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☞ For STEAMBOAT DEPARTURES see FRENCH SIDE.

THE NORTHERN MAIL came through yesterday with the latest dates.

THE REFORM COUNCIL.

During the recent contests between the Reformers and the so-styled Democratic party, the organs of the latter sought invariably to create the impression that the reform movement was a skillful attempt by the Whig leaders to resuscitate that party, that the democrats who united with them were merely the dupes of Whig cunning, and that in the event of success, the triumph would ensure entirely to the benefit of the Whigs. This was the staple of the arguments, or rather of the appeals addressed to the old line democracy to induce them to give no countenance or support to the Reformers. We contended at the time that the insinuations of the opposition press had no foundation in fact; that the Reform movement was the offspring of honest men of all parties, who were disgusted at the notoriously inefficient and corrupt manner in which the affairs of the city had been administered under exclusively partizan auspices, and who were determined to make a stand in favor of integrity and capacity, and against the debasing and ruinous influence of politics in municipal concerns. The people, to their credit be it said, adopted this view of the subject, and on two separate occasions returned a sufficient number of Reform members of the Common Council to give them a majority in that body.

The Reformers have honorably and consistently carried into execution the principles they professed prior to the election. On Thursday evening both branches of the Council assembled in joint convention, for the purpose of choosing officers of the city government for the current year. Who were the nominees and successful candidates of the Reformers? Look at the list published in all the city papers of yesterday, and it will be seen that it embraces five or six Whigs and fourteen or fifteen Democrats.—How completely and triumphantly does this result overthrow the charges made by the Democratic press of Whig craft and Whig trickery.—When such Democrats as BROUSSEAU, LAMATT, LIVINGSTON, TALCOT, WHITE, HORST-KEYSE, FILLEUL and many others are chosen to fill the most responsible offices within the gift of the Council, with what semblance of plausibility can it be pretended that this was a Whig move?

It was right and proper that the patronage of the Council should be conferred upon a majority of Democrats. Under the late municipal administration the Whigs were in a helpless and feeble minority. Not a solitary office was held by them. By the aid of Democratic reformers at the recent contest, the Whig incumbents of the offices of Treasurer, Comptroller, and Surveyor, were again chosen. Having generously helped to retain their political opponents in places which they had ably and honestly filled, it was due to the Democratic reformers to allow them to nominate most of their friends for the offices depending upon the appointment of the Council. We are heartily rejoiced that the Whig aldermen and assistant aldermen co-operated cheerfully with the Democratic reformers in the accomplishment of the object. Good faith, justice, and sound policy alike demanded this course. The conduct of the Reformers—Whig and Democratic—has been eminently judicious and liberal. It will tend to maintain unbroken the harmony of the party, to consolidate their strength, and to increase their ability to secure the important public reforms which they have in view. Let them proceed steadily and firmly in their laudable career listening to no suggestions save those of wisdom and honor; banishing the rash and selfish spirit of party from an arena where it has no legitimate place, and which it only desecrates; legislating for the common weal and for the interests of the whole city irrespective of class and section, and they will retain the entire confidence of the community, and may bid defiance alike to secret enmity and open opposition

THE CEREMONIES at the Orleans Theatre yesterday were unfortunately interrupted by a panic which seized upon the audience in consequence of the falling of a chair. It appears that the Theatre was densely crowded, and that the heat was suffocating. The exercises of the pupils commenced at the time announced, ALBERT FABRE, Esq., delivered a spirited address, having inaugurated the occasion by a handsome and feeling address to the pupils. Recitations followed, many of which evinced great proficiency and talent. The grand chorus from the Vestal was then begun, and in the midst of the vocal harmony, a noise as of some one falling was heard. The public were immediately panic stricken, and a rush was made for the doors.—When it was ascertained that nothing calculated to excite alarm had occurred, order was re-established with some difficulty, and the spectators resumed their seats. The Mayor then rose, and stated in consequence of the intense heat and stifling atmosphere, it was impossible to proceed with the distribution of the prizes, that this would be done in the several schools—wherupon, the vast assemblage quietly dispersed.

So much of the ceremonies as we were enabled to witness was highly interesting, but such was the oppressiveness of the heat as to render a prolonged stay utterly impossible.

☞ Our friends of the *Picayune*, received the appointment from the Council on Thursday, of Official Printer. Whilst we congratulate them on the selection, there can be no doubt that the work will be performed handsomely and satisfactorily.

