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☞ FOR STEAMBOAT DEPARTURES SEE FRENCH SIDE.

THE NORTHERN MAIL came through yesterday with the latest dates.

CONGRESSIONAL MORALS.

The Senate of the United States is yet a tolerably dignified body. It it be not what it was when CLAY, CALHOUN and WEBSTER graced its seats, it preserves the tradition of its brighter and nobler days, and rarely permits its honor to be sullied and its character debased by scenes of unmanly altercation, and disgraceful outrage. But the House of Representatives—the popular branch of Congress as it is usually, but most unjustly termed—is a pest, a horror, and a nuisance. It is an arena where gentlemen are beginning to be ashamed to be seen; where bullies and blackguards delight to congregate; where fellows of the Tallahassee, and arrogant imbecility, that is stakes rant for eloquence, and regards travels and backbiting as best fitted to the grandeur of the place, lord it with imperial sway; where decency and dignity rarely show themselves, lest they be appalled by the strange companionship of knaves, fanatics, desperadoes and pugilists; where, in short, differences of opinion are no longer tolerated, unless backed by a strutting swagger, or a COLT's revolver, where a fair argument is unheeded, if not duly seconded by personal invective and the slang of the horse jockey.

A few weeks ago, one CHURCHWELL, a member from Tennessee, of whom we know nothing save that he possesses a minimum of brains and a maximum of conceit, thought, in the plenitude of his petty vanity, that he might make a noise among his constituents, if he were to attack so prominent a statesman as JOHN BELL. The puny essayed to overthrow the giant: but the pigmy only got a scathing castigation for his pains. Mr. BELL noticed the assault, and treated the assailant somewhat in the style in which DANIEL WEBSTER once exercised CHARLES J. INGERSOLL. In other words he skinned Mr. CHURCHWELL, and left him without a sound spot on his fagellated and bloody surface. Shoo him, the aforesaid CHURCHWELL smarting at every pose, has been more than usually ill tempered. In his anxiety to pitch into somebody, he undertook recently to abuse his colleague, Gen. CULLOM, for making an anti-Nebraska speech, and charged him with consorting with Abolitionists. The charge was met with perfect scorn, and was denounced by the very witnesses whom Mr. CHURCHWELL had invoked, that the gentle man had the mortification of beholding himself overwhelmed by the very witnesses whom he had summoned to crush his colleague, and of becoming the laughing stock of the House. This did not suit Mr. CHURCHWELL at all, so not knowing how to escape with honor out of the quandary, he resolved to fasten a quarrel on Gen. CULLOM. He thought perhaps that the part of a bully was better suited to his abilities, than that of a statesman. Accordingly on the 20th inst., he arose in the House, and in the report of the proceedings of the day previous, insulted Gen. CULLOM in the grossest manner. The latter sprang towards the assailant, who drawing his murderous weapon, no doubt, would probably have often aimed a blow at the head of the brave colleague but for the prompt and energetic interference of the surrounding members.

Now is there no remedy for this? Is a tardy apology for violating the decorum of the House to atone for so brutal an exhibition? Does not every man of common sense know that scenes of a manner have transpired again and again, of late, which, if not a long step towards physical severity, does not follow, there is neither a moral nor a physical obstacle to their repetition. Such disreputable occurrences are becoming quite familiar. They are getting to be the normal features of the House of Representatives. Courtesy, good breeding, and the amenities of educated gentlemen in debate, are exceptions to the rule, and they will assuredly grow rarer and less perceptible, unless the House once for all, passes a law which is stringent that none can infringe it without rendering himself liable to the penalties.

Mr. BARNARD SHARP, has, we perceive, introduced a resolution authorizing the expulsion of any member who shall be guilty of a breach of the peace within the precincts of the House. This is not half severe enough. A resolution should be adopted providing for the instantaneous expulsion of any member who draws a deadly weapon, or strikes or challenges during the session. This would meet the case. But why propose remedies, when the first essential prerequisite is needed. It is useless to hope that members will conduct themselves with respect themselves and decency in the laws, are sent to Congress, it is folly to anticipate any marked improvement.

The Mobile and New Orleans Rail-Road.

