 o'clock

House of Representatives.

Agreeably to their last adjournment, the House met at 12 o'clock precisely. Mr. Farrar of New Orleans occupied the Chair as Speaker pro tem Seventy members present

After the Constitutional oath was administered during the recess, the House proceeded to the election pro tem of a Speaker

Messrs Farrar, Bordelon, Moise, Reed and Phillips were candidates. The votes, on the first trial, were divided as follows: Messrs. Farrar 34, Bordelon 16, Phillips 13, Moise 10; Reed 9 Not having a majority, a second trial, and a second trial, 40 votes, and Mr Phillips, Locofoco, 30 Mr Farrar, of New Orleans, was therefore declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives

After the constitutional oath of office was administered to the newly elected Speaker, by Mr. Williams, of Ascension, the oldest member of the House, Mr. F addressed the House as follows

"Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

"The occasion on which I now appear before you is to me one of strong emotion, and while I may not disguise the gratification I feel in being the recipient of so distinguished a mark of confidence and esteem, and the depository of so important a public trust, upon that I may rest assured gentlemen, that the obligations you have conferred me under, are neither unknown to me, nor slightly regarded, and I trust that I shall at least be able to testify to you, in the progress of our labors, that my sense of them, the duties and obligations, is as deep as it is conscientious

I am fully aware, that I shall not, in performing the difficult and responsible duties of a speaker, be able to bring to my aid unusual ability or a well-stored experience; but as far as ability, experience, and an honest tenacity of purpose serve me, I shall attempt all to promote the harmonious action of this body and to expedite the public business

The thing, I can with some degree of safety premise, is, if I know my own hearts, that in all the duties I may be called upon to perform here, I shall know no man, no party, no consideration, other than the public good, the honor and decorum of the house, and, as far as I am concerned, a perfect impartiality of conduct towards every member

Relying, gentlemen, on your co-operation and assistance, and gathering confidence from the indulgence that I am sure to experience at your hands for errors which I fear may be too palpable and frequent, (but which your keener sense and judgement will readily correct,) I enter at once on the discharge of the duties you have assigned me, hoping that members will see and feel the force of the important truth, that the surest way to advance and perfect the business that has brought us together, is by a rigid enforcement and observance of the parliamentary rules prescribed for our government.

Who word before we resume the business of the country. There is a sentiment so interwoven with the inexplicable qualities of the human heart, that language with all its powerful attributes and variety, fails in being a faithful interpreter.

"For in it sighs that luxurious spell,
Which speaks most—unspeakable."

For this manifestation of your confidence, gentlemen, my tongue can only say from the fulness of my heart—" I thank."

On motion, a joint committee of both houses was next appointed to wait upon the Governor, informing him that the house was organized and ready to receive his annual message. Shortly after, the message was received, read to the house and its printing ordered in both languages.

The House then adjourned to this morning at 10 o'clock

MESSAGE

Of his Excellency, Governor Johnson, to the Legislature, January 11, 1847.

Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Representatives:

When you adjourned on the first of June, to meet again on this day, it was to resume, under more favorable auspices, the unfinished work of the first session of the first Legislature under the new Constitution; and to revise and correct that which an interval of leisure and experience might prove to have been imperfectly executed; I do not, therefore, deem it expedient to recommend to your consideration any measures of general legislation, unconnected with the objects of that adjournment, which are known to be of high importance to the welfare of the State, and will, it is believed, be quite sufficient to engage closely your attention for the constitutional period of all future sessions.

I regret that I cannot announce peace with Mexico; the war still continues; the causes which led to it, the long, unbroken series of outrage, aggression and indignity to which our citizens and the national honor had been subjected, by a government and people not sufficiently enlightened to place a just estimate on the obligations which a position among civilized and independent nations imposes, and too powerless to enforce an observance of them, even if the disposition to do so existed. The constant forbearance of our government, which seemed only to invite a constant infliction of wrongs, the rejection of our peaceful overtures repeatedly offered, the refusal, on a flimsy pretext, to receive an ambassador from us, who was sent out as a messenger of peace with pleinary powers to adjust all difficulties, and the actual invasion of our territory and attack upon the army of occupation, have been so clearly and fully set forth in the official communication of the President to Congress, that it would be in vain for me to attempt to add anything to so masterly and triumphant a vindication of the necessity of the war and the justice of our cause.

