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Thursday Morning, April 24, 1851.

Notice to Assessors.

The Assessors of the different Representative Districts of New Orleans and of other Parishes of the State, are notified that the Assessment Rolls for the present year, are ready to be delivered, on their receipt at the office of the Bee.

THE NORTHERN MAIL failed yesterday from beyond Baltimore.

☞ We refer our readers to the letter of our New York correspondent, which is twenty-four hours in advance of the mail.

AN ALMS-HOUSE.

We tender our acknowledgments to Dr. BARTON for a copy of his able and luminous report on the subject of an Alms-House, or House of Industry for the reception of sick emigrants, paupers and destitute persons generally. It is a production of so much importance, involving so deeply the interests, the health and the consequent prosperity of this community, that we deem no apology requisite for giving insertion to its most material portions.

The expediency of providing an establishment beyond the precincts of the city, in a healthy spot, with sufficient accommodations for the lodgment of the immigrant poor who find here at all seasons of the year in a state of pitiable distress and destitution, has given rise of late to much anxious enquiry. Similar institutions exist in most of the large cities. In none is they more absolutely indispensable than in New Orleans. Three-fourths of the diseases which afflict us originate with this class of population, and find their chief alimentamong them. The wanderers from other climes are in a great measure the sources and the subjects of epidemic visitations; and it will be vain to expect any marked improvement in public health, until means are provided for isolating them from the crowded avenues of the city, and placing them in an asylum where they will receive all needful care and attention, without exposing them to the peril of propagating infectious disorders among the denizens of New Orleans.

As a question of public ethics the necessity of such an institution is incontrovertible. Pauperism is a fruitful parent of crime. Mendicancy and imposture are its most common and natural results. Our streets are now with beggars, and our citizens are harassed by continual importunity, appeals, difficult to resist and impossible to trace to real or simulated distress.

An Alms House is the most efficient remedy for these evils. The sick will then be taken care of; while the vicious and the idle will be made to labor for their bread. The best charity is the most practical and the most discriminating. It is an ill-regulated benevolence that squanders money on the street beggar, without first ascertaining the reality of his tale of woe and the amount of his claim to public sympathy. It is a wise benevolence that says to the idler "thou shalt **have food** and shelter, but thou must earn them **by thy** toil;" and to the sick "thou shalt not perish for lack of assistance, neither shalt thou disseminate contagion throughout the land." These are the excellent and salutary objects of the contemplated institution. For more ample information we refer to the passages subjoined, taken from the report of the committee appointed by the Board of Health, and which report has met the unanimous sanction of that body.

The committee to whom was referred the proposition from the Board to the Administrators of the Charity Hospital, in addition to "the equitable partition on the tax on immigrants for the support of a house for their reception, on the opposite side of the river," have, in the performance of that duty, conferred with a committee of the Administrators of the Institution. The joint committee in the exercise of their discretion, deemed it best, as a preliminary, to engage such propositions as the proprietors of that site might dispose of in land sufficient for their respective Boards, and if the pure chase of the land meet the ap, robation of their constituents, the Councils of the cities of New Orleans and Lafayette, it is contemplated that an establishment be determined on. But then it would require legislative enactment, as, by the terms of the act of April, 1848, the administration is precluded from using any funds, even appropriated to the support of the Charity Hospital, out of the walls of the building.

We accordingly herewith transmit the proposition of Mr. THAYER, marked A, and earnestly recommend it to your most serious consideration.

The propriety, nay, necessity, of providing some suitable place for the rec ption of sick immigrants, out of the precincts of the city, is daily becoming more apparent, by every consideration of humanity as well as policy—of humanity, because you would not permit them to die in your streets, and you really have no place for them; the wards of the Charity Hospital have too many demands upon them now, and are often too crowded for the highest comfortable accommodation of those, claiming gratuitous beneficence; and of policy—the introduction of disease into your city will add impurity to the atmosphere, and in many cases propagate it to our own citizens; the addition of sanitary impures the reputation of the city; and it is the general interest of the country to give free encouragement to immigration from abroad.

The committee deem the proposition of Mr. THAYER, one of the highest importance to the city—not only for present wants, but for prospective purposes, which we cannot overlook. No city can set aside the demands of poverty as well as sickness, and some provision has to be made for their accommodation; humanity and interest coincide in the provision of such an establishment out of the limits of the city, where with every convenience for the sick, the destitute may be enabled to support himself, and rid the streets of what is becoming painful to behold and abhorrent to our feelings.