MLLE. BORGHESE v. BURGETT.—The delicious contralto of the Orleans Theatre, Mlle. JULIETTE BORGHESE, takes her benefit on Monday Evening. Her admirers will, of course, be there in full force. Mlle BORGHESE offers a splendid card abounding in novelty. Think of the first act of VACCAI'S Romeo and Juliet, the second act of ROSSINI'S William Tell, the fourth act of HALEVY'S Charles VI, a new vaudeville, and a musical interlude—all on the same evening. Attraction enough, we should imagine, to fill the house, independently of the claims of the beneficiary.

MEXICAN GULF RAILROAD.—We invite attention to the article in to-day's paper in reference to the Mexican Gulf Railroad, and to the advantages it presents as a route for a railway towards Mobile.

☞ A Whig triumph has occurred in the city of Cincinnati, all the Judges of the Superior Court just elected, being Whigs. Cincinnati has always hitherto been a strong democratic city.

HAIL STORM.—Yesterday when the John Simonds was near the mouth of Red River, she encountered a violent storm of wind accompanied by a heavy fall of hail.

NEW MUSIC.—We are indebted to PH. P. WERLIE, No. 5 Camp street, for the following new music:

The Rose of Mobile Schottisch, by Waldteufel. Quite a neat composition in G. major, and well adapted to players of moderate skill.

The Pelham Schottisch, by Leroy. Spirited and well marked, with an excellent bass. Written in F flat.

Godey's Musical Ladder, consisting of The Humming Bird Gallop, Whipperwill Waltz, and Petrel Quick Step. These compositions are not distinguished by much originality, but are generally lively, well arranged, and particularly suitable to parlor performers, as they are easy of execution. Most of them are adaptations of popular airs.

Last Isabel, or By the lonely river side, composed by E. C. Phelps. A pleasing and graceful air, with a chorus. We listen in E. major.

Poor Life, a song and chorus, written and composed by H. Avery. Similar in character to the former. It is tender and graceful, and easily sung, but requires feeling to be effective.

CONGRESS.

In the SENATE on the 5th, a number of private bills were considered and acted upon.

In the HOUSE, the bill to establish the office of Surveyor General of Utah was debated and laid aside, with a recommendation that it do not pass.

The bill authorizing Oregon to form a State Government was taken up and after a brief discussion, was cut to the engrossment, which was voted amidst intense confusion.

☞ A letter sent from the United States to any place in France is invariably charged with double postage when received in an envelope. This fact should be remembered by those writing to their friends in that country. In order to save postage, letters should be written very close, on good thin paper, and directed without an envelope. Letters without envelope, weighing over 7½ grains (¼ of an ounce) are charged double postage in France. A letter on light paper, without an envelope, sent by an American steamer, costs 24 cents to Liverpool, and 17 cents from there to Bordeaux, France, making 41 cts to Bordeaux, and 82 cents if enveloped or over weight. If sent by a British steamer, there is an additional charge of 10 cents.

SALE OF A VALUABLE PROPERTY.—Messrs. BOUCHAUD & BRO. will sell THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, at the St. Louis Exchange, a valuable improved property, fronting on the right bank of the river, and a half mile below Algiers, and directly opposite to and in full view of the Quarantine Hall. The improvements are splendid and recent. The lot has a front of 100 feet, and extends back 300 feet, with a canal in front, planted with the elegant Shade Trees and plants of the country.

We invite the particular attention of persons in search of a home in the country to this day's advertisements.

UNDERWRITERS' SALE OF BONDED AND ADVANCED MERCHANDISE.—The Sale of Dry Goods, Cloths, &c., will take place THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock, by THOMAS & CO., at their sales rooms, 62 and 63 Magazine street.