Placed by her proximity to the seat of war, in a position to comply more readily than her sister states with the call for reinforcements, made by the commanding General of the army of occupation, Louisiana responded to that call with an alacrity and efficiency which has been properly appreciated throughout the Union; she applied the resources of men and money without stint or reserve to the sudden and startling emergency which required them. Congress, in acknowledgement of the service, promptly passed a bill to reimburse the advances made by the State, and the Executive and subordinate authorities have exercised the discretionary power in the liquidation of the accounts which that law sanctioned in the liberal spirit of equity which dictated it. These facts have afforded a striking illustration of the admirable adaptation of our Federal system, as well to the rarer exigencies of war, as to its natural functions of developing in peace, to a degree unknown in other forms of government, all the elements of individual and social prosperity. A State sovereignty feeble in population and resources—too remote to await the action of the Federal Government, has interposed boldly forward to supply its place, and in a period of time incredibly short, equipped and despatched for service in a foreign land, a force superior to that which the Father of his Country had under his command on several critical occasions during the revolutionary war. Such an exhibition of the dormant energies of our free institutions, cannot but have the happiest effect at home and abroad—it demonstrates the absence of any necessity for keeping up large standing armies in time of peace, and affords to foreign powers a instructive insight into our capacity for offensive or defensive war, which cannot fail to exercise the most salutary influence upon our external relations.

The war has been a succession of brilliant and glorious achievements, and every step of the government indicates that it is to be pursued with a rigor that must bring it to an honorable close. Our past sacrifices, in which our citizen soldiers have nobly emulated the zeal and gallantry of our regular troops, are a sufficient guarantee for those future triumphs which will secure to us *all that is denied*—"indemnity for past injuries, and security against a repetition of them." The history of the provocations and aggressions in which this war originated, the entire want of military preparation on our part, up to the moment of decisive hostilities, brought on by the Mexicans, and the anxious desire often manifested by our government for a pacific removal of every cause of complaint, prove incontestibly that the government never was, and is not now in the offensive attitude it has been forced to assume against her adversary, impelled as some attest to late, by the lust of conquest. It may be that the war is necessary to relieve Mexico, eventually, of the miseries of military usurpation, and to prove the way to her elevation in the scale of civilized nations, and it may be that the horrors of civil war, which for years seemed to recede from the steady and resistless advance of North American enterprize, till the expansion of her regenerating institutions shall only be confined by the boundaries of the continent. But I can see no reason in all that, for suspending the national authorities of an unhallowed ambition.

On the 26th of November I received from the President, through the Secretary of War, a requisition for one regiment of Infantry, to be raised at the earliest practicable period, for service during the war with Mexico. I have no apologies or explanations to offer for having cheerfully obeyed the voice of patriotism and the authorized requisition of the President; nor do I attach the slightest merit to the performance of so indispensible and sacred a duty. It, however, affords me sincere satisfaction to inform you that, although the enlistment did not proceed with a great deal of enthusiasm; yet, that the regiment well equipped in every respect and completely equipped, has been for a fortnight past turned over to the United States, and is now impatiently waiting at Fort Jackson for marching orders.

There is no law of Congress authorizing the Government to allow an enlisted volunteer, until actually mustered into the service, to draw subsistence and he furnished with quarters, as, until then, he is not considered a soldier of the Government To that cause may be attributed the chief difficulty in raising the regiment. The pecuniary expense is usually met by State Legislatures, when in session, by municipal corporations when able, or by private contribution; the latter mode of relief has been appealed to on the present occasion, and the subscriptions, which attest the liberality of our citizens, have been placed in the hands of a responsible committee, who will exercise a sound discretion and much caution as practicable in paying the debts incurred in preserving the honor of the State in due time will be submitted to the Legislature as the basis of an appropriation to cover the amount so generously advanced I therefore recommend the passage of a bill for the purpose as soon as authentic data can be furnished It is the duty of Congress, in my opinion, to prevent the recurrence of such an inconvenience; still legislation is but the choice of one evil in preference of another, and the least, in this question of preliminary expense, is for Congress to take the matter up and provide for it. An act confining the expense to companies actually mustered, and limiting the cost of each company, would protect the Government, it appears to me, against fraud and imposition, nevertheless the State stands ready at all times to respond with promptitude to the call of the General Government, during the war, as a remuneration to this institution for actual cos. incurred in affording a place of repose to the poor soldiers of the government It would be asking only the request of a national debt of gratitude, in which each State should feel a common interest.