The land offered, we have examined with great care, and find it as high, dry, and delightful as any in the whole neighborhood, having no superior in its capacity for improvement and adaptation for all the purposes required by this great city—free from all apprehension of inundation; indeed no levee being required to exempt it from the highest freshets—bathed by almost perpetual breezes, surrounded on most sides by fertile cultivated fields, with easiest access from a point where the stopping stops in reaching the city—exempt at all seasons from yellow fever, and such diseases as are incident either to the habits or filth of an overcrowded city—furnishing a position for the valetudinarian and convalescent from your crowded hospital institutions, where the bed so long occupied by them is still more imperatively demanded by the acute case—for the decrepid poor that humane community is bound to make some provision for—as a house of industry for the destitute who are willing, or who will be required to work for their maintenance—for the lazy loiterer and incipient thief who now throng our streets, and who then will be denied the opportunity of earning the livelihood they now derive from imposition on the charitable or depredation on the unwary. In fine, there is no position which your committee could select that combines so many advantages.

Another position has been suggested, which we shall dismiss with a very few words—the Lazeretto Hospital. It is an old building—it is, or nearly surrounded by the encampments required for its use, to land passengers in, and pass through a portion of the city to reach it—being within the city, its mortality constitutes a portion of the monthly mortality—and the objections it has, is that it is now ready for the reception of the sick—but sick only.

It has been a primary principle with your committee, from which we trust this Board will never depart, that no sick must be permitted to enter the city, that can be as well taken care of out of it. This applies particularly to the Hospital under consideration, and to subject our citizens to the risk of contagion or infection from small-pox, scarlatina, typhus fever, etc., from their passage through the city, is not to be entertained for a moment, much less recommended by the Board of Health, particularly when is considered the great convenience of putting them ashore at the point most suitable, and selected by the authorities for the inspection of vessels, and where all vessels are compelled to stop; and, as we are informed that a building could be erected in thirty days, having all necessary convenience for the accommodation of those now such a burthen on the Charity Hospital, it is perfectly expedient in the estimation your Committee entertain of the duty of this Board, and of the interests of the community they are intended to represent. These considerations are rendered independent of the important fact that this place is a mere Hospital, having no room for all those other objects becoming every day so indispensable to the city—besides the glaring incompatibility, if not absurdity, of removing immigrants from high, dry and healthy regions, to a Hospital on the margin of a swamp for their recovery; and the probable press would be nearly the same as for the sixty acres of a dry and healthy position, with all its other advantages.

The evils under which we labor, arising from intemperance, and the large proportion of increase, from the advantages our healthy country presents to the overcrowded and depressed of other lands, require the earnest attention, may demand the best wisdom of the city authorities to apply a remedy and effectual preventive. In our humane manner of providing over this great necessity, possibility to temper the pain, and lighten the burthen of misfortune, we gather not the fruits which gentle charity and wise economization in this prudent foresight—and of course incur the most unpleasant of sale exceedingly liberal.

New Orleans and Jackson Rail-Road.

MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE MADISONVILLE ROUTE.

A numerous and enthusiastic meeting of the friends of the New Orleans and Jackson Rail Road, via Madisonville, took place yesterday evening, in the Council Chamber of the First Municipality.

On motion, Mr. Alfred Hennen was called to the Chair, and L. Heyliger was appointed Secretary. The chairman in taking his seat, remarked that he had but a few words to say; this was a meeting of the friends of the Madisonville Route, and it was for the purpose of building a Rail Road to Jackson, at the very earliest moment, that this assembly had been convened. We come here to act and not to talk, and he trusted that every gentlemen present would go in hand and heart for the accomplishment of this great and important undertaking.

Captain Grice then rose to inform the meeting, that he held in his hands a subscription list made up in Madisonville at a moment's notice, and amounting to $22,000. This sum had been obtained without much effort, and there was not the slightest doubt that the Parish of St. Tammany would go in for $50,000. (Cheers.) If the road should be incorporated under a charter, where labor could be thrown in as an equivalent for capital, he would confidently assert that $75 to $100,000 could be depended on. He was informed from reliable sources that the Parish of Washington would contribute $50,000. This showed the spirit that was abroad in regard to the enterprise, and the enthusiasm that prevailed in the country respecting this particular route. It was undeniably the most feasible and practicable one; it went through a level country abounding in timber, and where no natural impediments existed. The road would pass near Holmesville in Pike County, Miss., producing 5,000 bales of Cotton, and afterwards touch at Monticello on the Pearl River, 80 miles from Madisonville. At this point, it would completely check the Mobile and Ohio Rail Road in its influences on the Eastern Counties of Mississippi, no less than six of which would become tributary to that place. Capt. Grice exhibited maps and drawings in illustration of his remarks, and he only regretted to be deprived at this moment of the able and comprehensive report of Lieut. Smith.

