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The New-Orleans Daily Bee.

Official Journal of the State, General Council, First Municipality and Board of Liquidators.

Friday Morning, March 7, 1851.

☞ The Northern Mail failed yesterday from beyond Montgomery.

☞ We are indebted to the steamer Hannibal for late St. Louis papers.

THE CHEAP POSTAGE BILL.

This important bill after being very maturely considered in the House of Representatives, and put in such a shape as to command the support of a majority of the members, has been materially altered by the Senate. The amendments introduced by the latter effect the provisions of the bill in regard to both newspaper and letter postage. With respect to the latter, we learn from the *Republic*, that the Senate bill provides, that from and after June 30th, 1851, in lieu of the rates of postage now established by law, there shall be charged the following rates, to wit: For every single letter in manuscript, or paper of any kind upon which information shall be asked, &c., conveyed in the mail, for any distance between places within the U. States not exceeding 3,000 miles, three cents, when the postage shall have been prepaid; and for any distance exceeding 3,000 miles, double those rates; for every such single letter, when conveyed wholly or in part by sea, and to or from a foreign country, for any distance over 2,500 miles, twenty cents; and for any distance under 2,500 miles ten cents. A single letter is one not exceeding half an ounce; double and treble letters pay double and treble these rates.

The rates of postage on newspapers may be stated thus: All newspapers, not exceeding three ounces in weight, sent to actual subscribers from the office of publication, shall be charged one cent. Weekly papers within the county where published, free; for any distance not exceeding thirty miles out of the county where published, five cents per quarter; exceeding thirty and not more than one hundred miles, ten cents per quarter; over three hundred and not exceeding one thousand miles, fifteen cents per quarter; over one thousand and not exceeding two thousand miles, twenty cents per quarter; over two thousand and not exceeding four thousand, twenty-five cents per quarter, and for any greater distance, thirty cents per quarter; semi-weekly papers to pay double, tri-weekly treble, and papers issued ten times in the week or oftener, five times these rates.

For any other book, paper, magazine, &c., not exceeding one ounce in weight, three cents to be paid for a distance not exceeding 500 miles, one cent.

Over 500 and not exceeding	1,500 miles	2 cents.
" 1,500	"	2,500	" 3 "
" 2,500	"	3,500	" 4 "
" 3,500	"	4,500	" 5 "

For each additional ounce or fraction the rates are proportionally increased.

We are particular in specifying these amendments, as it is not more than probable, that if the bill be passed at all, it will be in the form in which it has been adopted by the Senate. The changes in the act, as reported from the House, are numerous and important, and the session at the period referred to, was entirely too near the close to allow of any dissent on the part of the House, or of the appointment of a Committee of Conference. It is clear then, that the House must either recede from its position, and accept the amendments of the Senate, or the bill must go by the board. We shall know in a day or two, which of the two alternatives has been chosen. Some of the modifications by the Senate, such for instance, as discriminations between the postage on prepaid and unpaid letters, are judicious and reasonable—others, and especially those relating to newspaper postage are cumbrous and complicated. Nevertheless we would be loth to see the bill lost, as it sanctions the great and popular principles of cheap postage, and is a further practical extension of that principle.

MR. BARNUM delivered his Temperance Lecture last evening, at the Lyceum Hall, to a most densely crowded audience. He is a fluent speaker, has a ready address, and a happy knack of illustrating the subject of his discourse. Mr. B. was listened to with marked attention, and his remarks were frequently applauded. He forcibly alluded to the numberless vices which follow in the train of intemperance, and touched eloquently on the happiness and contentment which flowed from habits of abstinence. Altogether Mr. Barnum made a telling speech, and evidently created a favorable impression amongst the assembled auditory.

QUICK PASSAGE—The ship Living Age, Capt. Snow, cleared at the Custom-house, in this port, on the 7th of December, for Havre, and entered again yesterday, making the passage out and home in eighty-nine days.

☞ So great is the quantity of glass used in the formation of the structure for the London Exhibition that if the duty had not been previously remitted, it would have required upwards of £20,000 to pay it.

KOSSUTH AND MISS DAVENPORT.—This popular actress has determined to set apart the proceeds of two benefits, one in Washington and the other in Philadelphia, for the purpose of providing for and paying the passage of the gallant Kossuth to this country. It is said, the money will be placed in the hands of Mr. Secretary Webster, to be forwarded by him to the East.

AWFUL TORNADO.—The town of Fayetteville, Tennessee, has been almost entirely destroyed by a tremendous tornado. It occurred between 4 and 5 o'clock, on the morning of the 24 ult. When day-light came it disclosed the greater part of the town an awful mass of ruins; two churches, the market house, near a hundred houses, dwellings, stores, &c., either blown down entirely, or unroofed, and greatly damaged; and it was found that three persons had been killed; eight badly hurt, and a great many partially injured. The scene among the terrified and stricken inhabitants is said to have been inimitable beyond description. The wind came from the Southwest, and produced all this ruin in less than an hour.