If the Marine Hospital, opposite the city, is completed and opened during the war to the soldier as well as the sailor, it would be a Godsend to suffering humanity, which would afford some relief to the Charity Hospital. This work has been suspended for want of pecuniary means but I am informed on good authority, that it can be completed and furnished in a short time for $25,000. Senator Johnson from this State, I am glad to see, is moving in the matter, and a hint to our Representatives to lend him their aid, would, I am sure have the happy effect of quickening into life this measure at the present session of Congress.

The subject of free public schools, to which I adverted in my inaugural, will form a prominent and interesting, though intricate and embarrassing portion of the unfinished business which is claim your most patient and serious consideration. The constitution is clear and imperative, that the Legislature *shall* provide means for the support of free public schools, by taxation of property, and the question of adequate provision for that purpose has now to be met by you who enjoy the first honor of the responsibility under the new constitution. Those who declare the cost of such an establishment with trembling timidity, or with frigid indifference, can exert no influence upon you who are converts to it by enlightened reflection, and by allegiance to the constitution. Government is but a faithful mirror, which reflects the good and bad qualities of those who surround it—the people, who are the source and embodiment of sovereignty—and if you wish to preserve in purity the liberty and conscience of governments, and to raise into the highest attainable perfection, the wealth of the people must be freely devoted to the education of the people. With a supply of money, to be raised by taxation, and a full and comprehensive law carefully framed, to educate and train the moral nature, as well as the intellect of human beings, provision for a superintendence and efficient supervision, in some order, a mine of vital importance. This functionary will be the constitutional head and manager of the system, and to him must be confided the task of adjusting into a fair, efficiency and discipline. His opinions will, therefore, become the law of the moderation and improvement of the system. It is your prerogative to define the nature and extent of his functions; but most assuredly, he should not only be a man of approved scholarship, of diversified and elegant attainments, of morals pure, and of temperament firm and mild, but he should be familiar with the different systems in operation, and bear such ardent love to his vocation as to endow him to embrace it with the zeal of a missionary, and the courage of a soldier. The office should be liberally endowed with a liberal salary; and, as it is in the the last degree desirable that a trust of such absorbing interest to the raising and future generations of the State, should be conferred without favor or affection, on the best qualified to perform its delicate and varied duties, it is most earnestly hoped that the Legislature may concur in the opinion, otherwise it will probably happen, that the best calculated for the office may be unwilling to be made to assume its responsibilities and sacrifices

I beg leave, in his place, to direct your attention to a proposition submitted to you before the adjournment in June last, to endow a seminary college, an institution which has risen, by the genius of private enterprise, out of the ruins of Louisiana college To commute the purchase price of the Louisiana college property, say $10,000, for the free tuition, in perpetuity, of ten State students, is, I understand, the head and front of the proposition In considering the merits of the proposition, it should be remembered that a sine qua non condition of the sale of the college property is that it shall not be put to any other use than a literary institution, and that this infant Centenary college, without a dollar of property, is earnestly and honestly at work, with the brightest prospects of success, to fulfil the laudable design of the State, and to build up and maintain what the State has left in ruins Ten students, fairly to accomplish a respectable depository in grammar and of the arts and sciences With a knowledge of these facts, I cannot raise my voice against the proposition; on the contrary, I think it should be promptly met in that spirit of liberal spirit which values the blessings of education—at a higher rate than "much fine gold"

If this view be correct, it is to the interests of education merits your approval, as an inducement to transfer to a trust which will protect the State against the failure of the college to keep up a faculty and to comply with any other essential obligation The original debt of the State will be the college property, in the event of such failure, to pay the debt and interest from the day of default, would afford the amplest protection, anticipating the objection, that such may be raised, I cannot perceive in what manner such an arrangement, if acceded to, will create conflict with the uniform system of education which the constitution intends shall be organized throughout the State The rights and duties of the Centenary college were fixed before the framers of the constitution The law which guarantees those rights confers the same on the seminary institution, but the law cannot bind her to conform to the general principle alluded to, however desirable it may be that all schools, academies and colleges should act upon a common principle in regard to school boards, teachers qualifications, sciences, tongues, &c., so as to form a complete and homogeneous whole