☞ Let the Middle Tribune answer for itself. The *Sun* knows what the hostility here means quite as well as our contemporary of the *Delta*. The effort of their organization will be to let loose upon Cuba a horde of pirates, reprobates and reckless adventurers, mingled or dashed with many brave and chivalrous but thoughtless and ardent spirits, all of whom may, without distinction from our Government, conquer, the island if they can, dispossess the proprietors of the soil, divide among themselves the plantations and slaves, or commit any outrage which unrestrained authority and popular prejudice may perpetrate. We do not imagine such will be our case, but we affirm that such may follow the suspension of the neutrality laws. We hold therefore that the proposition of Mr. SLIDELL is the worst and most injudicious scheme for the conquest of Cuba ever advanced, since it is only manufactured loafing the solemn sanction of the Government to an act unworthy of an enlightened people, and repugnant to the civilization of the age. Why the Lopez expedition was a thousand fold less culpable that would be the course of our Government, if it entrusted Mr. SLIDELL's views. The fellow-it of LOPEZ knew they were violating the laws: knew the perils they confronted; knew in case if captured they could expect little mercy, as they were waging war in defiance of treaties of peace existing between Spain and the United States. Their conduct was marked by a courage and hardihood that extorted admiration, even if it provoked censure. There was something noble in their devotion and desperate valor. But in the name of Heaven, what is there of manly, of honorable, or of just in Mr. SLIDELL's dishonorable project, which proposes to make the Government a party to filibustering?

The *Delta* objects to open war with Spain, in case the Africanization of Cuba should prove a fixed fact. Why?

Does it not occur to the *Bee* and *Tribune* that if Cuba be taken by the Government of the United States, it is virtually Africanized, that it is subjected to the anti-Slavery control which predominates in the Federal Government? Let these journals ponder on the declaration of the *New York Tribune*, to be found on our second page. Do they not perceive, that under such circumstances, the acquisition of Cuba by the Federal Government would endanger the Union, the dearest hope of the hearts of the South?

Does it not occur to our contemporary that the suspension of the peace laws must terminate in war—that Spain will not calmly tolerate the invasion of Cuba, but will declare war, and wage it as she best may? Is it not palpable on the very face of the case that the affair will there fore speedily become a national, and that the United States must in the end be a party to this war. If Cuba be then conquered, it cannot avoid belonging to the United States, and if its destiny is to be Africanized, as the *Delta* wishes, we should be pleased to learn by what process the unfortunate island is to escape its fate. But we shall not comprehensive on this score. If Cuba should fall into the possession of the United States, and her annexation should be sought for, we have no doubt it will be accomplished. It may not be easy to find slavery where it has no existence, but in this instance the slaves are there, the country lies south of the Missouri Compromise line, has already abolition would fume and rave, Cuba would be admitted even as Missouri and Arkansas were admitted.

TERROR IN NEW YORK.—The Coroner's jury in the case of the Broadway fire, by which so many lives were lost, to-day rendered a verdict censuring Mr. Charles H. Marshall, Mr. Thomas N. B Forces, Mason, and J. G. Carpenter. Also, Job Taber and John Sibley, proprietors of the Lamartine Hotel, their workmen directions the alterations of the building were made. They also denounce the manner of constructing the building, which was a mere man trap. The fire is thought to have been caused by an incendiary.

The trial of Mrs. Hays for murder of Dr. Burdell, is to-day. The public interest in the case is undiminished, judging by the anxiety of the crowd to gain admission to the Court. She is looking well, and was not confined in jail as usual last night, but lodged at the Irving House, two police officers keeping guard near her room.

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By Telegraph!

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SIX DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE CANADA.

BREADSTUFFS DECLINED.

HALIFAX, May 10.—The Cunard steamer Canada arrived here this morning, bringed dates from Liverpool to the 29th ult., one week later than by the Africa. Her early mention a large delegation in thousands of all denominations.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, April 29.—Wilkins & Co.'s circular says our quotes fully is decline in flour, three days selling of the Africa. Corn has declined 1@2s. 6d. quarter, and wheat 2d. @ 3 bushel of 70 lb.

LIVERPOOL, April 29.—Sales of cotton for the week, since the sailing of the Africa, reach 27,000, of which 7,000 were taken by speculators and 4,000 by exporters.

The commercial circulars represent the market irregular, and vary in their quotations. The Brokers quotes a decline of 1-16d., on the lower qualities, and an advance of 1-8d. on fair and good fair. The circulars of Fair Cotton 6¾, selling do 5¾. Fair Orleans 6¾, and Middling do 5½@5¾.

Bennistoun's circular quotes breadstuffs as having materially declined. The transactions for the week are 37s. 6d. for Western Canal, and 38s. 6d. for Indian Corn is quoted at 41s. for white, and 40s. for yellow. Wheat 10s. 3d. @ 10s. 3d. Flour 35s. 6d. We declined 6d. @ 1s., and is now quoted at 34s. @ 35s. per cwt.

