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SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 13.

THE NORTHERN MAIL failed yesterday from Charleston. The mail due yesterday is one through.

SELF-SUSTAINING INSTITUTIONS.

It is the policy of every State to encourage colleges and other institutions of learning. Before the public school system was engrafted upon the Constitution of Louisiana, the Legislature made liberal donations to schools and colleges, and scarcely permitted any session to pass for the purpose of increasing the means of education to call for public aid. One of the curses was, that vast amounts of the public funds were squandered—the donations being made without a careful survey into the means of sustaining the institutions which were the recipients of its aid. It is full knowledge of the manner in which the money granted would be disbursed. The college of the Jesuits at Jackson, that at Franklin, and another but recently originated institution, received donations ranging from five to fifteen thousand dollars each per annum, besides a host of extravagant amounts allowed for erecting unnecessary buildings. These institutions, all the policy of the State to be sure, were extending all possible aid to every institution having for its object the education of youth. No one can it be denied that such institutions are mainly protective and productive in a small, though the mode of making donations was destitute as it was of system or of a regularly organized plan of building up State seminaries, resulted in a large sacrifice of public money, with but comparatively little benefit.

The education of our youth in its moral and intellectual influence cannot be too highly appreciated, and even in a material and pecuniary aspect its importance can scarcely be exaggerated. It is thus made to permeate the entire social fabric, and to modify all those phases of social existence, whose active, energetic men of natural talent and cultivated powers are the highest boast of the State. If knowledge is power, its power is not alone confined to the mental and individual capacities, to control the mind and give life to the operation of its intimate forces: it is also individual wealth, productive. Take a youth unculturable, and without any appreciation of his capabilities, and he is but a bundle of nerves and muscles that can be exerted to the level of a more beast of burden. He might perhaps let his faculties and forget the spectators a little more—might sing, in fine, with a little more soul and abandon. Some of her notes are perhaps a little weak, and others a little strained, but no one can deny that, taken as a whole, her organ is of great beauty and delicacy, and that in powers of vocalization, though inferior to some, she is not surpassed by many.

VESTVALI'S GRAND OPERA TROUPE.—Our advertising columns contain glad intelligence for the lovers of the lyric drama. Vestvali, the superb, is on her way hither with a grand opera troupe, which has met with enthusiastic success in Matamoras and Cuba. The great contralto and her company are expected in the first steamer from Havana. We are told that the combination of operatic talent in her troupe is unsurpassed. Mr. Bench, the agent of Mme Vestvali, may be found at the Varieties Theatre.

SPALDING & ROGER'S AMPHITHEATRE.—This being Saturday, there will be both a day and evening performance at the Amphitheatre. At noon to-day the fairy operatic spectacle of "Cinderilla" will be performed. The entertainments for the evening consist of the "Brigand," and the "Wandering Minstrel." Young Gaonss plays Jem Bags in the latter piece.

ST. CHARLES.—The beautiful drama of "The Last Days of Pompeii" is announced for this evening, with Mr. Dunigan as Lydon, the Gladiator. To conclude with "Life in New York," with CHANFRAU as Mose.

The steamboat *Belle Creole*, Captain J. H. Whitworth, leaves for Atakapas THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Agents, Hall, Rodd & Putnam, No. 8 Customhouse street; J. M. Johnston & Co., No. 3 Front Levee.

FINE CARPETING AT COST.—Messrs. J. D. Dameron & Co., No. 124 Canal street, offer extraordinary inducements to persons desiring cheap and choice carpeting. By an advertisement in our columns it will be seen that they are prepared to sell their splendid stock of medallion, velvet, Wiltons and Brussels carpeting at cost. Now is the time to secure a beautiful article for winter at the lowest possible price. Messrs. D. & Co. have likewise on hand a fine assortment of rich curtain material.

SPRING GOODS.—It will be seen by the advertisement in our columns that Messrs. Miquel & Jamison, Nos. 14 and 16 Chartres street, have received by late arrivals from Europe a splendid assortment of spring goods, which they offer for sale at extremely moderate prices. For details the reader is referred to the announcement elsewhere.

STANDARD MEDICAL BOOKS.—We invite the attention of students and physicians to the announcement of Thos. L. White, No. 105 Canal street. He has received an extensive supply of medical works, comprising many recent publications, with new editions of old and popular ones.

Our acknowledgments are due the Hon. Gustave Ehrie, Jr., for interesting and important public documents.