The time for argument has passed the time. For the past year, the people have been promised from session to session by the city in behalf of the New Orleans and Mobile Rail Road, will be submitted to the people to-morrow for their ratification. We have spoken to little purpose indeed, if by this time the mind of every voter is not deeply imbued with the great and pure principle of the Rail Road connection of our city with the east and west country. That it will add to the prosperity of our trade is indisputable. That property will speedily feel the healthful influence of such an enterprise is not even denied by the most virulent opponent of the undertaking. That but for the fear of rival cities, the promulgation of which is antagonistic to their own prosperity, there would be no opposition to a measure of such merit, is self evident. The whole city of New Orleans has a deep interest in this matter, but the residents of the lower districts, in particular, have a solemn duty to perform to-morrow. They are called upon to manifest their ability to maintain and sustain the city, and that is to come into their election, and to repudiate the sentiment uttered on a recent street and over zealous opponents of the measure, that the people down town were not to have a Rail Road. But let this pass. We are in favor of the enterprise on its own intrinsic augmentative considerations. We will not make to sectional appeal in support of a project which can well afford to stand by itself.

Having been consistent and unwavering in our views that the Opelousas and Jackson Rail Road will be, we cannot conclude to be laggards in any point or route which is to bring us within direct communication with New York, which is to pour into our lap a rich profusion a commerce that has been hitherto shut out from us, or is inaccessible when the time arrives, will not be entitled to the successful competition of the great Pacific Road.

☞ We call to vote, then, VOTE FOR THE RAIL ROAD OPELOUSAS & NEW ORLEANS.

MR. EARLE.—We deeply regret that, notwithstanding the decidedly anti-Know Nothing expressions of our reporter, in relation to Mr. EARLE's act of incendiarism, upon which unfortunate occasion, the feelings of a most respectable citizen and worthy man have been keenly wounded. The reporter's department is a great measure distinct from that of the editor, and the latter necessarily relies upon the integrity and correctness of the former. It happens very often that the city intelligence is brought in and set up, and that the editor sees it only the next day. We shall endeavor in future to guard against the recurrence of such unnecessary circumstances, and in the interim we take pleasure in reproducing the annexed card from the Rev. Mr. HELFER, as complete and satisfactory vindication of Mr EARLE:

THE LATE ARSON CASE.—John Earles was brought before examination yesterday, on a charge of setting fire to his grocery store, at the corner of Annunciation and Rose streets, on Saturday morning. There was no positive evidence against him, the fire having originated accidentally, and it appeared to the satisfaction of every body that it was a persecution on the part of some of his neighbors, instead of a prosecution by the State. In the first place the property was not insured by insurance, and consequently he met with a severe loss by the fire. Shortly after the fire occurred, the watchmen arrested Earles, and dragged him off half naked to the guard house, and although he asked that official to return to the burning house to save his money, which are valuable, the officer refused to comply. In fact, it appears that both himself and family came very near being burnt up by the conflagration, and it is not very probable that he was on the premises as correct his own funeral pyre. A large number of gentlemen of the highest respectability were in court, ready and willing, had it been necessary, to testify to the good character and honesty of Mr. Earles; but there being no evidence against him, he was honorably discharged.

LOSS OF THE SCHOONER ANITA.—On the 23d inst., about 12 o'clock at night, the Mexican schooner Anita, Captain Martenez, from La guna, with a cargo of logwood, came in contact with the bark Jane E. Williams, both vessels being in tow of the Anglo Norman, bound up the river, which caused the usual loss of the Anita, the Captain and crew of which saved themselves by jumping on board of the bark, a passenger named Cerapio Quintero, was asleep in his berth and went down with the Anita.

☞ We understand that two runaway negroes were killed about two weeks ago in the neighborhood of the Bell Chasy Springs. We have not heard who their owners belonged to. [Opelousas Courier.

RHODE ISLAND.—The Supreme Court of this State has given an unanimous opinion that the act of the last Legislature expunging the record of the conviction of THOMAS W. DORR for treason is unconstitutional.

☞ The Martinsburg Gazette says: "Some forty free negroes liberated by the will of Mr. Stuart, both of Jefferson county, were taken to Pennsylvania some weeks ago, and the balance remaining there a few days, and becoming acquainted with the condition of their very gay brethren and friends, a number have returned to Virginia, intending to go to Liberia."

TEXAS.