Manchester Trade.

The trade in the manufacturing district was slightly declined since the Africa sailed.

Money Market.

Thursday morning's money and consols are quoted at 93¼@93⅝. United States stocks unchanged.—Small transactions in American securities.

Bremen & Hamburg.

No important movements in the war in the East have taken place. Neither Silistria nor Odessa have been stormed. It is reported that the Russians made an attack on Kalafat and were repulsed, with a loss of five hundred men.

All the warlike Circassian tribes are waiting and arming against Russia.

NEW YORK, May 12.—We are still receiving details of the losses by the steamer Ocmulgee at Bahia.

The Black Warrior Affair.

The London Times publishes a synopsis of the correspondence between Mr. Soulé and the Spanish Government, in relation to the Black Warrior affair. It is of a high-toned character. Mr. Soulé has dined with the British Minister, and the affair has been discussed. The Times says that five notes had been exchanged between Mr. Soulé and the Spanish Secretary for Foreign Affairs. In the first of the complaints which the United States Government had to make, and demand a reply to. The Spanish Government declared its inability to reply, until advices had been received from Cuba. Mr. Soulé charged the Spanish Government with asking a pretext for delaying a reply, and insinuates that the Government had received despatches from Cuba. On the reply from the Government was one stating that it was thought Soulé would demand his passports. Sir. Soulé's note to the Spanish Government was couched in much milder terms than the first, but had not transpired.

The Spanish Government looks upon the American claim as exorbitant and overbearing.

Marriage of the Emperor of Austria.

The marriage of the Emperor of Austria had taken place and four hundred pfennigs had been released on the occasion.

The Bosvpho.

The Canada spoke the steamer Europa on her passage out.

Operations in the Black Sea.

The British war steamer Fury cut out a Russian merchantman near the entrance of Sebastopol. The trader was under convoy and the Fury was pursued by a Russian steamer and two frigates, and was compelled to cut loose her prize.

Russian Steamer passing the Dardanelles.

A Russian war steamer from the Mediterranean passed through the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, running by all the batteries and safely entering the Black Sea.

Mutiny in the Turkish Camp.

Four thousand Turks had refused to march from Erzerum in consequence of the delay in the arrears.

France and Russian Commerce.

A French Imperial decree allows all Russian ships lying in ports of the French Empire, on the expiration to the 8th ult., to unload and return unmolested to Russia or neutral ports.

Russians Liberated.

The crews of all the Russian prizes taken in the England have been liberated on parole, and are not to serve against England and France during the present war.

Troops for the Seat of War.

Great activity prevails in all the ports of France and troops are constantly being sent off for the seat of war. Prince Napoleon had left Malta for Turkey.

England.

Parliament resumed on the 27th of April.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Four has declined 12½c per bbl., under the effect of the news by the Canada, but Ohio, 98 57½. Corn has declined about 6½c. per bushel, and is now quoted at 75@80c. Pork sold at lard are lower at

Ohio River—Markets.

CINCINNATI, May 10.—A further advance has taken place in flour, with sales to-day at 38 ₱ bbl. Whiskey 22c. for 3d hands.

CINCINNATI, May 13.—The river has fallen six inches since yesterday. A still further improvement has taken place in flour, with sales at 38 @ 38½ per bbl. Whiskey has further improved, and is selling at 23@24c. per gallon. There is nothing doing in the provision market.

PITTSBURG, May 11.—There is six feet water in the channel, and the river is falling.

LOUISVILLE, May 10.—There is eight feet one inch water in the canal, and six feet scant on the falls. The river is falling slowly.

The steamers Bluebell, Tweed and Glendale, have arrived from New Orleans.

Large Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, May 10.—A very destructive fire occurred in Forsyth street yesterday. Forty buildings, mostly dwellings, houses, were destroyed.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, May 11.—The news by the steamers has checked operations in Breadstuffs and no sales of flour have been reported. The sales of wheat at Rock Island are 2,000 bushels at $1 27½@1 29. No. 1 Lard is 9½c. Shoulders 6½@6½ ₱ cwt. Lard 10 @ 10½c. ₱ cwt. The river is rising 1½ feet.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The big news in Cotton is limited to 500 bales, at 10¼c. Corn 77 to 82c. ₱ bushel. Prime Pork $12 25 ₱ bbl. Lard in bbls 9¾c.