The correspondent says the Mobile *Register*, we gean from a hasty note written to the Huntsville Advocate, by Jas. L. Bright, of the devoted town. It will remind the reader of a similar visitation, which laid waste to the town of Franklin, in the same part of Tennessee, some fifteen years ago.

RECEIPTS OF COTTON.—The subjoined presents the comparative receipts of Cotton for the present and last year at all the ports, up to the latest dates:

	1850-51.	1849-50.
Savannah, Feb. 25	214,956	220,624
Do. Sea Island	7,264	9,871
Charleston, Feb. 27	254,800	258,044
Do. Sea Island	12,191	11,139
Mobile, Feb. 21	327,177	302,850
New Orleans, Feb. 21	667,372	561,486
Florida, Feb. 17	162,938	114,980
Texas, Feb. 15	16,073	16,288
North Carolina, Feb. 15	8,378	8,919
Virginia, Feb. 1	11,156	5,975
	1,692,673	1,499,976
	1,499,972	
Increase	192,701	

Auction Notice.

CONTINUATION OF THE CATALOGUE SALE OF THE BOSTON AND SANDWICH GLASS COMPANY WARE.—The trade and country merchants are hereby notified that the sale will be continued this FRIDAY MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, by Sykes, Hyde & Co., at their sales room, 51 and 53 Magazine street. The most desirable portion of the catalogue is to be sold this day, including a large assortment of signal and globe Lamps. This sale is well worth the attention of our merchants.

SILVER PLATE AT AUCTION.—We call special notice to the sale of assorted Silver Plate, which will take place this day at 12 o'clock a. m. by N. Vignie, auctioneer, corner of Conti street and Exchange alley. See advertisement.

By Magnetic Telegraph.

[Transmitted to the N. O. Bee.]

NEW YORK, March 26, 31 m. p. 2 P. M.

The St. Thomas Episcopal Church, situated in Broadway street, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss, $50,000.

NEW YORK, March 26, 35 m. p. 2 P. M.

Cotton.—Sales 1,100 bales, at ⅛c. decline; middling, 12½c. Flour.—Market dull; Ohio, $4 62½@$4 75. Corn.—Receipts unchanged. Pork.—Sales, 1,000, old mess at 13, new 13¾. Lard.—Firm; prime in half bbls sold at 8¼; 300 kegs sold at 9¾. Sugar.—Sales 150 hhds; fair to prime 6@6¾. Molasses.—Sales 250 bbls at 32c. Freights unchanged. Sterling firm at 9¾@10.

CONGRESS.

In the SENATE on the 26th ult, the bill for the the better protection of patentees was passed.

The Naval Pension bill was passed.

The bill granting certain lands to Louisiana was laid on the table.

The bill providing for a survey of lands in California was taken up, and, after a protracted debate, laid on the table.

The Senate then went into executive session, and adjourned.

In the HOUSE the Army Appropriation bill was considered, until the hour of recess.

During the evening session of the House, an unsuccessful attempt was made to take up the Senate's resolution to employ a national vessel to convey Kossuth to this country.

The House the went into Committeee of the Whole, and took up the Army and Navy Appropriation bill.

☞ We have tried very hard to nourish a small spice of credulity in the Mysterious Rappings at Rochester and elsewhere; but we are afraid that we shallhave to acknowledge the humbuggery of the thing after all; and to admit that, in whatever questionable shape the inhabitants of the invisible world may make themselves known to their sometime earthly companions, it is not by such means of communication as knocks and raps. Mr. SHADRACH BARNAS' exposition, which we published a few days ago, gave the juggle what fancy men term a "sockdolager," and now we perceive that Dr. LEE, of Buffalo, has, in the Bureau of the Musee Fox themselves, detected the imposture, and explained the *modus operandi* by which it is effected. This is simply a power possessed by those people of snapping the knee-joint, just as many persons snap their knuckles. The thing was proved beyond all doubt. The moment the knees of the Misses Fox were grasped firmly the rapping ceased. The same inability to rap was produced by extending their limbs, with a cushion to support the heels—the knee being thus deprived of a solid fulcrum, and the sound being extinguished by the lack of a vibrating motion as medium. We publish a few passages from the communication of Dr. Lee in the subject, and presume that after the complete demolition of this mystery, we shall hear no more of the "rapping."