The seminary, which the Penitentiary was originally designed to take effect on the first day of October 1848, and on that day the leases in virtue of a contract with the Governor, assumed the control of the institution for a period of five years The contract binds the lessees to furnish the State expense and yields the profits to the lessees during the lease The annual report of the directory with the accompanying documents, have been submitted to you, present a table of the affairs of the institution, and leave no reasonable doubt that the system so suspiciously in progress will become the settled policy of the State. During the past year, the expense, the State incurs no debt on account of the Penitentiary, and the profits over expense for the last year which inure to the lessees are about $49,750 10, but it is much more important to inform you that this profit is not to be attained without imposing the severities of humanity, or to the primary objects of Penitentiary reform. The general health of the convicts is valuable as an isolated commentary on the advantages of religious instruction to the unhappy convicts, and I take this occasion to apprise you that the physician in the report shows no case of insanity in the institution, and I refer you to authorize the removal of a convict so afflicted to the insane department of the charity hospital

It is true there existed a general provision of law which imposed on the Parish Judges the duty of sending, on proper proof, lunatics and insane persons to this institution, but that provision is inoperative from the want of funds in the Parish court system. I therefore advise that this duty be revived in some other officer, and that the insane of the Penitentiary and of the State at large be committed to the charities of whatever action you may take on the subject It may be confidently expected, even if so desirable an object is not sooner accomplished, that the asylum for the insane, separate from the charity hospital, may be erected, with the sanction of the Legislature, out of the surplus earnings of the Penitentiary, after the expiration of the present lease, especially if the appropriation asked for by the Directors is granted, which is to enable them to facilitate the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods, as to yield a considerable annual revenue to the State, and at the same time put a stop to that competition with free labor which the State has long been a fruitful source of bitter complaint. I am aware that enlightened and benevolent individuals have suggested the entire system of prison discipline, and alleviate the sorrows of State prisoners, have condemned as unrighteous the idea of making a Penitentiary a source of revenue to the State Treasury; but with the greatest deference to all ever-refined notions of human sympathy, I confess myself insensible to the force of such an objection, since practical results have convinced the judgement that revenue may be derived from that source without stunting the means due to the convicts for moral and general improvement, farther than the proper objects of discipline and punishment may require.

By an act of 1838, relative to the indigent deaf and dumb of this State, it is my duty to report to you that there are now three indigent deaf and dumb between the ages of 20 to 65, and in less than one day left again to 20 These sudden transitions, though common enough, and not, by any means, inurious to a seasoned constitution, are extremely trying to strangers

Orleans Theatre.—Tonight, the Ravel Family give an entertainment that cannot fail to draw a crowded house, in advance at the house. The very laughable comedy-bouffe of *M. Deshayes*, in which Gabriel Ravel assumes the principal character, and the immutable tableau called the Italian Robbers, by the Ravel family, form the leading attractions of the evening In addition to which we have the customary rope exercises and a pas de deux by Mr. Henry Weiss and Mrs Leon Javelly, formerly Miss Wells The performance begins with the vaudeville of "My Wife and my Umbrella"

Births and Deaths in New Orleans.—We have been politely furnish ed with the following statement of the births and deaths recorded in New Orleans, for the last year. We give it with the remark that it is evidently an approximation to the truth, particularly with respect to the colored population, who must, evidently, neglect the duty prescribed by law

Births of white children in 1846,	1781	
Deaths "	"	434
Births of colored children,	"	584
Deaths "	"	187

Later from the Squadron.—Through the politeness of the editors of the *Commercial Times*, we are enabled to lay before our readers the following information:

"The bark *John Barnes* Staples, master, arrived yesterday morning, having left the port of Antonio Lazardo, Dec. 31st, 1846. Left there U. S. frigate *Raritan*, Captain Turner, flag-ship of the squadron, steamship *Princeton*, steamer *Petrita*, and storeship *Relief*. The sloop of war *John Adams* has at Vera Cruz, for Sacrificios blockading Vera Cruz. The remainder of the squadron are cruising off Laguna. The sloop of war *St. Mary's* was expected to arrive daily, as was the ship of the line *Ohio*. The steamer that left Laguna arrived on the 28th. Laguna with two prizes, and left on the 29th, for Norfolk taking in tow one of the prizes bound to this port. The other a Spanish schooner, was released by Commodore Conner at Anton Lazardo The health of the officers and crews was generally very good, there being but few on the sick list There is very little news of importance. News arrived in Vera Cruz, on the 27th of the election of Santa Anna to the Presidency of Mexico.

