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NEW ORLEANS:
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SUBSCRIPTIONS BY THE WEEK.

The carriers of the BEE are authorized to receive subscriptions to our paper, at the rate of 25 cents a week, payable in all cases to the carriers connected.

Sales at Auction To-Day.

N. E. Roger & Co., at 10 o'clock, at Nos. 45 and 47 Old Levee, foreign and domestic goods and shirts; also, a lot of shoes and mattress goods.

By M. Bonner, Jr., at 10 o'clock, at corner Chartres and St. Louis streets, hardware.

By C. Vignie, at 12 o'clock, at the City Hotel, valuable lots, railroad and other stocks.

Very Valuable Stocks at Auction.

N. Vignie will sell this day at public auction, at the City Hotel, Common street, by decree of the estate of Thomas A. Morphy—

100 shares Lower Mexico Cotton Press Company.

60 shares Citizens' Bank of Louisiana stock.

5 shares New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad.

10 shares New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad.

5 shares Morgan Gulf Railroad.

5 shares Dressing Company.

100 shares Mutual Marine and Fire Insurance Company.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Our usual municipal election will take place on the first Monday of June. Apathy on such occasions is no uncommon circumstance. As a general rule the choice of a Mayor and Common Council seems to interest but a fraction of the City's population. A few prospective holders, who are deeply interested in the administration of city affairs generally feel some desire to witness the election of capable and honest men, because their individual prosperity depends in some measure on the character and conduct of our municipal government; but the masses experience a refreshing coolness and indifference in the matter. The offices to be filled are for the most part honorable rather than profitable. Small and indirect is the amount of patronage which will be at the disposal of the incumbents. Hence there is always a manifest dearth of knocking partisans and zealous were workers on these occasions. It would be quite otherwise if a Sheriff and Clerks of Courts were to be elected, for in such a case every hungry expectant and applicant would work assiduously to promote the triumph of him who is to distribute official favors. It appears plain that the general prosperity of universal suffrage is valued but slightly for its own sake, since those who are entitled to it are slow to avail themselves of the privilege when important issues are at stake, and care to vote only when interested in the distribution of power and emolument.

The party which for several years has controlled the administration of our city is the only one that of which has put forth a regular ticket. None of the American nominees are understood to be upright and able gentlemen; others are spoken of slightingly. We suppose the tickets in all average alternately, and, like all similar concessions, it is a balance of good and bad. We do, however, see it stated that the regular Democracy indicated above nominate municipal elections appears to have settled down this year into the most complete and treating mediocrity. The public at large scarcely heard a word about the candidates, while the press, and especially that portion of it which represents the Democracy, has been full more than ordinarily interspersed with personal gossip. Another effort has been made to bring out one or more independent candidates, but we have noticed no decided response to the suggestions ventured upon the subject. The fact is that when the citizens really appear to be quietly insensible to the importance of the contest, the press, which is the representative and exponent of public opinion, cannot, with all its energies, compel them to evince energy and resolution.

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Charleston Democratic Convention.

SATURDAY EVENING'S PROCEEDINGS.

CHARLESTON, April 30.—During the evening meeting of the National Democratic Convention Saturday a motion was made by Mr. Bogler, of Pennsylvania, to recommit all the reports and resolutions to the Committee on Platforms. This motion was carried by a vote of 137 ayes against 131 nays.

The resolutions and reports, as recommitted to the Committee on Platform, were amended by inserting "without instructions."

This amendment was passed by a vote of 212 ayes against 47 nays.

After the passage of this amendment several speeches were made, and great excitement and confusion prevailed during which the Hon. Caleb Cushing threatened to leave the hall unless the contest and uproar were ceased.

Order being restored, the Convention adjourned, to meet at 10 A. M. Monday.

SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

CHARLESTON, April 30.—The Convention reassembled at 10 o'clock this morning. Hon. Caleb Cushing in the chair.

The roll was called over the highest.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The friends of Douglas exhibit great confidence of his nomination on the third ballot.

The friends of Dickinson are equally confident of his nomination.

It is the general belief that the whole South will rally on Dickinson.

No effort will be made to-day to take up the Cincinnati platform without addition.

FORMATION OF THE NEW TERRITORY.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The House Committee on Territories are in favor of the organization of a Territory composed of the northern part of the Territory of Dacotah and Nebraska, to be called the Territory of Chippewa.

Should this be adopted, the same committee will report in favor of the organization of the Territory of Dacotah out of the southern portion of Dacotah Territory and a part of Nebraska.

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The Great Battle Decided!

ADOPTION OF THE CINCINNATI PLATFORM.

Triumph of the Douglas Party.

THE SPLIT IN THE CONVENTION IS GREATLY DEPLORED BY THE MORE CONSERVATIVE MEN OF ALL PARTIES.

A House Divided Against Itself!

Seven Southern States Seceded!

BREAKERS AHEAD!

CHARLESTON, April 30.—Hon Caleb Cushing arose on the announcing of the Convention and made an apology for the harsh language he used Saturday evening.

Mr Butler presented the Cincinnati platform with a resolution added, for the protection of citizens of foreign birth

The resolution was rejected by a vote of 199 ayes against 195 noes.

The President decided that the New Jersey delegates must vote as a unit, because their constituents had so instructed them to the Convention but instructed them to do so.

The next vote will be upon the majority report, which the delegates from the States of Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi, in a body, and a part of Louisiana and other States will present a protest and withdraw from the Convention.

The question of a platform is settled, but its principles are not publicly stated.

The delegates will reassemble to-night on the adoption of the platform.

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One Day Later from Europe.

Arrival at Queenstown—North Britain, Cotton Exchange, Advance in Consols, Commercial and Financial Intelligence.