I should state that our limbs were removed several times from the knees during the "manifestations" and were always heard during the interval to rap well. At the close of the sitting, which continued until 12 o'clock, Miss Fox was much affected, and shed many tears, which excited much sympathy on the part of some of the gentlemen present. I need not add that my position was triumphantly sustained, and my whole opinion here is now almost universally on our side.

On the evening of the 19th a party of ladies and gentlemen met at the house of Prof. F., when Mrs. Fox (a lady whom we are hereby instructed to leave the possession of rapping to whomsoever she pleases) was present. During the evening a communication of the "Rochester Knockings" were produced the sounds being exactly similar in character and degree to those produced by the Foxes. I cannot state, certainly, that the sounds are produced, not in the knee-joint, by the muscles inserted into the upper portion of the tibia on the inner side of the leg, but I think so at the knee-joint, being brought into action so as to move the upper surface of the bone just named, (next) upon the lower surface of the thigh bone, the latter acting more as a partial lateral fulcrum," *Commercial Advertiser*, Feb 17. But the particular occasion commenced in the movement of the toes outward, &c., &c., as occasioned, I believe, by a movement in the foot, there being great resistance to the movements about the knee-joint; but chiefly by the action of the muscles of the leg below the knee. At least this is the fact which I regard in Mrs. F., for by placing the hand on the side of the joint the bone can be felt, at the instant the sound (or rap) is heard, slipping or latterly, and as audibly slipping back again; although by an effort of the will it can be made to go back noiselessly, so that only one "rap" is heard. But this can be repeated in pretty rapid succession for a long time, although it requires, evidently, considerable practice to attain great skill in this new and, hitherto, mysterious art.

You may very naturally ask why has not this physical, great phenomenon been known to physicians before? I answer that it has so far as the smaller joints are concerned. Every person almost can snap the finger-joints; many, also, as Mr. Barr, can snap their toe-joints, and some their ankles, producing a pretty loud "rap," when placed in contact with some sonorous body, but the same phenomenon is very seldom met with in the larger joints, as the knee, and when it is, it has escaped particular observation, and not been made known to physiologists, as neither requires, perhaps, nor admits of medical aid.

FIRE PROOF ROPE—Yesterday, says the St. Louis *Republican*, a test was made of the incombustible rope, the plan of preparing which was discovered, some time ago, by Dr. J. H. Johnson, now deceased, formerly of this city. When the subject was first brought before the public, we published accounts of several experiments made in New York. Yesterday Dr. Frydinger made an experiment that tests its value beyond question. A piece of prepared rope, with a piece of wire rope, were put into a blacksmith's fire. The heat was intense enough to weld the strands of the wire rope together; whilst the hempen rope was only slightly charred on the outside. Another test was made. The piece of rope and a small bar of iron were placed in the same fire, and the iron brought to a white heat; yet the cordage was but little, if any more affected by the fire than in the previous experiment. Mr. Johnson, the brother of the deceased, and Drydinger are about to commence a manufacture of this article in this city.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.

It is stated that a writ has been issued at the instance of Benton, the Salem barber, who was arrested by mistake as a fugitive slave, against District Attorney Lunt, for false and malicious prosecution. The damages are laid at $10,000. It is also said that writs in behalf of Shadrach Simms, have been issued against Patrick Riley, Deputy U. States Marshal, and Commissioner Curtis, and several city Constables for assault and battery, and against the Constables for false imprisonment, in having him arrested contrary to the form of the statute made and provided in such cases, and in detaining him in their under arrest, as a fugitive slave.

The election of U. S. Senator has been postponed until the 12th of March.

BOSTON, Feb. 27, P. M.

The 16th ballot yesterday for U. S. Senator, resulted as follows: Sumner 193; Winthrop, 165; scattering 32. Sumner lacked only two votes of being elected. The House then voted to postpone the election, by a majority of 7, for two weeks.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 27.

The Governor and Legislature of Pennsylvania have accepted an invitation to visit this city in a body on Saturday. A grand dinner will be given them at the Eutaw House.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.

The river has risen 25 inches. The weather is cloudy and turning cool.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 27.

The river continues rising, and the falls are passable for the largest class of steamers. Yesterday, the river rose 2 feet. The weather was very rainy and chilly all day yesterday.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN ENGLAND.—During the quarter ending December 31st, 1850, there were registered in England, 146,263 births, 37,496 marriages, and 92,223 deaths. The increase of population by the excess of births over deaths, was 54,245. During the same period 56,971 emigrants left the United Kingdom from such ports as have emigration offices. During the whole year 1850, the births in England were 593,567; the deaths 369,679; excess of births 223,886. During the same period 280,849 emigrants left the ports of the United Kingdom. The number of births and deaths in Ireland and Scotland cannot be ascertained, except by the census which is to be taken this year.