MADAME PARENT'S INSTITUTION.—It will be seen by the notice elsewhere that the accomplished instructress, Madame Parent, intends to remove her seminary for young ladies, during the summer months, to an agreeable residence at Mandeville, situated near the landing. The building is spacious and well adapted to the purpose. Professors of acknowledged ability will accompany Madame Parent, and the course of studies pursued will be the same as in the city. Madame P. herself will take charge of young ladies whose parents cannot accompany them. It is needless to add that they will receive the most careful attention in every respect.—Madame Parent's address is corner Dumaine and Rampart streets.

The Democrats of Connecticut held a convention on the 4th instant and nominated J. T. Pratt for Governor. A series of half-and-half resolutions were reported, which did not suit the full-blooded supporters of the administration. After a warm debate the Locompticonites carried the day, the resolutions were reconsidered, and after hoping been modified into an approval of Mr. Buchanan's policy, were forced through under the operation of the previous question.

IN LIQUIDATION.—The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that Mr. Thomas Green, present owner of the Pasquier White Sulphur Springs, is entitled to a tract of land in the State of Texas, numbering ninety-three thousand acres, and valued at more than two millions of dollars. So says the Warrenton *Whig*.

NEW NEWSPAPER REGULATIONS.—We are requested to state that new regulations have been adopted by the respective Post-office Departments of this country and Great Britain for the treatment of newspapers in the mails found to contain printed matter, the character of the subjects being to obtain for the publication the benefit of the lower rates of postage charged under the United States and British Postal Conventions for the transmission of printed matter. The object of the new regulations is to secure a uniformity in which the newspaper agents are to be governed.

The above will be found in full in the Daily Bee.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

BATON ROUGE, March 12.—The bill extending the charter of the Citizens' Bank was taken up in the House this morning, and was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow. Yeas 45—nays 32.

TRANSPORT SUNK.

ST. LOUIS, March 13.—The steamer *Arkansas*, with 200 men of the 7th regiment, from Fort Smith for Utah, sunk one hundred and sixty miles below Cairo. It is not yet ascertained whether any lives were lost.

Our Utah news represents the Mormons as preparing to fight.

SHIP BURNT.

BOSTON, March 13.—The ship *Helen*, of Boston, from London for Melbourne, was burnt at sea on the 7th of December. The crew were saved.

SOUTH AMERICA.

BOSTON, March 13.—An arrival from the River Plate brings date of the 10th of January. The war was continued.

The city of Monte Video was besieged, and communication with the country was cut off.

MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Cotton quiet; sales 2000 bales. Flour firm. Wheat $1 36 to $1 53 for Southern. White Corn 68 to 69c.; Yellow 71c. Mess Pork $16 60 to $16 62½. Bacon 9c., 9½c. for Hams and 6¼ to 7½c. for Shoulders. Lard 9½ to 10½c. Yellow 10½c. Sugar and Coffee firm. Tobacco $6 to $17.

CINCINNATI, March 12.—Flour $3 70 to $3 75. Whisky 18½c. Mess Pork $15 12½ to $15 25. Bulk Shoulders 5 to 5½c. Lard 9½c. Sugar 7 to 8c. Molasses 34 to 35c. Coffee 11 to 12c.

WEATHER AT 9 A. M., March 13.

Louisville—Clear; wind Northeast; 51.
Pittsburgh—Clear; wind North; 46.
Hopkinsville—Clear; 49.
Nashville—Clear; 52.
Memphis—Clear; 60½.
Quebec, 11; Montreal, 10; Albany, Southwest, 22; Portland, West, 16; Calais, West, 19; Halifax, West by South, 28—cloudy; New York, Northwest, 34; Philadelphia, West Northwest, 34; Pittsburg, clear, 46.

STEAMBOATS PASSING.

THURSDAY, March 12.—The Hiawatha passed down at 6 o'clock last night, and the John Simonds at 2 this morning.

WEDNESDAY, March 12.—The Princess passed down at 9, the Scotland at 3, the Simonds and the Maria Denning at 4, and the Orizaba at 5 P. M.

ST. LOUIS, March 12.—Flour $3 80. Red Wheat, 70½c. to 85c. Mixed Corn, 37c. to 38c.; White, 40c. to 45c. Oats, 27c. to 28c. Hams, 8½c. Tobacco—Lugs, $4 36; Leaf, 5c., 8, 10 to 9 cents.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1858.

SENATE.—Mr. Stuart, from the committee on the subject, reported adversely on the bill amending the act of March 3, 1853, granting bounty lands to certain officers, etc.

Mr. Doolittle made a speech in opposition to the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

Purchase of Cuba.

The Havana correspondent of the Charleston Courier is of opinion that the purchase of the island of Cuba by our government, at any price, is utterly impracticable. He assigns the following reasons for his belief:

1. Because of the monopoly afforded in Cuba to Santander for the sale of her flour, and to Catalonia of her wines, manufactures, &c.