Mr. Bankston then proceeded to state the feeling that prevailed in Washington parish. There was one universal desire in favor of the Road, and he was authorized to say that Washington Parish would support the undertaking to the extent of $75,000. (Cheers.) No obstacle existed to the collection of subscriptions to that amount.

Mr. N. R. Jennings remarked that the absence of Lieutenant Smith's able report was to be regretted; he had never listened with greater satisfaction to a document of the kind, and felt persuaded that if it could be diffused, it would exercise a most beneficial influence. Mr. J. was satisfied that the Madisonville route was the only one susceptible of speedy execution. The report to which he alluded demonstrated it most satisfactorily, and the reports of other Engineers all went to confirm these views, presenting, on the whole, as strong an array of facts in favor of the route as could be desired. Mr. Jennings dwelt at some length on the cheapness of the road, and however much he might be in favor of other projects, yet he could not help feeling a warm interest in the enterprise that was cheapest and offered such large advantages. The announcement of the spirit of emulation on the part of Washington and St. Tammany, was most cheering; it remained for us to give them the assurance that we were not far behind. (Cheers.) But we must not hesitate, we must go to work at once; let us ascertain forthwith what is the amount of subscription we can obtain. Mr. J. remarked that everybody was opposing the Lake route, and he therefore enlarged on its numerous advantages. If the transportation could be done in an economical manner suggested by Capt. Grice, and he saw no reason to doubt it, then all difficulties vanished. Mr. J. was totally disinterested in the matter; he owned no land on the other side of the Lake, except a small lot in Covington, which ere this had doubtless been seized for taxes. He was not opposed to the route adopted by the Convention, but, on the contrary, would contribute to it, but his best exertions, and his money and his time would be devoted to the success of the undertaking now under discussion. (Cheers.)

Mr. Carter moved that the Secretary be requested to open a list, where all persons desirous of subscribing could put down their names. He gave way, however, to a remark from Captain Grice, who observed that the Committee appointed at the previous meeting had drawn up resolutions, which covered the ground, and would hereafter come up.

Captain Grice then read a report from an English journal, showing how, under an improved system, the Forth was crossed with heavy trains of cars; and thus illustrating the manner in which the Lake was to be traversed. Steamboats of 800 tons could readily navigate Lake Pontchartrain and the Tchefuncte river. These boats would be 200 feet long, containing 400 feet of track, and could readily accommodate 40 cars, not weighing more than 200 tons. These steamers could be built on the North River plan, capable of running 20 miles an hour. The difficulty, therefore, of crossing Lake Pontchartrain falls to the ground; on the contrary, it was a positive advantage to have so much water course, inasmuch as it saved the expense of a railroad. The bar at the mouth of the Tchefuncte had been spoken of as a great obstacle; why, there was 7½ feet water on the bar, which was a muddy one, and could in a week be deepened to 10 feet by the operation of a common mud machine.

Capt. Grice stated that he had been assured by the people of Mississippi, that the liberal charter passed at the last sess on of the Legislature, had been obtained mainly through the influence of parties interested in this survey. They have determined to meet us, and all they want is to see a commencement on our part. They are ready to take the field as soon as they hear that we have applied our shoulders to the wheel; they require no further persuasion. Capt. Grice then expatiated on the richness of the valley of the Pearl River, containing as it did ten millions of acres of arable land, not one tenth part of which was under cultivation. By the subsequent formation of small lateral roads a large portion of this land would come into play. Piercing into Mississippi the road would command the produce of seventeen counties, raising 120,000 bales of cotton, the present expense of which in getting it to market averaged from $3 to $5 per bale. On the other hand the cost of hauling it to some convenient depot on our railroad would not be more than $1 to $1 50 per bale. The objections to crossing the lake have been raised in New Orleans, not in the country. We have only 140 miles on our short route, and including the lake navigation 175 miles, against 220 miles on the Convention route. [Cheers.]

The Chairman hoped he would be indulged in making a remark. The road was to pass through public lands, and would not traverse five miles of private property. There was no doubt that Congress would grant us the alternate sections; the Senate had already done so. Should this be the case, it would give 150,000 acres of land to the road, which, at $10, would yield a million and a half; at $5, $750 000. Put it at $2 50, and it would pay for the whole road; so that every man who had put in advance, would, in the course of a few years, receive back all his money, and still maintain his full interest in the road. (Great cheering)

Mr. de Feriet moved that the committee appointed at the last meeting be called upon for their report.