A Mexican schooner, bearing a flag of truce, arrived from Campeachy, on the 24th. She brought the news of a declaration of the independence of that province from the central government, and claiming for her ports the privileges of neutrals, which it is believed Commodore Conner has granted. Her object in coming here is to procure a supply of flour for the State, approved 1st June, 1846, which, together with the remedies suggested, I commend to your attention.

And in concluding, I have another, let me tell you, Gentlemen, a sad and solemn duty to perform. But I am anticipated by the melancholy tidings which explain the universal sorrow. The nation yet mourns, and private friendship weeps, and pays willing and affectionate tribute to the memory of ALEXANDER BARROW: cut down in meridian maturity, and in the midst of his usefulness. It is indeed true, Alexander Barrow is numbered with the dead; his manly virtues and exalted talents; his pure character and elevated patriotism, are no longer living emblems, ornament of the national senate chamber. But still they live, and long, long will abide in memory there, despite the ruins of the tomb! Your duty will now commence; and may God grant that the afflicting dispensation which occasioned it, may be sanctified to *all* hearts, and especially to that one upon which the awful blow has fallen with crushing and desolating power.

ISAAC JOHNSON

NEW ORLEANS, January 11, 1847.

City Intelligence.

COUNCIL OF MUNICIPALITY NO ONE.—*Monday Evening.*—The Council met last evening pursuant to adjournment, Recorder Genois in the Chair.

The reading of the journal of the last sitting being dispensed with; Alderman Fabre submitted a resolution, repealing the ordinance prohibiting the game of Keno to be played within the limits of this Municipality. Said resolution was rejected by the casting vote of the Recorder.

A report from the majority of the Improvement Committee, was introduced to the Council by Mr. Derbes, by which the Mayor was authorised to issue his warrant on the treasury of the Municipality, for the sum of $17,563 31, for works done by Mr. Denis Cronan as per contract After a warm and tedious discussion, the resolution was adopted with an amendment that Mr. Cronan shall keep in repair during the space of one year, Customhouse street.

The Council then adjourned, after transacting some unimportant business.

✍ Yesterday a company of Pennsylvania Volunteers marched to the first Municipality watch-house, and delivered twenty citizens for safe keeping. They are charged with rioting and molesting the soldiers of the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment. There were six three men (Spaniards) charged with wounding seriously a soldier from Wyomink County, Pennsylvania, in a cabaret. This affair will be investigated this morning before Recorder Genois.

✍ We would remind the citizens of the third Municipality, that the equestrian John Smith will take this evening a benefit in the circus of Messrs. Stone and McCollum, situated on Washington Square

COMMITTEE FOR TRIAL.—John Geniat, whose arrest we noticed yesterday, charged with assaulting and beating Mr. Jacob Young, one of the barkeepers of the St. Charles Hotel, was yesterday committed for trial by recorder Baldwin before the 1st district court.

Edward Palmer, arrested by the 3d Municipality police for passing a counterfeit ten dollar bill on Mr Jackson, was remanded for further examination

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.—Xavier Allain, charged with harboring a runaway slave, was yesterday put upon his trial, and found not guilty. Daniel Bryan charged with larceny, was next tried and found guilty

✍ In Recorder Genois' court, yesterday, there was not a single item worth reporting

ARRESTED.—Officer Petrie, of the 2nd Municipality police, arrested yesterday one William Ford, a cab-driver, charged with having taken from the clerk of Mr Prazer, worth about sixty dollars. Examination this morning

THE WEATHER for the last few days has been of the most changeable and capricious character. On the 8th instant we had almost summer heat, it suddenly became bitter cold, the thermometer ranging below the freezing point Forty-eight hours afterwards, the mercury rose from 32 to 65, and in less than one day fell again to 20. These sudden transitions, though common enough, and not, by any means, inurious to a seasoned constitution, are extremely trying to strangers

Mayoralty of New Orleans.

GENERAL COUNCIL.—Sitting 29th Dec., 1846.