NEW APPLICATION OF THE DAGUERREOTYPE.—Mr. Hiram Hayden, an ingenious artist of this village, has shown us three landscape views taken by the usual Daguerrean apparatus upon a white paper surface, all at one operation. This is the first successful attempt to produce a positive picture by this extraordinary medium. The picture exhibits the effect of light and shade, similar to a fine engraving, bringing out the most delicate minutiæ, with the fidelity of the ordinary Daguerreotype. For many purposes this improvement will be of great importance, as it will enable the operator to produce views and portraits of any size that may be required, and at a cheap rate. We understand that Mr. Hayden has made application to secure a patent upon the mode of preparing the paper previous to its use.—*Waterbury (Ct.) America.*

Further by the Europa.

By the western papers we have a few additional items of intelligence brought by the *Europa*:

The Asia arrived out at 10, A. M. on the 9th inst. The City of Glasgow sailed for Philadelphia on the 12th with full freight and passengers.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was expected to deliver his budget on the 17th.

The trade and revenue acts were more satisfactory than heretofore, and it is expected that many obnoxious taxes will be repealed.

The attention of the English people is chiefly occupied by the exciting debate progressing in Parliament, relative to the Papal aggressions, and after four nights' continuous debate, Lord John Russell, has gained permission to introduce his bill of pains and penalties, by a majority of 322.

It is confidently stated that the Duchess of Kent, the Queen's mother, and the Duchess of Sutherland, the Queen's lady in waiting, and the richest heiress in England, are on the eve of becoming members of the Catholic Church.

On a motion of D'Israeli, inviting principles of free trade, the Government only carried their point by a majority of 14.

Most of the Irish members who heretofore sustained the ministry, declare them and voted with D'Israeli. The protectionists are greatly elated with their prospects.

The deputation bill has been lost in the French Assembly by a majority of 102. The breach between Napoleon and his Assembly appears every day becoming wider. It is now proposed to organize a national subscription, to relieve the President from his embarrassments.

The President is deeply touched with the numerous efforts made to organize a national subscription, in consideration of the rejection of the bill of expenses of representation, which has just taken place, and he thanks all those who have entertained that thought, which is an imposing manifestation of sympathy and approbation for the conduct of the President; but he deems it his duty to sacrifice a personal satisfaction to the repose of the country. He knows that the people will render him justice, and that a satisfaction enough to him.

The President therefore declines all subscription, however spontaneous and national its character may be.

The Moniteur publishes a decree that a census shall be taken of the population of France. It further announces that a British force has blockaded the port of D'Union, in San Salvadore.

FREE NEGROISM IN THE ATHENS OF AMERICA.—We give below an extract from the Boston *Times*, containing some imaginary reports from the "Ebony Illuminator," or Court Journal of Boston, when that City shall come entirely under the dominion of the blacks. These reports give the organization of a City Government, under the reign of Sambo the First:

[From the Ebony Illuminator—Extra.]

Organization of the City Government.—By special permission of the Emperor, a respectable number of our colored fellow-subjects assembled in the Palace de Sambo to-day, and proceeded at once to organize the City Government by choosing the following municipal officers, subject to the ratification of his Majesty:

Mayor—Honorable Samuel Johnsing.

City Marshal—Gumbo Chaff.

Board of Aldermen—Bone Squash, Dandy Jim, Ebony Face, James Crow, Roman Bones, Cæsar Rarskin, and Harmonious Tambourine, Esquires.

Common Council—Darkness Visible, Esquire President, Augustus Constantine Blackman, Esquire Thomas Pinkney Brownskin, Claudius Scipio Woodly, and William Henry Antony Brutus Sudsbelin, Esquires.

The above distinguished gentlemen being present, signified their acceptance of their respective offices, and the meeting proceeded to the adoption of rules and ordinances for the city. We have only time at present to announce the following:

1. Ordered, that all white men caught abroad in the streets at night without a permit from some colored magistrate, shall be conveyed to the nearest watch-house, and there confined until let be released by a master.

2. Ordered, that the bell of the Old South every morning during the year, at nine o'clock precisely, strike three times, to remind that the whites shall not be warranted to avoid the penalty incurred in the preceding ordinance.

3. Ordered, That any white woman detected in using the Color in Lavender, or any other cosmetic, for removing sallowness of complexion, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be tried before the proper officer of serving in respectable colored families.

4. Ordered, That any colored subject who shall marry or cohabit with any white woman, shall be transported for his natural life to South Carolina, or some other colony within the dominion of the Empire—the object of the reformation being to keep the black blood pure.

5. Ordered, That white persons shall be eligible to no office, of any description, except such as bear backs and night scavengers.