By an arrival from Galveston, we have received Texas papers to the 25th inst. We clip the following from our exchanges:

We understand, says the Galveston, *News*, that the Telegraph wires are now completed to New Orleans, though no communications have yet been transmitted through. It appears that the batteries are not sufficiently powerful for so long a distance—estimated 900 miles; but their strength will soon be increased.

MORE KILLING.—We extract the annexed account of the killing of Milton P. Mize, by A. E. Howell, from a letter received from Groce's Retreat, under date of the 16th inst.

"On Monday, the 14th instant, a man of the name of Milton P. Mize was killed by A. E. Howell. They appeared very friendly, until a few minutes before the horrid deed was committed. The only real cause of the melancholy difficulty was *Liquor. Both of the parties were intoxicated.* Howell was acquitted by the Magistrate, on the ground that he was acting in *self-defence. Thus, the cup—the damning cup —has made another orphan and widow.*"

INSANITY OF A DISTRICT CLERK.—It is with the deepest regret we see it announced in the Lagrange Monument, that Mr. Theodore Carter, Clerk of the District Court for Fayette county, has become insane. We know Mr. Carter well; and can say, that a more noble and warm-hearted man, it has never been our good fortune to be acquainted with.

The Viscount d'Avoste says a gentlemen has now gone north, to procure a suitable boat to run on the Guadalupe as high as Victoria. Some attempts of this kind have heretofore, we believe, proved failures; but that is no good argument that the Guadalupe may not be yet successfully navigated. There are few better rivers in Texas than the Guadalupe, and we confess, we have been surprised that its navigation has been so long neglected.

RAINS.—We learn that heavy rains have fallen in the Middle and Eastern counties. It is feared that the crops will be injured. Cotton has suffered for want of working, and in some places high winds have prostrated whole fields of corn.

SUMMER RESORTS.—The Item states that Kellum's Springs, in Grimes county, and Wyser's Springs near Cincinnati, are both thronged with visitors. At Bour Lake, we learn, there is a pretty large company.

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.—A letter from Huntsville to the Houston Star says the number of delegates in attendance at the Educational Convention is fifty. A greater number would have attended but for the heavy rains, which rendered traveling very dispassed. The following message was assumed. Mr. Toucey sustained it.

In the HOUSE, Mr. Churchwell apologized to the House for his breach of its decorum yesterday. He had allowed his too prompt humbers in a proper manner, and hoped to be found among those who wished to preserve the order and decorum of the House.

Mr. Cullom regretted that the unexpected and provoked attack had been made on him yesterday, which precipitated him into any violation of the rules of the House.

He had always endeavored to maintain friendly relations with his fellow members, and observed punctiously the rights of each, and the honor and integrity of the body of which he was a member. Circumstances over which he had no control, and to which he had contributed nothing to provoke either by word or deed, existed from him language which he should not otherwise have uttered.

If he had violated the rules, he asked pardon of the House, he asserted it was from no disrespect. The ebullition which he displayed yesterday was elicited by the exhibition of a deadly instrument in connexion with the remarks to which he responded.

Mr. Milson then offered a resolution appointing a Select Committee to investigate the cause of the disorder yesterday in the use of warm words and threatening gestures. After some remarks on the occurrence yesterday, and the action of the House heretofore in such cases, withdrew his resolution.

Mr. Brooks, of South Carolina, gave notice that he would introduce a rule expelling by a two-thirds vote, any member bringing concealed weapons into the House, and directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to search for the same, and in the Rotando, where members in the habit of carrying concealed weapons shall deposite them on taking their seats. The business of legislation they may be inspected by the curious. [Laughter, and shouts of "good."]

KANSAS AND SLAVERY.

A St. Louis correspondent of the New York *Herald* has written a carefully prepared statement of the geography, geology, products, and boundaries of Nebraska and Kansas, which appeared in the *Herald* of the 17th instant. It is too long for republication, or we would present it to our readers. From the letter we make the following extract, which refers to the prospect of the introduction of slaves into Kansas:

"Prior to the present session of Congress, Colonel Benton undertook to declare the western territory open to settlement, by the treaty of Indian treaties, and direct contravention of the intercourse act of 1834; and he urged the northern people to come upon, and cultivate it at once. Many persons broke up their business and sacrificed their property, and foolishly made the attempt; but they were met at the threshold by the Indian agents, and forbidden to set foot upon it without a regular license to carry on a *bona fide* trade with the Indians. This they could not procure, and their movements were checked. The colonel's sincerity has been since fairly tested. He was anxious for its occupation, so long as a doubt of the right to occupy existed, but when he knew that under such circumstances slaveholders could not remove there and have any protection to their property; that defenceless men were means. Gilly, Barr, Mooney, Neal, and other prominent tavern-keepers.