Report of—An Ordonnance to regulate the Police of Drays, Carts, Coaches, Cabriolets and other Carriages and Vehicles to let, to hire, and private and to regulate their Drivers, &c.

Article 1. That no person shall run or cause to be run within the limits of the three Municipalities of this City, any Coach, Gig, Buggy, Hack, Hackney Coach, Cart, Dray, Wagon, Truck, Horse Carriage, and other Carriage and Vehicles, let, for hire, for the transportation of persons, produce, effects, merchandize, and other objects generally conveyed, without first obtaining a license therefor from the Mayor of the City for each of the above carriages and vehicles, under the penalty of not less than one nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every contravention of the provisions hereof.

Signed J. SEGUI, President.

Approved 29th December, 1846.

Signed A. D. CROSSMAN, Mayor.

True copy, A MAURIAN, Secretary.

Notice is hereby given to all persons taking out Drays licenses, that unless the above article be complied with, the penalties therein described will be enforced. [jan12] A D CROSSMAN, Mayor.

100 Bales 4-4 Brown Sheetings put up in small compact packages and of a style approved by adopted to the Mexican trade, just received and for sale by DE FOREST & CO.
jan12 32 Customhouse st.

LAWRENCE'S Amoskeag A and C 4-4 Brown Ls sheetings, just received in store, and for sale by DE FOREST & CO, 32 Customhouse st.
jan12

CIFC—GFC and Cabot bleached Shirtings, GAMC in store and for sale by DE FOREST & CO, 32 Customhouse st.
jan12

HAVANA SUGAR—200 boxes White and Brown, for sale by Elisha Denison, and for sale by jan12 L CANTIN, 42 Gravier st.

MEXINO BLANKETS—A handsome assortment of French Blankets of all sizes, received and for sale by jan12 D B MACARTY, 28 Royal st.

GLAZED HATS AND CAPS—10 cases, for sale G by jan12 PROST & CO, 10 Magazine st.

WOOLEN SOCKS—600 doz heavy country net Woolen Socks, for sale by PROST & CO, 10 Magazine st.
jan12

SPANISH WIRE—12 coils old and new wire, in store and for sale by DE FOREST & CO,
jan12 32 Customhouse street.

ALSO—44 cases Orange Flower water. jan12

INDIGO—Superior Manilla indigo, for sale by jan11 J M CABALLERO, 32 Old Levee.

COFFEE—Rio coffee, in store and for sale by jan11 J M CABALLERO, 32 Old Levee.

LATEST DATES.

NEW YORK	JAN. 1	LIVERPOOL	Dec. 4
WASHINGTON	Jan 2	HAVRE	Dec. 20
CHARLESTON	Jan 4	HAVANA	Dec. 21
CHARLESTON	Jan. 4	VERA CRUZ	Nov. 10
BARROW BY LAG	Jan. 3	TAMPICO	Dec. 29

COMMERCIAL.

NEW ORLEANS, MONDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 11, 1847.

The Cotton market to day was rather dull, but prices, nevertheless, are extremely firm. About 2,000 bales changed hands, chiefly for the North. Middling to good middling may be noted at 9¾ @ 10¾c @ lb.

There is nothing doing in Tobacco.

Sugar is dull, and the business scarcely reached 300 hhds. A moderate business was done in Molasses at 25c @ gall.

In Flour we notice sales of about 3,000 bbls at $4 30@$4 40 @ bbl.

The Corn market is exceedingly firm at 67@70c for prime lots of white and yellow. About 8,000 bushels were disposed of at these rates

EXCHANGE.—There is no change to notice in the bill market. We quote sterling 9¾@9¾ @ cent prem; francs 5 54@5 55; New York 60 days, 9¾ @ 9¾ cent dis.; Sight Checks, ¼@¾ @ cent. discount.

FREIGHTS.—There is no further movements in freights.