Captain Grice, from the Committee, accordingly presented the following resolutions, which were taken up separately and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of this meeting appoint a committee, consisting of five from the First Municipality, five from the 2d Second Municipality, five from the Third Municipality, five from Lafayette and the Parish of Jefferson, five from the Parish of St. Tammany, five from the Parish of Washington, two from the Parish of Livingston, three from the Parish of St. Bernard, three from the Parish of Plaquemines, and two from the Parish of St. Helena, for the purpose of soliciting subscription to facilitate the immediate commencement of a railroad from the city of New Orleans to the city of Jackson, the Capital of the State of Mississippi via the town of Madisonville.

Resolved, That said committee or any one of them, be empowered to solicit from each subscriber at the time of subscribing, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents on each share of one hundred dollars and to receipt for the same; and the amounts so collected shall be deposited in the Bank of Louisiana in the city of New Orleans to the credit of the commission or its managers, hereafter to be appointed, being for the purpose of defraying preliminary expenses, and arranging for the immediate commencement of the work.

Resolved, That when the sum of two hundred thousand dollars shall have been subscribed, the said committee shall report to the chairman or secretary of this meeting who will then give public notice of the time and place of meeting of the subscribers for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the management of the affairs of the association.

It was made the duty of the Corresponding Committee to have subscription books prepared, and also to frame a short prospectus—for which purpose the Committee will meet this evening.

The meeting then adjourned.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE BEE.]

NEW YORK, April 15, 1851.

It is a rainy day, but the new steamship Union does not mind the weather, and Captain Budd, the accomplished sailor and gentleman, will put her through to-day for New Orleans.—He has a large freight, and we trust that his craft will continue well patronized; but should he be treated by many as meanly as one man in New Orleans used him because he charged him a fair price for the freight of a carriage—a bulky article which was charged, of course, by the cubic foot—I fear he would not think it worth while to repeat his trip. The man who thinks he can send freight in a steamship as cheap as he can in a sailing vessel, must have a soft place somewhere in his cranium.

There is nothing especially new to communicate. For several days past sundry of our city prerses have been at war on the subject of the claims of Kossuth in this city for a pension. Surprising as it may appear, Austria has her defenders and Kossuth his enemies among those in this city who wield the intellectual sword, the pen.

The subscriptions to the stock of the new "Bank of the Metropli" exceed $1,700,000. It was stated yesterday that this bank had abandoned the idea of operating in any way to force loans by refusing to redeem their own bills in this city; but it was an error. Both the country banks and the brokers squirm at the prospect.

The Erie Rail Road will be completed in a day or two, thus uniting the Lakes and the Hudson.

The abolition papers entitle the delivering up of Sims "The Boston Hunt", "The Game Begun."

The number of steerage passengers that arrived in this city yesterday was 2,981; fourfifths coming via Liverpool. About 8,000 had arrived from the 1st ult. to the 14th inst.

An extensive robbery took place at "The Shakspeare", in Duane street, on Saturday. The victim was a German, named Pawning, just returned from California. The robber took $2,209 in gold eagles, but pa sed over a bag containing $11,000 in gold dust, not knowing, of course, what it was.

We are very much in the condition in which Ralph Waldo Emerson says some preachers are: "They have nothing to say, and they say it."

Daniel Webster is still at his residence in Marshfield.

The citizens of Limerick, through their Mayor, have invited the Mayor of New York and the Americans who intend to visit the World's Fair, to come by the way of that "nearest point to the American Continent", and partake in a great Banquet to their honor. They exempt American vessels, on this visit, from the ordinary local harbor dues.

Stimson & Co. send a large freight by the Union. S.

SENATOR WADE.—The Ravenna (O.) *Whig*, of the 9d instant, has been gratified with a brief conversation with Judge Wade, the new Ohio Senator, and in an article on the subject says:

"Those who have harbored the idea that Mr. Wade had alienated himself from the whig party, or abandoned its principles, may as well undeceive themselves first as last. He has not yet concealed his attachment to the whig party, and those Free Soil presses which pertinaciously assert that he has abandoned that party, in the face of the whole evidence to the contrary, are engaged in a business of misrepresentation that illy comports with their vaunted regard for the teachings of *conscience*. It would be well if their consciences would put them on their guard, and give heed to the commandment—'Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.'

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"Senator Wade is a plain, frank, out-spoken man. He possesses the virtue of candor in an eminent degree, never seeking to conceal or disguise his real sentiments, and never evading proper inquiries. He is with the whig party, and advocate old-fashioned whig principles in the Senate, as he has ever been. Those who entertain the idea that he will studiously seek to embarrass the Administration or indulge in a spirit of factious opposition, will wake up one of these days to find out their mistake."