The Nebraska Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The Nebraska bill was debated in the House yesterday, and it evinces a session until half past ten o'clock last night. Numerous speeches were made on both sides of the question.

Still Further by the Canada.

PARIS.—In a speech in the Senate Chamber, Baron Brunnow stated that the Russian Government accorded entirely with Austria and the Western powers. The Chevalier Bunsen, Minister to London, had offered the mediation of Prussia, but was scented many citizens from participating in the out door ceremonies. It was one o'clock in the afternoon when the procession reached the Palace. When the ceremonies commenced it is said there were fully twenty thousand persons in the building, which, by the way, has been much changed in its internal appearance. Baron Warchiette's unshapely equestrian statue of Washington has been removed from its former position under the dome, to a less conspicuous place in the eastern nave and just in the rear of the speaker's stand. Gwynn's pump has been erected in the south aisle, and during the ceremonies was in full play, throwing a jet of water at the rate of five thousand gallons a minute.

The ode, written by Wm. Ross Wallace, was sung by the Harmonic Society, assisted by a full band, and was well received. Mr. Barnum, the President of the Association, then made the opening speech, which, it is stated, was brief and appropriate. Towards the close, he announced that the Association had instituted four services of medals—one a gold medal of $1000 value, for the most valuable invention that shall be perfected before the first of December next, and which shall have been exhibited in the Crystal Palace for a period of three months. Second a price of a gold medal of $1000 value, for the best work of an artist; besides two other series of medals, of five medals each, each medal valued at $100, for useful inventions in miscellaneous departments.

Judge Campbell made the next address, and was followed by Hon. T. L. Ogden, and by Horace Greeley, one of the Board of Directors, who announced the arrangements made by the Board for the exhibition. Their desire is that the different working dismes should be in the Palace, on separate evenings, to listen to addresses.

Mr. Greeley announced the receipt of letters from Rev. Drs. Hawks, Potts, Tyng and Bethune, and from Prof. B. Silliman, Jr., expressing deep sympathy with the objects of the exhibition. He was followed by Richard O'Gorman, who made a brief and appropriate speech, and he, again, was followed by Mr. J. B. Bacon, Hev. Henry Ward Beecher and others.

The ceremonies concluded with a perform ance by a band. At night, the Palace was again filled, and speeches were made by Mr. Henry, president of the Mechanics' Institute; Mr. Silliman, a delegate from the Home Pointers' Society; Ed Bowditch, the learned blacksmith; Park Godwin, and the Rev. E. H. Chapin. Previous to the last speaker, Madame Cheney was introduced and sang a song, as did also F. Meyer. Then ended the "grand re-inauguration."—*Baltimore Sun.*

PARLIAMENT HOUSE AT QUEBEC DESTROYED.—QUEBEC, May 4—The beautiful and capacious edifice at the corner of Call and Colon streets in this city, built formerly for religious purposes and for the use of the Sisters of Charity, but more recently fitted up at immense expense for the use of Parliament, was totally destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock this night. Thousands flocked to the scene of conflagration but all efforts to arrest the flames proved unavailing. Several adjoining buildings were also consumed. The loss is very heavy.

THE EXHIBITION OF JOHN HEINRICHSON.—ARARAT, May 5—John Heinrichson was executed at noon to-day, for the murder of his wife. He made a confession, in which he all he had to say was known by the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, who will publish it to-morrow.

THE CITY OF GLASGOW.—PHILADELPHIA, May 5.—The splendid ship of the steamship City of Glasgow have been informed through Gale & Co. by the Atlantic that no tidings whatever have been heard of the missing steamer.

STEAMER BLOWS UP, and Loss of Life.—PHILADELPHIA, May 5.—The tow-boat Pennsylvania, with four barges in tow, from Pittsburg, has not been heard of since Monday, the 1st inst. Fears are entertained that she has been destroyed by fire, and that many lives have been lost. The following are the names of the boats which left Pittsburg on the 1st inst., in company with the Pennsylvania: Barges Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the packet boat Ben Franklin, No. 2. The Ben Franklin No. 2 had on board a number of passengers, principally Germans, bound for the western part of the State.

[illegible] yesterday, A. Buchanan, [illegible] Saturday, Virginia [illegible] Saturday, Virginia [illegible] Saturday, Virginia