2. Because of the opportunity afforded by the retaining of Cuba by Spain to reward the adherents of the Spanish government, by giving them places of profit in Cuba, whilst at the same time the island also serves as a place to which parties who are considered dangerous to the Spanish government may be sent, and thus for the time get rid of, without giving them just cause of offence.

3. All Spaniards, no matter what may be their condition in life, look upon Cuba (from the first hour of their manhood) as a "bright polar star" which points to future greatness, or as a "land of promise, flowing with milk and honey," where fortunes are easily attained.

4. Spaniards holding office, or being engaged in mercantile pursuits in Cuba, afford the natives of the island in their "reports to Spain, who of course are averse to the sale of the island, whence they derive their almost sole source of support, which would probably be withdrawn were the island sold.

5. The *pride* which predominates in the Spanish breast, almost to the exclusion of every other passion, naturally desires the retention of that "Queen of the Antilles" by Spain, it now being almost the sole remaining possession of the once splendid empire of which Spain was the mistress in this hemisphere.

These reasons force me to arrive at the conclusion above stated, and I think they can but lead every one to think and that may peruse them to come to a similar conclusion.

The Novel Shooting Match.

It has been announced that Captain Travis has accepted a wager to shoot, at three shots, three oranges placed upon the head and hands of a boy. It is certainly a most remarkable feat, only equaled by that of the great William Tell, with his "cross-bow and arrow," shooting an apple off his son's head. It will require an extraordinary amount of coolness, nerve, judgment and precision even to make the attempt, and much more to accomplish it successfully, as we are certain the Captain will do. Great steadiness of nerve and acute judgment required to thus delicately play with half-triggers while aiming at an orange on the head of a gentle and unyielding yew. We greatly like his to your keeping for the time being. When we reflect that the least tremor or movement of a muscle may be sufficient to cause a premature discharge, and that the deviation of the fraction of an inch from the precise aim might terminate fatally to the trusting lad, the feat appears as fearfully wonderful as it is certainly novel.

Captain Travis is a man of medium height and slim, and possessed of a cool, mild, blue eye, with a very earnest expression, in manner he is perfectly easy. With a high degree of gravity he combines great politeness. He is the very man to execute what he proposes, possessing, as he does, all the requisites necessary to accomplish his aim and hit his object. The pistol which he intends to use in this trial-shot is one made by Morgan James, of Utica, New York, who has no superior in such work. The oranges are each to be 2½ inches in diameter; one is placed on the top of his head and one on the back of each hand, the arms being extended. In this position, at the distance of ten paces, or thirty feet, facing the spectator, and with no intervening object, Captain John Travis proposes to hit each orange, and has only three shots to hit the three oranges. The feat is to be performed in this city in June next. The boy who is to support the oranges is ten years of age, and a bright and sprightly lad. He has every confidence in the ability of Captain Travis to hit each object, and has equally as much in his own nerve, which, we are informed, he is now under daily training. The boy's feet are placed twelve inches apart, and his hands upon his hips. The whole scheme through the eagle made by the bending of the arms and between the feet. This is done to accustom the boy to the firing, and, if possible, give him more confidence, and make him feel at ease. From what we have seen, he possesses all the nerve requisite to the performance, and we have no doubt of success. Captain Travis is a native of Louisville, and his mother is always present during the practising. She is entirely satisfied that it will result in safety to her son.—*Louisville Journal*.

The Shells Thrown at Napoleon.

It has been ascertained beyond a doubt that the grenades used in the late attempt to assassinate the Emperor Napoleon were manufactured at Birmingham, England, by Mr. Taylor, a well-known gun maker. The fact has been frequently mentioned in the English newspapers, and has been confirmed by the French government in the construction of machinery requires peculiar mechanical skill and ingenuity, and by inventors in new direct models for their ideas. In October last a gentleman by the name of Hamilton Smith, of Birmingham, introduced his friend, a Mr. Allsop, to Mr. Taylor, from whom he received an order and made to execute a certain work to the following effect:

"A bowl to be made in cast iron, of the very best and toughest quality, of the exact size of the large bowl. The bowl to be made the same size and in the same proportions. The top to be made of the same material, and also to screw on with very great security, and to be very light. A light spring for the top to be made to fit very closely and very tightly, and to project about a quarter of an inch. Inside of the bowl to be filled with fine, small cast iron balls, and the whole to be made in such a manner as to explode on coming in contact with any substance. The whole to be made as light as possible, consistent with the strength."

Mr. Taylor executed the order, and forwarded it to Paris, where it was received by the gentleman who had given the order. The grenades were then filled with powder and balls, and the whole was ready for use.

Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury yesterday presented a true bill against the boy Daley for the murder of Mr. Hall, and discharged Fox on his recognizance, binding them both over to appear at the next term of the Criminal Court.

Fire.

At 11 o'clock last night a fire broke out in a carpenter shop on Bayou road, between Roman and Derbigny streets, but fortunately it was discovered in its incipient stage and extinguished before it had made much headway.

Row Over.

Yesterday a little boy was run over by a loaded mule cart at the corner of St. Charles and Gravier streets, the wheels of which passed entirely over his shoulders. He was, however, unexpectedly uninjured. After being examined by a physician, he was pronounced by the latter to be unharmed. The driver of the cart was arrested, and held to answer for his carelessness.

Mr. James Lowry, residing at No. 110 Dauphine street, reports the loss of a gold watch and chain, bearing the name name and date yesterday between the First District Court for sale and the battery.

Honorable.

The following offer of Hostetter's Celebrated Stomach Bitters is unusually fair, if only the opportunity should arise. Possessed of such health and tone to the system, and dispelling dyspeptic symptoms, is truly wonderful. Every nervous, debilitated, weak and scrofulous person, male or female, should try it at once. One of these cheerful tokens here described, in the form of a letter, from a lady who has been relieved by it, if the patient should be a boy or child in a debilitated condition, half the quantity will do, until sufficient strength is restored, which will be real and in a very short time, and convince the patient of the truth of the above named happy result, which have gained for these Bitters such an enviable reputation everywhere. For sale by druggists and dealers, and by J. WRIGHT & CO.,

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A Word to Parents About Redness in Cutis Disease for Infants.

The most common eruption appearing on the cheeks, will take the shape of saying that Dr. Felton's Medicated Cream and Sulphur Ointment for INFANTS is one of the most valuable remedies ever discovered for the skin, and that two applications will do more than a month's treatment by any quackery, friends and physicians. It is very pleasant to use, and a delightful relief, and if the patient should be a boy or child in a debilitated condition, half the quantity will do, until sufficient strength is restored, which will be real and in a very short time, and convince the patient of the truth of the above named happy result, which have gained for these Bitters such an enviable reputation everywhere. For sale by druggists and dealers, and by J. WRIGHT & CO.,

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It is much used even in its operations. It is free from the drastic and poisonous effects of the mineral and other kinds of quack nostrums in the market. It is composed entirely of vegetable matter, and a host of cures all over the world, and in this country in every section, attest the power of the remedy to search out and thoroughly eradicate the diseases of all the blood.

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General agents for the South, and to whom all orders should be addressed, mh9

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MIQUEL & JAMISON,

RECEIVED by late arrivals from Europe, under the head of "*NEW SPRING GOODS*," which they are now exhibiting to their numerous friends and customers, a splendid assortment of

Medium & regular velvet, gentle Dyslocout do
Printed cashmeres and poplins;
Printed brilliants, a large assortment;
Silk mantilla robes, embroidered, with flounces;
Plain cashmeres and poplins;
Mourning brilliants and poplins;
Mourning bonnets and crapes;
Satin Cloths, suits de Paris;
6-4, 10-4, 12-4, 16-4 linen sheetings;
Table cloths, an extensive assortment;
White and colored linen drill;
Linen and cotton cassimeres and flannels;
Linen and cotton jeans;
Linen cambrics, edgings and insertings;
Linen handkerchiefs;
Linen and cotton cambrics and batiste curtains;
12 4 bleached and colored sheets and pillow casings;
Worsted plaids, a large assortment;
Worsted long and square shawls;
Worsted long and square scarfs;
Cashmere long and square shawls;
Cashmere shawls, $1 to $20 a dozen;
Cashmere long and square scarfs;
Cashmere and plaid hose;
Linen, worsted and cotton hose;
Plain white and colored cambrics;
Plain and printed muslins;
Colored and white cambric muslins;
Colored and white jaconets;
Colored and white swiss muslins;
Colored and white mull muslins;
Colored and white book muslins;
Colored and white tarlatans;
Colored and white illusions;
Colored and white organdie robes;
Colored and white organdie robes, for children;
Colored and white barege robes;
Colored and white barege robes, for children;
Colored and white grenadine robes;
Colored and white grenadine robes, for children;
Colored and white tarlatan robes;
Colored and white tarlatan robes, for children;
Colored and white illusion robes;
Colored and white illusion robes, for children;
Colored and white swiss robes;
Colored and white swiss robes, for children;
Colored and white jaconet robes;
Colored and white jaconet robes, for children;
Colored and white mull robes;
Colored and white mull robes, for children;
Colored and white book muslin robes;
Colored and white book muslin