SUICIDE.—A man named James F. Wood was found in his room yesterday morning, with his throat cut. It is supposed that he got up while sleeping and procured a razor with which he committed the act. There were two other persons sleeping in the same apartment with him, neither of whom heard any noise during the night. He was a native of Mesmachusetts, but resided in this city for a number of years past, where he worked at his trade of boat building.—*Savannah Repub., 10th inst.*

☞ A singular death of a young man, named Brooks Hodges, occurred near Perrysburg, in Georgia, a few days ago. He was riding a fractious horse, on his way to a fishing place, with a large fish-hook and line attached to the pommel of his saddle. The horse took fright, and threw him forward on his saddle when the fish-hook entered his heart, causing almost instant death.

☞ Epigram on the copyright question:

Jonathan makes our books his own,
But his books we must leave alone.
He'd give no darn'd monarchic nation
The rights of *Free Republication*.
[*English Journal.*

—DIED—

Yesterday at 5¼ o'clock, A M, HENRY WILLOZ. His friends and acquaintances are invited to attend his funeral, which will take place this day, at 4¼ o'clock, P. M. from the corner of Bourbon and Dauphine streets.

Custom Business.

A Consignment of COTTON DAMASK, direct from the manufacturers, for sale, just landed, consisting of an extensive assortment of the newest French Patterns and Colors of FIGURED COTTON DAMASK and TWO COLORED FIGURED COTTON DAMASK, suitable for this and the Mexican market. The trade are invited to call and inspect for themselves.

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City Intelligence.

ORLEANS THEATRE.—Haley's beautiful opera of "The Rose Fairy" will be repeated to-night. This piece has been got up in magnificent style and cannot fail to have a successful run.

PLACIDE VENTRILOQUIST.—*Mr. Chippendale's Benefit.*—The popular stage manager of this elegant establishment takes a benefit to-night, on which occasion a most attractive bill of entertainments is to be presented. The beautiful comedy of "A Cure for the Heart-ache," and the first act of the grand ballet of "Gisselle" comprise a portion of the amusements.—We trust the numerous friends of the beneficiary will give him a bumper.

ROBBERY.—Wm. H. Parker was arrested yesterday in the Second Municipality, and remanded for examination to-morrow on the charge of having robbed Mr. Harmon, of the Western Verandah Hotel, of $1,700.

SECOND MUNICIPALITY.—Most of the cases yesterday before Recorder Caldwell were of an unimportant character, comprising a couple of charges of breach of the peace and other minor affairs which are not worth reporting.

STEALING LIBEL.—Lewis Kleidlah was arrested yesterday in the First Municipality in the act of carrying off a piece of lines from the store at the corner of St Louis and Chartres streets. He was committed for trial before the Criminal District Court.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT—*Judge Lorms.*—The trial of Jourdan, charged with murder, had been fixed for yesterday, but was continued.

A *nolle prosequi* was entered in the case of Samuel Jacobs, charged with attempting to commit a rape on a woman named Freeman, who had been employed as a domestic in his house. The prosecuting witness could not be found.

ASSAULTS, ETC.—Thomas Lyons, John Woods, and R. Robinson were brought up yesterday before acting Recorder Fabre, on the charge of having violently assaulted John Brown, f m c., in Burgundy street, on Tuesday last. They were committed for trial before the First District Court.

Landry, for having assaulted and beaten Henry Clausen, was likewise sent down for trial.

ATTEMPTING TO PICK POCKETS.—A man named George Lilly was arrested in the First Municipality, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, in the act of picking the pockets of Nicolas Martelich, who had fallen asleep at a fruit stand in the Crleme Market. The accused was committed for trial.

LARCENY.—Arthur Ogee was arrested yesterday for having stolen $7 from Joseph Yanez, Madison street. He was remanded for further examination.

Council of Municipality No. One.

SITTING OF MONDAY APRIL 21, 1851.

The Council met this day on a convocation of the Mayor.

The following gentleman were present: Honorable J. Genois, Recorder and President.

Aldermen — Blake, Jules Benit, Bonneval, Barthe, Victor Benit, Clark, Derbes, Hagan, Laughlin, Lanata, Picquet, Pere and Richardson—13.

Absent—Aldermen Fabre, Guyot and Barthe—3.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last proceedings were dispensed with and the President authorized to sign the same.

The following message from the Mayor was read

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, } 21st April, 1851.

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Council of Municipality No One

GENTLEMEN: I have caused you to be convoked at the request of Aldermen J Benit, Laughlin, Bonneval and Guyot, who will appraise you of the object of the meeting.