6. Ordered, That a whipping post be erected on the corner of which all white persons shall be punished for any infraction of the ordinances.

7. Ordered, That it shall be lawful for all colored subjects, to lie, cheat, or steal, whenever by so doing they can obtain any advantage over a white.

8. Ordered, That it shall be lawful to kill a white man whenever a black may desire the pastime.

9. Ordered, That those whites who have resided in the establishment of the Empire, shall be permitted to marry colorded ladies, provided the latter have one or more black husbands.

10. Ordered, That no coffee shall be used, except such as is imported from Africa; it being essential to good government that the tastes of the whites shall not be pampered by such luxuries as are now sold by Redding & Company, Washington street.

P. S.—His Imperial Majesty having graciously ratified the above, the city government is now in full force and action. The white population will be governed accordingly.

BULL-HEADED BILL, City Clerk.

Mr. Chaff offered an ordinance allowing the privilege of smoking in the streets exclusively to the colored population; but as it was suggested by Mr. Sofishin that a law punishing only white men for that offence was already in force, Mr. Chaff withdrew it.

MOVEMENTS OF THE IMPERIAL COURT.—*Local items, &c.*—His Imperial Majesty will give a grand *reveuner a la fourchette* to-morrow morning at half-past seven o'clock, in the Hall of the late House of Representatives, which has been converted into a dining room for his Majesty. The late Senate Chamber makes a very commodious and elegant bed-chamber for his Majesty.

Empress Dinah will receive an illustrious company this evening in the palace Sunshall, lately the residence of the Mayor that was.

The Navy Yard at Charleston is to be converted into a Park, for the recreation of their Imperial Highnesses, the little Princes.

A monument is to be erected to the memory of the martyr Shadrach, on the spot formerly occupied by the Big Elm, on the Royal pleasure grounds, lately known as the Common.

SPECIAL EDICT.—His Imperial Majesty has commanded that all mixed drinks shall hereafter be abolished—blackstrap being the only authorized beverage. Any white man who disobeys shall receive 49 lashes. None but blacks are allowed to get drunk.

A GREAT MAN REWARDED.—We are rejoiced to state that his Majesty, with that noble generosity for which the monarchs of his race have always been celebrated, has waived the right of confiscation in the case of Eizur Wright, to whose potent aid the present dynasty in a great measure owes its elevation; and in addition to placing him among his ministry, has bestowed upon him the office of keeper of the Privy Seal.

ADVERTISEMENT.

RAN AWAY—From the subscriber, on or before Saturday, the 15th instant, a stout and healthy white man, called MARSHAL DEVENS, the property of the undersigned. It is expected that he is in the neighborhood of the District of Columbia. Any person who will seize and confine him in any jail within these dominions, shall receive a reward of one cent, and no charges paid.

VOX POPULI.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Year of the Empire the First.

The next number of the *Illuminator* will contain a further account of the progress of the reign of Pompey Squash.

FEMALE EDUCATION IN GEORGIA.—No circumstance connected with the onward march of Georgia in the progressive spirit of the age, affords us more sincere and heartfelt pleasure than the attention which is now bestowed on the education of her daughters. There is probably no State in the Union that has, within the last few years, made more rapid advancement in the noble cause than she. Her three Female Colleges in Macon and Madison, to which will soon be added a fourth in Greensboro', and the numerous institutes and high schools, which are dispensing their blessings to thousands of her daughters, afford facilities for intellectual cultivation rarely equalled, if surpassed in any State of the Union. We rejoice at this, for her fathers and mothers can afford no higher evidence of the progress of the State in all that is calculated to refine and elevate a people.—*Chronicle and Sentinel.*

The following resolution has finally passed the Pennsylvania Legislature:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Legislature are eminently due to Hon. Daniel Webster, and that they be and are hereby tendered to him, for the very able and patriotic manner in which he has vindicated the well established principles of the government of the United States, in regard to its intercourse with foreign nations, in his letter to Chevalier Hulsemann, charge d'affairs from the government of Austria to the United States, dated December 1st, 1850.