NEW HAMPSHIRE WHIG STATE CONVENTION.—CONCORD, June 21.—The Whig State Convention assembled here to-day and was largely attended, including many of the most prominent men in the State. Judge IRA PERLEY presided and made a speech strongly condemning the repeal of the Missouri Compromise.

[SECOND DESPATCH.]

CONCORD, June 20.—The Hon. John Bell, of Keene, was nominated for Governor, receiving 316 out 329 votes.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—New HAVEN, Conn., June 20.—Mr. WILCOX, of Derby, aged twenty years, a fireman on the New Haven Railroad, was killed this morning near Seymour. He was oiling the locomotive, and fell upon it, when the pin at the end of the piston entered his body and tore out his breastbone. He survived only a few minutes.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Senator Weller arrived here this afternoon, and was married in the evening to Miss ELIZABETH MCKNIGHT. Senators and several members of Congress were present. It was quite a gay, solemn and imposing scene.

The steamer Sarah Sands made a very narrow escape from shipwreck in the straits of Bell Island.

MASSACHUSETTS TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.—LOWELL, June 20.—The Massachusetts State Temperance Convention met to-day and was attended by 1,500 persons. S. S. HOCH, mayor of Lowell, presided temporarily, and after the appointment of a committee to select officers and draft resolutions, the convention adjourned till afternoon.

VIOLENT STORMS AND DEATH.—Boston, June 20.—A violent thunder storm visited the South shore yesterday afternoon, accompanied by hail and rain. The Unitarian Church at Weymouth was struck by lightning and considerably damaged. At Bridgewater was struck and one man killed.

DEATH OF GEN. W. ANTHEMAN.—*New York, June 21.*—Gen. George W. Antheman, engaged in the California trade, died this morning.

Mr. F. C. Brewster, a well known druggist of the city, also died this morning.

☞ We copy the following communication from the *National Intelligencer* of the 21st instant:

The Filibusteros and Cuba.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—In my preceding article some of the objections and difficulties were stated to exist, obtaining forcible possession of Cuba, and though other more difficulties and objections could have been added to the list as connected directly with the *operation of arriving the island*, yet a sufficient number were alluded to for the present.

An attempt of this kind as a matter of course would involve a war with Spain, giving rise to another and most formidable objection to the measure in the form of the enormous injury such event would inflict upon our commerce, the value of our tonnage, the decline in the value of our stocks, and the general depression in real estate, particularly in our seaports.

This in the course of six or eight months we should possess a naval superiority over Spain upon the ocean there can be but little doubt, whatever might be the fact in this respect at the commencement of hostilities under the present reduced and inefficient state of our national marine: but this superiority, admitting it to be as great as we please, will be no charge against the ability of Spain to send forth privateers from every available harbor in the Peninsula, and to the Spanish Main, to prey upon our commerce, and to destroy the property of our citizens. One of the Lafourche Railroad Company has entered to convey them to San Francisco for $60 each.

Rev E. H. Chapin has been engaged to deliver an oration at the Tabernacle Palace, on the 4th of July. Senator Badger, of North Carolina, was invited, but declined.

Chancellor Ferris has announced that the University is reinvested in an empty shell which, for years, has caused embarrassment. He has, within a year, collected and paid over $70,000 which is due to the institution from debtors.

The remains of the ship Great Republic are to be sold at auction on the 19th prox.

A trotting match for $1,000, two mile heats, to harness, came off yesterday on the Centre, Island course. The race was between Dr. Doe, driven by Harry Jones, and s. g. Whalebone, in charge of George Spicer. Doe won the match. Time, 5'24, 5'22. First heat, 5'05 second heat. The race was a capital one, the first heat being so closely contested that the horses were never apart until within the distance stand of course home.

At 12 o'clock to-day all the engineers on the first three divisions of the New York and Erie Railroad struck work, by preconcerted arrangement. They do not desire to quit the ages, but require the Company to rescind a recent regulation which causes the discharge of every engineer whose engine runs off the track, and after his discharge, prevents him from obtaining employment on any other Road by posting him. Some of the movement having been given about a week since, the Company's Superintendent has prepared for the emergency, and that no delay in running will result from the movement.

TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS.

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION.—Philadelphia, June 20.—Hill's extensive cotton and woolen mill, at the corner of Jefferson and Mifflin streets, was entirely destroyed by fire this afternoon. It is said to have originated from the friction of the machinery. About 200 persons, mainly females, were employed in the building, and the fire having cut off their retreat by the staircases, many were lowered from the windows by ropes. A number were hurt by falling, and it is reported that several perished in the flames.

SECOND DESPATCH.

There were 130 operatives in the building when the fire broke out, and the scene that ensued was frightful. The females screamed frantically for help, and commenced jumping from the windows. But for the active efforts of the firemen, with their hooks and ladders, all would have perished. Several are missing and are supposed to have been burnt to death.

The building was occupied by Messrs. River & Houghton, Roe & Phillips, and Mr. Holt. Each firm had a large stock of goods, which were all destroyed. The loss will reach $60,000. Thos. Hill, brother to the former owner of the factory, went to sleep in the building at 3 o'clock, and has not been seen since. A man named Markle jumped from the third story, and had both legs broken. A female jumped from the fourth story, breaking both her arms. A large number were severely burned in their hands and faces.

Three sisters named McBride were terribly hurt: one jet herself down by the hatchway from the fourth story. Another rushed down the burning stairway, and had her dress burnt off and flesh terribly burnt. It is reported that 15 are missing. Three are certainly lost—a man and two young girls.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—Hollidaysburg, Pa., June 21.—A destructive fire occurred here last night. It broke out at the corner of Juniata and Montgomery streets. So rapidly did the flame spread, that before they could be arrested ten buildings were completely laid in ruins with their contents. The principal sufferers are Mr. Rock, shoe-store, Mr. Douglas, grocer, Mrs. Lewis, confectioner, Mr. Kinpet, clothing establishment, Mr. Rodrigues, drug store, Mr. Black, confectioner—besides several others who lost small sums. The fire is said to be the work of an incendiary. There was only a partial insurance on the property.

THE SEIZED LIQUOR LAW.—Philadelphia, June 20.—Mayor CONRAD has filed his first hearing this morning of the seven keepers charged with an infraction of the Sunday law. A number of witnesses were examined, and the Defendants held in the sum of $1,000 each for trial, on charge of keeping tippling houses. Barr, Mooney, Neal, and other prominent

LOCAL ITEMS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

This body met last night, the President in the chair. A message from the Mayor in relation to the Board that the Middle and Passenger-tracks be laid down on Canal street, was referred the subject to the Committee of the city administration to the Legislature, in relation to the Levee, and calling the attention of the Councils to the late act of the Legislature, giving the Governor to taking a vote of the people in regard to the Common Council, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. A. O'Fallon sent in a proposition to sell his interest in the Gas Company to the city for the sum of $1000. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A petition was presented from several merchants asking the repeal of the ordinance against obstructing sidewalks, referred to the Police Committee.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 4, applied for a new building for its occupation. Referred to the Committee on Fire.

A resolution from the lower Board providing for the appointment of a joint committee, with power to call for persons and papers for the purpose of investigating charges which have been made relative to the letting of certain contracts. Old the Councils by the Postmasters & Steele Railroad Company, was concurred in, and Messrs. Gordon, Frees and Allen, were appointed members on the part of this board.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Finance Committee reported unfavorably upon the proposition to pay $250 per lamp for lighting the city, and proposed to pay $200 per lamp for the last year. The only act was remonstrated.

Another report from the committee to report against the ordinary receipts from this time until the 1st January next, at $300,000

From other resources, viz: notes receivable &c.,..... 150,000

Collections by Ass'st Att'y—estimated of 50,000

Balance in the Treasury..... 80,000

Total..... 580 0 0

The expenditures for the same period are estimated as follows:

Ordinary Expenditures..... 418,0 0

Opening Colysseum Place..... 18,000

Surveyor's Estimate..... 227,000

Street Commissioner's estimate..... 17,000

In all..... 680 000

Thus leaving a probable deficit of..... $368,000

The Committee on Streets and Landings reported in favor of establishing the 26 Degree Wharf Line, and the erection of a new one between New Levee and Felton streets, at a cost of $10,000. Adopted.

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