I avail myself of this occasion to inform you that by virtue of resolutions adopted by your Honorable body on the 10th March, I adjudicated this day to J B Reuter, for the sum the lowest bidder, the contract for the running of the engine and drawings of section No. Two of the New Orleans Draining Company for the term of two years, at the rate of Two hundred and dollars per annum; seven days John Lewis and John Leede the whole subject to your approval.

I also undertook to publish and have printed pursuant to resolutions adopted by the Council of Municipality No. One at their sitting of the 11th June, 1850, the contract for grading and shelling Bienville street from Claiborne street to Metairie road, as a road bridges that may be required. It was adjudicated to Mr. L. Burgi, he being the lowest bidder, at the rate of $1,00 per running foot for shelling grading and ditching—forty dollars ($40) for each bridge at the intersection of streets, and twenty-five dollars ($25) for each bridge across canals. Security F. Marquez; all subject to the approval of your honorable body and the recognition of the tableau on file in the Fifth District Court.

Enclosed I beg to transmit to you the annual report of the superintendent of your public schools.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,
[Signed] A. D. CROSSMAN, Mayor.

Mr Laughlin stated that the object of the meeting was to take into consideration the message of the Mayor, addressed to the Council on the 14th instant.

On motion of the said gentleman the following message was read

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, } 14th April, 1851.

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Council of Municipality No One

GENTLEMEN—I avail myself of the occasion offered to me by the first meeting of your honorable body in session, to call your serious consideration to certain measures of the Municipal Police.

The first matter which demands your most anxious attention is the financial position of the corporation. The year that has just elapsed has been marked by a very general desire on the part of your predecessors to undertake several important improvements, the execution of which has been followed by every consideration of public policy, embarcing as they did the contes to for paving Levee, Chartres, Conde, Royal and portions of St. Peter and Ann streets with square-block, the shelling of Bienville street and various other minor but not less necessary works all of which go to enhance the value of the Municipality. As a necessary consequence the resources of the corporation were tasked beyond their ordinary standard, and the Treasury of the city has undergone no diminution. It is evident also from the estimates of the revenue and expenditure for the coming year, furnished to me by the proper officers, that there will be a heavy deficiency to meet the ways and means required for carrying on the affairs of the corporation.

As must be apparent to your honorable body, the most serious evil connected with the management of the debt, is the lack of punctuality in providing for the principal and interest as it falls due. In this way a floating debt has accumulated that is a disadvantage of the Municipality to sustain, and as it goes on augmenting, our credit becomes more and more depressed. Our position in this matter is rendered more complicated when it is considered that the interest on judgments obtained which add largely to the expenses of the administration. I would suggest to your honorable body whether some more expeditious mode of the collection of the revenue and expenditure of the corporation, would not be expedient to endeavor to find the whole or a portion of this debt under the act of the 4th May, 1847, by the issue of bonds redeemable at such peric ds as may be found best suited to the interest of the Municipality. Thus, while it would afford a material relief to the finances, it would doubtless also be acceptable to many creditors, and would enable the Municipality to liquidate those obligations without burdening to onerous and excessive taxation.

The act of the 9th March, 1850, creating the Board of Liquidators, placed under their control the management of all the debts of the city of New Orleans, and of the Parishes of Jefferson and Lafayette, and the Parish of Jefferson, five from the First Municipality, five from the Second Municipality, five from Lafayette and the Parish of Jefferson, five from the Parish of St. Tammany, five from the Parish of Washington, two from the Parish of Livingston, three from the Parish of St. Bernard, three from the Parish of Plaquemines, and two from the Parish of St. Helena, for the purpose of soliciting subscription to facilitate immediately the construction of a railroad from the city of New Orleans to the city of Jackson, the Capital of the State of Mississippi via the town of Madisonville.

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NEW YORK, April 15, 1851.

It is a rainy day, but the new steamship Union does not mind the weather, and Captain Budd, the accomplished sailor and gentleman, will put her through to-day for New Orleans.—He has a large freight, and we trust that his craft will continue well patronized; but should he be treated by many as meanly as one man in New Orleans used him because he charged him a fair price for the freight of a carriage—a bulky article which was charged, of course, by the cubic foot—I fear he would not think it worth while to repeat his trip. The man who thinks he can send freight in a steamship as cheap as he can in a sailing vessel, must have a soft place somewhere in his cranium.

There is nothing especially new to communicate. For several days past sundry of our city prerses have been at war on the subject of the claims of Kossuth in this city for a pension. Surprising as it may appear, Austria has her defenders and Kossuth his enemies among those in this city who wield the intellectual sword, the pen.