✍ *Hair Restorative.*—Almost every day we find some article put forth for improving and restoring the Hair, most of which are mere worthless nostrums, propelled by some designing quack, with which for a short time they may gull the public. We are constantly hearing complaints of the worthlessness of these various specifics and compounds, whereby paffed. And what is more provoking to the purchaser than the loss of money, is that these nostrums frequently do more harm than good. Oldridge's celebrated Balm of Columbia is equal the best of any, and more especially as an universal remedy for preventing and restoring the Hair when properly used. that scarcely a month passes over our head without it and unsolicited approbation of those in need of the article is received at our office, attesting its value as a luxury, and, as it is in the the last degree desirable that a trust of such absorbing interest to the rising and future generations of the State, should be conferred without favor or affection, on the best qualified to perform its delicate and varied duties, it is most earnestly hoped that the Legislature may concur in the opinion, otherwise it will probably happen, that the best calculated for the office may be unwilling to be made to assume its responsibilities and sacrifices

I beg leave, in his place, to direct your attention to a proposition submitted to you before the adjournment in June last, to endow a seminary college, an institution which has risen, by the genius of private enterprise, out of the ruins of Louisiana college To commute the purchase price of the Louisiana college property, say $10,000, for the free tuition, in perpetuity, of ten State students, is, I understand, the head and front of the proposition In considering the merits of the proposition, it should be remembered that a sine qua non condition of the sale of the college property is that it shall not be put to any other use than a literary institution, and that this infant Centenary college, without a dollar of property, is earnestly and honestly at work, with the brightest prospects of success, to fulfil the laudable design of the State, and to build up and maintain what the State has left in ruins Ten students, fairly to accomplish a respectable depository in grammar and of the arts and sciences With a knowledge of these facts, I cannot raise my voice against the proposition; on the contrary, I think it should be promptly met in that spirit of liberal spirit which values the blessings of education—at a higher rate than "much fine gold"

If this view be correct, it is to the interests of education merits your approval, as an inducement to transfer to a trust which will protect the State against the failure of the college to keep up a faculty and to comply with any other essential obligation The original debt of the State will be the college property, in the event of such failure, to pay the debt and interest from the day of default, would afford the amplest protection, anticipating the objection, that such may be raised, I cannot perceive in what manner such an arrangement, if acceded to, will create conflict with the uniform system of education which the constitution intends shall be organized throughout the State The rights and duties of the Centenary college were fixed before the framers of the constitution The law which guarantees those rights confers the same on the seminary institution, but the law cannot bind her to conform to the general principle alluded to, however desirable it may be that all schools, academies and colleges should act upon a common principle in regard to school boards, teachers qualifications, sciences, tongues, &c., so as to form a complete and homogeneous whole

The seminary, which the Penitentiary was originally designed to take effect on the first day of October 1848, and on that day the leases in virtue of a contract with the Governor, assumed the control of the institution for a period of five years The contract binds the lessees to furnish the State expense and yields the profits to the lessees during the lease The annual report of the directory with the accompanying documents, have been submitted to you, present a table of the affairs of the institution, and leave no reasonable doubt that the system so suspiciously in progress will become the settled policy of the State. During the past year, the expense, the State incurs no debt on account of the Penitentiary, and the profits over expense for the last year which inure to the lessees are about $49,750 10, but it is much more important to inform you that this profit is not to be attained without imposing the severities of humanity, or to the primary objects of Penitentiary reform. The general health of the convicts is valuable as an isolated commentary on the advantages of religious instruction to the unhappy convicts, and I take this occasion to apprise you that the physician in the report shows no case of insanity in the institution, and I refer you to authorize the removal of a convict so afflicted to the insane department of the charity hospital

It is true there existed a general provision of law which imposed on the Parish Judges the duty of sending, on proper proof, lunatics and insane persons to this institution, but that provision is inoperative from the want of funds in the Parish court system. I therefore advise that this duty be revived in some other officer, and that the insane of the Penitentiary and of the State at large be committed to the charities of whatever action you may take on the subject It may be confidently expected, even if so desirable an object is not sooner accomplished, that the asylum for the insane, separate from the charity hospital, may be erected, with the sanction of the Legislature, out of the surplus earnings of the Penitentiary, after the expiration of the present lease, especially if the appropriation asked for by the Directors is granted, which is to enable them to facilitate the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods, as to yield a considerable annual revenue to the State, and at the same time put a stop to that competition with free labor which the State has long been a fruitful source of bitter complaint. I am aware that enlightened and benevolent individuals have suggested the entire system of prison discipline, and alleviate the sorrows of State prisoners, have condemned as unrighteous the idea of making a Penitentiary a source of revenue to the State Treasury; but with the greatest deference to all ever-refined notions of human sympathy, I confess myself insensible to the force of such an objection, since practical results have convinced the judgement that revenue may be derived from that source without stunting the means due to the convicts for moral and general improvement, farther than the proper objects of discipline and punishment may require.