☞ Among the recent advertisements in *The London Times* is one of an entire column, announcing for sale a very extensive and matchless collection containing 31,000 Historical Manuscripts and Autograph Letters, dated from 1473 to 1848, Henry VII, to Queen Victoria, Louis XI, to Prince Louis Napolen, President Washington, U. S. President Polk; also the Kings, Queens, Princes, Rulers, and eminent persons of twenty other nations, arranged alphabetically and illustrated with their portraits, in more than 100 folio volumes and sections, many of the Commonwealth of England, the Revolution of 1688, the Republic, the Consulate, and the Empire of France, the French and other Revolutions of 1848. There are papers &c., of all the Presidents of the United States from George Washington—the MSS. being narratives of events, and the works of art, remembrances of them; and his 20 years' research has forced the advertiser, being anxious to secure two great men, of different nations, as his particular heroes, to undertake for the immortal William Shakespeare, and the great unique Emperor Napoleon. There are 31,000 autographs letters, notes, papers, or signatures of eminent persons of nearly all nations, dated from the year 1473, to 1848. They are fixed by the edge opposite about 10,000 portraits and crests of the writers, in more than 100 folio volumes and sections, averaging nearly 300 autographs, and 100 portraits. Of the papers written or signed by the Emperor Napoleon, his father, mother, his Empresses his son, and the Kings, Queens, Princes, and Princesses, belonging to his family, there is an unheard of collection.—There alone far exceed 1,000 of consecutive dates, from 1793 to 1819, and as the collector would like the collection to be kept entire, he consents to accept £15,000 for it; (one-half the cost.) Two-thirds, or more, of the amount may not, if so desired, be paid in cash; an approved estate would be taken.

A PEEP INTO THE LITERARY CIRCLES OF LONDON.—The society of the Literary world of London is conducted after this wise: There are certain persons, for the most part authors, editors, or artists, but with the addition of a few who can only pride themselves upon being the patrons of literature and art, who hold periodical assemblies of the notables. Some appoint a certain evening every week during the season, a general invitation to which is given to the favored; others are monthly; and others, again, at irregular intervals. At these gatherings, the amusements are conversation only, and the entertainment unostentatious and inexpensive, consisting of tea and coffee, wine and negus handed about in the course of the evening, and sandwiches, cake and wine at eleven o'clock. Suppers are prohibited by common consent, for costliness would speedily put an end to society to be sacrificed to fashion.

The company meet usually between eight and nine o'clock, and always part at midnight. I believe that these are the only literary circles in London in which inexpensiveness is the rule, and hence, perhaps, it is that they are the most frequent, the most social and the most agreeable. At these parties there is always an amusing and singular character. The only recognized price of admission is talent. If a person be remarkable for any talent, no matter what his station in life, here he is welcome. The question always asked in the literary circles of London is not as in other circles, "What is he?" "Who is he?" Authors, artists, editors, musicians, scientific men, actors and singers, male and female, are grouped together indiscriminately, and peers, baronets, knights, lawyers, doctors, booksellers, printers, provided they possess the qualifications of being authors, artists, musicians, or be renowned patrons of literature, art or music, here meet together on temporary social equality, but regulated by no such good rule as that it does not lead to familiarities elsewhere.—*London Literary Journal.*

FATAL ACCIDENT.—We understand, says the Auburn (Al.) *Herald*, that Mr. Allen Fenn was killed near this place on last Thursday by a tree falling on him. He and another man had been cutting the tree, and was endeavoring to get out of the way, when it fell upon him, crushing in his head, and breaking his neck and one leg. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn over his untimely late.

City Intelligence.

PEARSON'S VARIETIES.—An excellent bill of entertainment is presented for the evening exhibition of this favorite Circus and Hippodrome, and the usual drama of New York and New Orleans.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—The jury in the case of Capt. Henderson, has declined to the Court yesterday, that they could not agree. So the Court must discharge the jury.

COMMITTED.—Robert Williams, alias McCluskey, charged with stabbing a part of a negro boy, and also Thomas Lawrence, charged with stabbing, were committed yesterday by Recorder Caldwell, for trial before the First District Court.

STABBING AFFRAY.—P. Simmons was examined yesterday by Recorder Genella, in the case of stabbing on Thursday last, which occurred on a ball at Bayou Gentilly, a distance of nine miles. The injured party was severely hurt at the time, and has been confined to his bed since that time. After the examination of the witnesses in the case, the accused was committed to prison to await further orders.

LARCENIES.—Mary Rogers was arrested on the second Municipality, charged with stealing several articles of female apparel. He was remanded for examination.

Jas. Keef, accused of stealing a parcel of tobacco, on Monday last, was sent for trial before the First District Court.

Peter Rose, was charged before Recorder Genella with having stolen from the store on St. Ann street, kept by Mr. Nathan Ignace's auction room. A warrant was issued for her arrest. A second case was also preferred for the arrest of Thomas Ryan, by Mr. Ignace, for having stolen a gold watch from the store of the latter. Ryan was committed to prison to await his trial by the First District Court.

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ROBBERY.—A colored man named Jim Burdine was arrested yesterday, by Officer Genella, of the First District Court, on the charge of having broken into the store of Mr. Gaines, in Camp street, and stolen $40 out of one of the drawers. He was remanded for examination.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Wm. Dolan was committed yesterday, by Recorder Genella, for trial before the First District Court, on the charge of having assaulted an Ibeaten Thomas Sling.