The subscriptions to the stock of the new "Bank of the Metropli" exceed $1,700,000. It was stated yesterday that this bank had abandoned the idea of operating in any way to force loans by refusing to redeem their own bills in this city; but it was an error. Both the country banks and the brokers squirm at the prospect.

The Erie Rail Road will be completed in a day or two, thus uniting the Lakes and the Hudson.

The abolition papers entitle the delivering up of Sims "The Boston Hunt", "The Game Begun."

The number of steerage passengers that arrived in this city yesterday was 2,981; fourfifths coming via Liverpool. About 8,000 had arrived from the 1st ult. to the 14th inst.

An extensive robbery took place at "The Shakspeare", in Duane street, on Saturday. The victim was a German, named Pawning, just returned from California. The robber took $2,209 in gold eagles, but pa sed over a bag containing $11,000 in gold dust, not knowing, of course, what it was.

We are very much in the condition in which Ralph Waldo Emerson says some preachers are: "They have nothing to say, and they say it."

Daniel Webster is still at his residence in Marshfield.

The citizens of Limerick, through their Mayor, have invited the Mayor of New York and the Americans who intend to visit the World's Fair, to come by the way of that "nearest point to the American Continent", and partake in a great Banquet to their honor. They exempt American vessels, on this visit, from the ordinary local harbor dues.

Stimson & Co. send a large freight by the Union. S.

SENATOR WADE.—The Ravenna (O.) *Whig*, of the 9d instant, has been gratified with a brief conversation with Judge Wade, the new Ohio Senator, and in an article on the subject says:

"Those who have harbored the idea that Mr. Wade had alienated himself from the whig party, or abandoned its principles, may as well undeceive themselves first as last. He has not yet concealed his attachment to the whig party, and those Free Soil presses which pertinaciously assert that he has abandoned that party, in the face of the whole evidence to the contrary, are engaged in a business of misrepresentation that illy comports with their vaunted regard for the teachings of *conscience*. It would be well if their consciences would put them on their guard, and give heed to the commandment—'Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.'

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"Senator Wade is a plain, frank, out-spoken man. He possesses the virtue of candor in an eminent degree, never seeking to conceal or disguise his real sentiments, and never evading proper inquiries. He is with the whig party, and advocate old-fashioned whig principles in the Senate, as he has ever been. Those who entertain the idea that he will studiously seek to embarrass the Administration or indulge in a spirit of factious opposition, will wake up one of these days to find out their mistake."

SUICIDE.—A man named James F. Wood was found in his room yesterday morning, with his throat cut. It is supposed that he got up while sleeping and procured a razor with which he committed the act. There were two other persons sleeping in the same apartment with him, neither of whom heard any noise during the night. He was a native of Mesmachusetts, but resided in this city for a number of years past, where he worked at his trade of boat building.—*Savannah Repub., 10th inst.*

☞ A singular death of a young man, named Brooks Hodges, occurred near Perrysburg, in Georgia, a few days ago. He was riding a fractious horse, on his way to a fishing place, with a large fish-hook and line attached to the pommel of his saddle. The horse took fright, and threw him forward on his saddle when the fish-hook entered his heart, causing almost instant death.

☞ Epigram on the copyright question:

Jonathan makes our books his own,
But his books we must leave alone.
He'd give no darn'd monarchic nation
The rights of *Free Republication*.
[*English Journal.*

—DIED—

Yesterday at 5¼ o'clock, A M, HENRY WILLOZ. His friends and acquaintances are invited to attend his funeral, which will take place this day, at 4¼ o'clock, P. M. from the corner of Bourbon and Dauphine streets.

Custom Business.

A Consignment of COTTON DAMASK, direct from the manufacturers, for sale, just landed, consisting of an extensive assortment of the newest French Patterns and Colors of FIGURED COTTON DAMASK and TWO COLORED FIGURED COTTON DAMASK, suitable for this and the Mexican market. The trade are invited to call and inspect for themselves.

MORTON TOULMIN & CO.,
77 Common st.
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Dr W P Hort—Messrs Blake, Derbes, Hagan, Lanata, Pecquet, and Richardson, 6.

Mr P Deverges—Messrs. J Benit, Barthe, V Benit, Clark, Lanata, 5.

Blank—Mr Sons val, 1.

No Section.

The Recorder informed the Council that Mr P Devergez, was no longer candidate, the following gentlemen voted for—

Mr W P Hort—Messrs Blake, J Benit, Barthe, V Benit, Clark, Derbes, Hagan, Laughlin, Lanata, Pecquet and Richardson, 11.

Blank—Mr Bonnegral, 1.

Dr W P Hort was declared duly elected member of the Board of Health.