QUEBEC, April 30.—The steam steamship North Britain R. Bedford, commander, of the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company's Line, reached here this morning.

The North Britain left Liverpool on Wednesday, the 18th inst., touched at Queenstown the following day, and brings one day's later news from Liverpool than was previously received by the steamship Vanderbilt.

The Markets.—Liverpool, April 19.—The Cotton market closed during the past few days rather in favor of buyers, and prices are rather against sellers.

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Consols—London, April 19.—The English funds continue to improve. A further advance from ¾ to ⅞ is reported. Consols for account closed at 91¼ to 91⅝.

Foreign Shipping Intelligence.—The ship Athens, from New Orleans, arrived at quarantine. The John Clark, J. H. Hall, Mary Ann Moore, Rebecca and Susannah Chard, from New Orleans, arrived at Liverpool. The ships Rajah and Opal, from Mobile, also arrived.

Arrivals at Liverpool.—The steamer Mississippi, from New York, bound for London, put into the port of Portsmouth, short of coal, having lost her starboard wheel.

Political Intelligence.—The generalized political intelligence received by the steamer North Britain comprises nothing of special interest.

A telegram was received in Montreal, dated April 18, states that Guiseppi Ortigon, who commanded the Cardiff steamer, and who had been brought to Genoa in irons on the charge of piracy, had been released, his defence having been successful.

The French and English Ministers at Naples have demanded indemnities with the King of that country.

The latest intelligence from Spain are by far more favorable than were at first reported by telegraph.

The Emperor Napoleon and the Empress Eugenie entertained the Queen of Spain on the occasion of her recent visit to the city of Bayonne during the months of May and June.

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

Arrival of the Central Overland Pony Express—Six Days, April 20. The Central Overland Pony Express, with advices from the Pacific coast to the 20th instant, has arrived at St Joseph, the terminus of the San Francisco telegraph line.

Duke of Leuchtenberg Arrives at L. Stephens.—The U. S. steamship John L. Stephens left the port of San Francisco on the 20th inst for Panama, having on board $2,240 of specie on account.

Fatal Affray.—A dispatch received from San Francisco states that Mr John O Bell was shot by Mr Simpson on the 19th inst.

The latter received a mortal wound and died on the 20th.

The particulars of this awful tragedy are not given.

California Legislature.—The Senate passed a bill giving $40,000 to the 8th and $10,000 to the second company who will build a telegraph line from the Pacific coast to the Mississippi river in the space of ten months.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

ST. LOUIS, April 30.—The Mississippi river at this point is at a stand, with 8 feet of water to Cairo.

The Illinois river is falling, with 4 feet 6 inches of water in the channel.

The upper Mississippi is rising at St. Paul, with four feet water in the upper and two feet nine inches on the lower rapids, and five feet in the channel below Keokuk.

The Missouri river is falling, with three feet six inches of water from Weston to its mouth.

VICKSBURG, April 30.—The steamer Magnolia passed down at 8 o'clock Sunday morning; the Planet passed down at 3, and the Fort Wayne at 8 o'clock last night. The Edward Walsh passed down at 7 o'clock this morning.

The Journal des Debats has been sold. The French Government has bought the copyright, plant, and goodwill of that paper for two millions and a half francs (£100,000). It is to become the great organ of free trade; and Michel Chevalier is to be the editor. The old Orleanist set are to withdraw. De Sacy, Cousin, Guizot, Villemain, Marc Girardin, &c. John Lemoinne and Julius Janin remain. The *Débats*, independent of its great influence on the upper stratum of French society, is the only journal held to represent France over the Continent, and it has maintained that position for a century. It is more than the *Times*, or any London paper of importance, but "that's not much," as the *Gazette de France* prints on the top of its columns, 228 years (!) of its existence. It started into life with the first awakening of free discussions in France at the glorious dawn of 1789; hence its title of *Débats*. A complete set of the *Débats* is more valuable than of the *Moniteur* as a reflex of contemporary annals. Neither Trafalgar, nor Victoria, nor Salamanca, are mentioned in the latter collection.

The London Times.

The London correspondent of the New York *Herald* furnishes the subjoined interesting letter respecting the London *Times*, its resources, expenses, income, &c.

Through the politeness of the manager of the establishment, I was permitted yesterday to visit the mechanical portion of the office of the London *Times*, and to spend sufficient time there to get a tolerably good idea of this immense concern, and the manner in which business is done in it. The office, as almost everybody knows, is located in "Printing House Square," and probably almost everybody has imagined that Printing House Square is a large and lively place in some busy thoroughfare of London, and that the *Times* office would of course be in some lengthy where it could at least be easily found. Such, however, is not the case, and without a map, and constant inquiry, it would be almost impossible for a stranger to find it, even when placed within a block of the office. Striking towards the Thames from off Ludgate Hill, in the vicinity of Black Friars bridge, I travelled half a dozen unsavory streets, and when near the river and satisfied that I had lost my way, I came upon a little triangular space, from one side of which rose a huge, dingy building, over the door of which was a little sign, "The Times office," and underneath, the arms of England. It was a perfect specimen of the old-fashioned style of one of the great interiors of London. Upon entering, I was shown into a small room, called "the checking room." Here, upon depositing my card, I was introduced to a very gentlemanly man, who informed me that he had been connected with the paper for more than forty years, and who offered to show me over the establishment himself. In his room, the forms are all made up, the galleys being brought down to it from the composing room, and there, adjoining, he had the rules and advertisements left over, of the latter of which my guide informed me there were often as many as seventy columns, for which space can not be found even in the immense double sheet which is daily published. The day before, two hundred and seventy-five columns were left over. In this room, too