By an act of 1838, relative to the indigent deaf and dumb of this State, it is my duty to report to you that there are now three indigent deaf and dumb between the ages of 20 to 65, and in less than one day left again to 20. These sudden transitions, though common enough, and not, by any means, inurious to a seasoned constitution, are extremely trying to strangers

Orleans Theatre.—Tonight, the Ravel Family give an entertainment that cannot fail to draw a crowded house, in advance at the house. The very laughable comedy-bouffe of *M. Deshayes*, in which Gabriel Ravel assumes the principal character, and the immutable tableau called the Italian Robbers, by the Ravel family, form the leading attractions of the evening In addition to which we have the customary rope exercises and a pas de deux by Mr. Henry Weiss and Mrs Leon Javelly, formerly Miss Wells The performance begins with the vaudeville of "My Wife and my Umbrella"

Births and Deaths in New Orleans.—We have been politely furnish ed with the following statement of the births and deaths recorded in New Orleans, for the last year. We give it with the remark that it is evidently an approximation to the truth, particularly with respect to the colored population, who must, evidently, neglect the duty prescribed by law

Births of white children in 1846,	1781	
Deaths "	"	434
Births of colored children,	"	584
Deaths "	"	187

Later from the Squadron.—Through the politeness of the editors of the *Commercial Times*, we are enabled to lay before our readers the following information:

"The bark *John Barnes* Staples, master, arrived yesterday morning, having left the port of Antonio Lazardo, Dec. 31st, 1846. Left there U. S. frigate *Raritan*, Captain Turner, flag-ship of the squadron, steamship *Princeton*, steamer *Petrita*, and storeship *Relief*. The sloop of war *John Adams* has at Vera Cruz, for Sacrificios blockading Vera Cruz. The remainder of the squadron are cruising off Laguna. The sloop of war *St. Mary's* was expected to arrive daily, as was the ship of the line *Ohio*. The steamer that left Laguna arrived on the 28th. Laguna with two prizes, and left on the 29th, for Norfolk taking in tow one of the prizes bound to this port. The other a Spanish schooner, was released by Commodore Conner at Anton Lazardo The health of the officers and crews was generally very good, there being but few on the sick list There is very little news of importance. News arrived in Vera Cruz, on the 27th of the election of Santa Anna to the Presidency of Mexico.

A Mexican schooner, bearing a flag of truce, arrived from Campeachy, on the 24th. She brought the news of a declaration of the independence of that province from the central government, and claiming for her ports the privileges of neutrals, which it is believed Commodore Conner has granted. Her object in coming here is to procure a supply of flour for the State, approved 1st June, 1846, which, together with the remedies suggested, I commend to your attention.

BOOTS, SHOES and BROGANS.—105 Cases now landing from ships Robert Peters, David Nichols, and bark Albion, comprising a good assortment of staple and fancy goods, for city and country trade, for sale by G. W. DUPAL, 30, Customhouse st.
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Vol. 15th Robinson's Reports. REPORTS OF CASES argued and determined in the Supreme Court of Louisiana, by M. M. Robinson, Esq. Vol. 15th, just received and for sale by ALEXANDER LEVY & CO., Law Book-sellers and Stationers, Corner of Camp and Gravier sts.
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CHAMPAGNE.—200 Boxes Champagne of Wine of the following choice brands, landing ex ship Clifton from Havre.—

Mont Chanson of Epernay's Pink sparkling Sillery.

Grand Cordon sparkling Ay vintage 1842 of S. Thome.

Cordon vert sparkling Sillery Count de Marsay.

Sa rubis de superior quality.

Marquis de Lorme's sparkling Sillery, for sale by RAYMOND CAHUZAC.
Dec. 26, 1846. 34 Old Levee st.

LINSEED OIL &c.—
100 bbls Raw Linseed Oil. 20 bbls boiled Oil.
1200 boxes Window Glass.
4 dozs Glaziers Diamonds.
50 kegs White Lead, assorted packages.
100 dozen of Oil cans from 1 to 5 gallons.
For sale by jn7 E. CLANNON & Co.

LANDING ex ship Fortman from Rotterdam, and for sale by the subscribers—
86 cases Claret, different brands.
30 barrels White