COMMERCIAL.

The Markets.

THURSDAY EVENING, March 6, 1851.

There has been a fair demand for Cotton to-day, and the sales amount to 6,000 bales, at steady prices, say 10 to 11c for Middling to Good Middling.

About 600 hhds of Sugar were sold to-day, at yesterday's rates, viz.: 4¾@5¾c ₩ lb for Fair Of Molasses, 400 bbls were sold at 18@23c ₩ gallon for fermenting, and 26½@27c ₩ gallon for choice lots.

The Flour market is dull; sales 1,200 bbls at $3 20@$3 90 for Ohio, and $3 95@$4 05 for St. Louis and Illinois. About 4,000 sacks of Corn were sold at 34@35c ₩ bushel.

There is no change in Provisions. Mess Pork is retailing at $12 50@$13, and Prime at $11. We notice sales of unInspected Mess at $12. Bacon is lower, say 7¾c for Sides, and 5c ₩ lb. for Shoulders. Nothing doing in Beef.

Whiskey is selling at 19½ cents ₩ gallon for rectified.

Exchange is quite firm, and the rates have improved. We quote: Sterling 10¾@10¾, Paris, 5f 27½@5f 30, bills on New York at 90 days, 2 @2¼ ₩ cent. dis. Checks, ¼ @ ½ ₩ cent. discount.

We have not heard of any Freight engagements. Cotton to Liverpool is nothing at 11-16@⅝d ₩ lb.

NOTICE

FELIX PERCY, having been re-appointed by the Governor a NOTARY PUBLIC for the parish and city of New Orleans, informs his friends and the public that he keeps his office in EXCHANGE ALLEY, No. 23, between St. Louis and Conti streets. mr7 1w

LOST,

ON Yesterday afternoon, going from the corner of Royal and Orleans, through Main, to the Levee, a GOLD BRACELET with five cameos, and a gold chain and ring attached. One end of the Bracelet from the cameo is shorter than the other. A liberal reward will be given to the finder, by returning it at 118 Old Levee, or to 39 Natchez street.

Opening of Fashionable Parisian Goods.

OLYMPE

INFORMS the Ladies that she will open, on Monday, the 10th instant, a new assort of fancy and fashionable goods, consisting in Crapes and Lace, Ladies' Bonnets, new fancy Straw Hats, Leghorn Bonnets, Straw Hats, riding Caps and Parasols, Children's Straw Hats and Bolivars, printed Barages (new fashion) plain and striped Barages, embroidered Muslin Shawls and Cravats, Grenadine Shawls, black Lace and English work, Mantillas and Pechin 7 4, Spring Silks, Flowers, Linens, Ribbons, Fans, printed Silk, Muslin, printed Bareges, embroidered Muslin, Gloves and Mits, Gentlemen's Ladies, and Children's Kid Satin Gloves, &c.

OLYMPE having lately carefully selected her goods, and presided over the making of her Hats and Bonnets, hopes that the Ladies will grant her their patronage.

No. 34 CHARTRES-STREET,
(corner Customhouse). mr7-4t

FOR SALE—Landing ex ship Isaac Newton, from Bordeaux—

52 cases Preserved Fruits, of Joseph Pencau's brand, Nantz;
5 cases Truffled Pies, Truffles and Mushrooms, in boxes of ½ and ¼ size, Pencau's brand, Nantz;
10 cases of 100 half boxes Sardines, do;
5 cases Mahle's Mustard;
25 cases dry Prunes, all sizes, in glasses and fancy boxes;
20 barrels Bordeaux Vinegar;
150 cases St. Julien Bordeaux Claret,

DOREILHE & CO,
mr7 corner of Royal and Customhouse.

200 Half Boxes Cope's 200 half boxes Sardines;
400 quarter boxes Sardines; 100 bbls White Wine, landing ex ship, Isaac Newton, from Bordeaux, and for sale by
H. NOEL & GUIRAUD,
mr7 103 Royal street.

LEATHER—5 boxes Leather, (Vesu cire,) landing ex ship Devonshire, from Havre, and for sale by
H. NOEL & GUIRAUD,
mr7 No. 103 Royal st.

GRUYERE CHEESE—50 rolls, landing ex ship Devonshire, from Havre, and for sale by
H. NOEL & GUIRAUD,
mr7 103 Royal st.

A gray Creole COW—marked P. W. J. (T.) on the horns—having one white spot, and the left horn cut off—has left the premises of the subscriber.—FIVE DOLLARS REWARD will be paid to whoever will deliver the same to me.
J. M. LANTRADE,
mr7-3t cor. Broad and Lafayette sts.