Hon A Derbes, in the Chair

With leave, Mr A Bonneval offered the following resolution and ordinance.

Whereas, It has been shown to this Council by the last budget of the Finance Committee that the Workhouse and Police Jail of this Municipality is a cause of great expense to this corporation; and, whereas, it can be converted into a source of revenue; be it therefore,

Resolved, That the same be leased for the term of five years from the 1st of June next, in accordance with the following ordinance:

An ordinance to lease the Police Jail and Workhouse of Municipality No. One.

Said ordinance was only read by its title and on motion of Mr. Bonneval, said ordinance and resolution were referred to a special committee of five members.

The Chair appointed on said committee Messrs Bonneval, Pecquet, Clark, Barthe, and V Benit

With leave, Mr Barthe offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, the rules being dispensed with

Resolved, That the Surveyor be and he is hereby authorised to have a water-pipe laidfrom St Louis street from Robertson to Claiborne streets, and a public hydrant placed on the latter street; provided the cost of the same does not exceed two hundred dollars.

With leave, Mr. Barthe offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, the rules being dispensed with

Resolved, That in future the Commissaries of Police of the several Wards of Municipality No. One, shall occupy a rent similar to that of the day police officers, and shall be subject to the control of the Captain and Lieutenants of the Guard—it being understood that the particular duties and salaries of the Commissaries shall be the same as heretofore, and that once a week they shall apply to the Surveyor for such instructions as that officer may deem fit.

With leave, Mr. J. Benit offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, the rules being dispensed with

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three members be appointed to act in conjunction with a Committee from the Second Municipality No. One, for the purpose of having a plank road built on Washington Avenue from Bayou Road to the Bayou Bridge.

Be it further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Council of Municipality No. Two, and a request made for a conjunction with the Council of Municipality No. One.

The Chair appointed on said Committee Messrs. Barthe, V. Benit and Richardson.

With leave, Mr Clark offered the following resolution, which, after being amended by Mr. Laughlin, on motion, was adopted, the rules being dispensed with

Resolved, That the election of officers of Municipality No. One (except Police, will take place on the 2d day of May next; and that the election of the day and night police officers will take place on the second Friday of the same month.

The Mr. Bonneval offered the following resolution which, on motion, was adopted, the rules being dispensed with

Resolved, That the use of the Council Chamber be granted to the Friends of the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad, on Madisonville, on Wednesday evening next.

Mr. Pecquet, a member of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, the rules being dispensed with:

EMANCIPATION—SECOND READING

Twelve members present

The Judiciary Committee, to whom has been referred the petition of Gum Smith, f m c., asking the emancipation of his slave Sarah, aged about forty years, beg leave to report that the formalities required by law have been complied with. Where fore they ask the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That Gum Smith f m c. be and he is hereby authorised to confer to his slave Sarah the rights and privileges of a free woman of color in this state.

Signed: A. DERBES, Chairman.
F. BARTHE
PAUL PECQUET.

New Orleans, 21st April, 1851.

With leave, Mr Barthe, in his name and in the name of Mr. V. Benit, presented the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, the rules being dispensed with

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three members be appointed for the purpose of examining from the Board of Directors of the Commercial Water-Works Company, the means of having pipes laid in the streets of Municipality No. One, situated below Claiborne street.

The Chair appointed on said Committee Messrs. Barthe, Richardson and Pecquet.

With leave Mr. Laughlin presented a bill from the Delta office for $3 00.

Referred to the Finance Committee, with power to act.

On motion, the Council adjourned till Monday, the 28th instant, at 6 o'clock, P M.

JOSEPH REYNES, Secretary.

COMMERCIAL.

The Markets.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, April 23, 1851

The Cotton market continues flat, and only 2,000 bales were sold to day at former rates.

Owing to the bad weather, the business in Sugar and Molasses was confined to a few trifling lots.

The Flour market is firm: sales 2,000 bbls at 4d 10@$4 15c for Ohio, and $4 20 for Illinois and St Louis. Corn is lower, and about 6,500 sacks have been sold at 49@51c afloat.

Provisions are unchanged. Mess Pork $14 50 Bacon is a trifle lower, in consequence of increased receipts: we quote Sides 8¾c; Shoulders, 6¼c @ Lard is scarce, and prices continue to advance

Whiskey is selling at 19 cents @ gallon for rectified.

Exchanges are in limited demand, but the rates rule as before quoted. Sterling, 10¾@10¾. Paris 5f 15 @ 5f 07½. Bills on New York, at 60 days, 1@1¼ @ cent discount. Checks, par @¼ @ cent prem.

Freights are stiff