HAVANA COFFEE—in store, and for sale by
mr5 TROISGROS & CO., 36 Old Levee.

Baldwin's Writing Academy,
No. 56 Camp street. Established in 1832.

BOOK KEEPING Classes begin this week. Writing Classes as usual
A few extra lessons given to those who have contracted the most cramped and deformed hand, and give it ease and elegance.
N. B.—Men of business always kept in their best qualifications. Young men well qualified can always have their choice of good situations.
Baldwin's superior GOLD PENS for sale.
RUFUS BALDWIN.
mr6-2t 56 Camp st.

CHATEAU LAFITTE.—12 dozen grand Vin of the celebrated vintage of 1811, bottled at the Chateau, under the superintendence of Sir Samuel Scott's steward, at $30 per doz.
24 dozen of do., do., vintage of 1844, at $24 per dozen.
Chateau Margeaux, 12 dozen, vintage of 1801, at $30 per dozen.
These wines were selected at bonded warehouse, Southampton, from the owner's stock, and shipped per Bruce from London.
50 baskets Champagne, Sillery mousseux, 1846, at $9 per doz. qt.
40 dozen Old Port Wine, 1820, at $16 50 per doz.
20 dozen old flavored Pale Sherry, at $12 per doz.
These wines will be sold in quantities to suit purchasers, for cash, and to save trouble the prices are annexed
WILLIAM MURE,
mr6 116 Common street.

A Few Cases of Comet and Scorching 1[illegible] of superior quality, for sale low, by the case or consignment.
WILLIAM MURE,
mr6 116 Common street.

CANNEL COAL—100 tons, on board ship H H Bewdy, Post 30, 2nd Municipality, for sale by
mr6 1w WM. MURE, 116 Common st.

EXCHANGE ON NEW YORK—Sight drafts for sale by
WM. MURE,
mr6 31 116 Common st.

SEGARS AND TOBACCO LEAF—A large assortment just received, for sale by
BRUGUIERE BROTHERS,
mr6 1m No. 8 Bienville street.

HIDES—150 dry Mexican Hides, landing this day, from schooner Cristina, from Vera Cruz, for sale by BRUGUIERE BROTHERS,
mr6 1 No. 8 Bienville st.

HOLLAND CHEESE—25 cases of one dozen each, Holland Cheese, landing ex ship Beatrice, from Havre, for sale by
O. VALETON & CO.,
mr6 25 Tchoupitoulas st.

DRIED PEUNES—6 cases of 16 jars, dried Prunes, 25 lbs of 12 qts in case covers; 20 do of 12 fancy boxes, for sale by
O. VALETON & CO.,
mr6 25 Tchoupitoulas st.

MUSHROOMS AND TRUFFLES—2 cases containing 100 whole bottles Mushrooms; 3 do do, 50 half do do do; 10 do do Truffles, for sale by
O. VALETON & CO.,
mr6 25 Tchoupitoulas st.

LOBSTERS AND SALMON—50 cases of two dozen each, 1st Quality Lobsters, 15 do do Salmon, for sale by
O VALETON & CO.,
mr6 25 Tchoupitoulas st.

HAVANA PUREREVES—20 boxes of Segars, 4 anchovis brand for sale by
mr6 O. VALETON & CO., 25 Tchoupitoulas st.

VANILLA—50 lbs, first quality, for sale by
mr6 E. P. GRAS, corner of Levee and Esplanade.

LANDING—Ex ship Isaac Newton, from Bordeaux, 30 cases of white Bordeaux wine in oil.
10 do do do
4 do Brandy Prunes and Cherries in Brandy, 6 lbs in a tin, in ½ lb tins
60 casks Bordeaux Wine, for family use, for sale by
mr6 DOMINIQUE LANATA
10 Jefferson street.

OLIVES—Just received from Cadiz, per Soulou, 50 boxes, a lot of finely Olives, in kegs and bbls, for sale low by
mr6 BUFOUR, WILLIAMSON & CO.
In Exchange 35 Natchez st.

GRUYERE and NEUFCHATEL CHEESE—40 boxes Gruyere Cheese, 100 do do Neufchatel do, received per Devonshire, from Havre, and for sale by
mr4 DUNIZE & IKEN,
Cor. Royal and Conti sts.

ST. LOUIS CONSERVES—A large assortment of St. Louis Pates Dure just arrived and for sale by
mr4 DUNIZE & IKEN,
Cor. Royal and Conti sts.

HAVANA CIGARS—A great variety of the best brands, manufactured in Havana, for sale by
mr4 J. M CABALLERO, 36 Old Levee.

INDIGO—14 cerrons Guatemala Indigo, and 1 case soft Manilla do, in store and for sale by
mr4 LAB