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Auction Sales This Day.

By Messrs. A. C. at 10 o'clock, at No. 28 Gostenhouse street, rich organdies, barèges and laces.

By C. E. Foxtall at 12 o'clock, at the St. Louis Exchange, a negro man, aged 50 years.

By E. Roger, at 10 o'clock, at Nos. 45 and 47 Old Levee street, second-hand ready-made clothing, boots, shoes, brogans and shirts.

By F. Fernandez, at 10 o'clock, at corner Chartres and St. Louis streets, patent leather, fancy articles, dry goods, &c.

By P. N. Vigile, at 12 o'clock, at the St. Louis Exchange, a mulatto woman, with her daughter, also, half of a two-story building corner of Treme and Barracks streets; also, a double cemetery house on Conti-between Dorgenois street; also, a two-story brick house on St. Peter street; also, a double two-story brick house on Chartres street; also, property at the corner of Valette and Conti streets.

The Shreef sale at auction this day, at noon, at the City Hall, Common street, the slave girl Frances, aged eighteen years.

BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND.

One salutary result of the movement in favor of Southern independence has been the awakening of certain intelligent and thoughtful minds in the North to the consideration of the true relations existing between the negro and the white man. There have not been wanting sound philosophical thinkers who have labored earnestly to disabuse public opinion at the North of its prevailing fallacies on this subject, but either their numbers were few, or the prejudices of those they addressed were too inveterate to be easily overcome. But since the South has shown her determination to sever all political connection with the North, precisely on account of the persistance of the latter in cherishing these pernicious views, there has been some disposition manifested to bestow dispassionate investigation on the negro question. We have recently perused arguments, drawn from both Northern men on the capacity of the black man, on his condition in a state of involuntary servitude, on the benefits accruing to him from his position as a chattel, and on the amount and dangerous tendency of all efforts at his emancipation. In a late number of the Philadelphia *Inquirer*—a Republican journal of some fairness and moderation—there is a capital article on the fitness of the negro for freedom in the midst of the white race. The ground is taken that the abstract right of personal freedom, like that of political self-government, is conditioned upon fitness. If this were otherwise, every nation would be justified in organizing the same political institutions. Now what sort of republicans could be manufactured out of Russian serfs, or the subjects of the Emperor of China? Has not France twice tried a republic, and twice replaced it by a monarchy?

The idea of the equality of race is a figment. Neither politically nor socially, nor legally can it be said to exist. Mentally or physically the weak are ever subjugated by the strong, and the grades of society are as numerous as the rounds of a ladder. We are told that a man has a right to his own bones and muscles, his mental and moral powers. This is a favorite axiom of the Abolitionists, and is undoubtedly true, but he must be a man, and neither an idiot nor a child, as the *Inquirer* very forcibly declares. It may happen, too, that the right of a man to his bones and muscles becomes purely nominal. In our elaborate system of society a white laborer, with an unrestricted command of all his physical energies, may be exposed to starvation, because nobody is inclined to use and pay for them; whereas the black laborer, with no brews and sinews are the property of his master, is certain at all times of food, shelter and clothing, and generally of kind treatment.

The entire theory of negro slavery is founded upon certain truths as familiar as household words to Southern minds, but which until very recently were utterly unknown to the North. It is based on the native and unchangeable characteristics of the African race itself. The black man in his own home is a barbarian and a beast—often a slave, and then the most abject and wretched of beings, liable at any moment to be knocked on the head, or tortured to death at the caprice of his master. In America he is subjected to every possible influence adapted for the melioration of his condition. He learns something of civilization and of Christianity, the better traits of his nature are developed, while his lower instincts are perpetually repressed. Good example and constant guidance control and overcome his dominant propensity to relapse into barbarism. He rises as high in the moral scale as it is possible for him to do, but it is impossible for him to soar beyond his level. Why is it that the negro thrives in servitude, multiplies in numbers, and improves from generation to generation? Simply because white rule will is good, enabling him readily to realize habits of docility and obedience, his understanding is feeble and needs control. Left to himself, the negro would perish in the fierce conflict with the white man, and this is what is gradually taking place in the North. When emancipated and removed from the crushing competition of a superior race he demonstrates his utter incapacity for self restraint, grows idle and thriftless, indulges his passions without the slightest check, descends step by step down to the original orgies of his ignorant and savage magnitude, and at length is debased to nearly the state in which he is found in the wilds and jungles of Africa. To this complexion is he approximating in Hayti. Hence the normal condition of the negro is servitude, and he is happiest when he is alternately labors and rests under the kind and unchecked, but not ungentle government of his owner.

The reverse of the peculiarities which qualify the negro for his existing relations to the white man are discernible in the Indian. With the latter the intellect is often more expanded and comprehensive. He is capable of acquiring knowledge, but his will is as inflexible as adamant. He cannot be subdued, he cannot be brought under the modifying influences of civilization. He resists the encroachment upon his sovereignty of the wilderness. If conquered, he suddenly retires before the advance of the hated pale face. He would rather perish than surrender a pit of his independence, and perish he does.

OPERA HOUSE.—To-night the ever delightful and popular "Pardon of Ploermel" will be repeated. Like all of Meyerbeer's productions, it must be heard frequently to be thoroughly understood and appreciated. It abounds in melodies—more, perhaps, than any other of his operas—but they are linked so artfully with varied and complex harmonies of orchestration that the unmerited ear only catches the delicious substance of the whole, and thinks that the "Pardon" is in no way inferior to the triumph of the genius of the great maestro as the "Huguenots" or "Robert le Diable."

DISTRICT JUDGES.—By glancing at our advertising columns it will be seen that numerous separates for the Third Judgeship of New Orleans offer for exhibition to the public, and complete ticket is published to-day. We are pleased to observe that the candidates generally are members of the bar of well known ability and experience, and that no narrow spirit of party seems to have entered in the contest.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The communication signed "——" with the author's name appended, "Salmon Bay." It is evidently written by a Frenchman, and its anglicism imperfect to be corrected without more time and labor than we can spare. It is below on it.

DR. HUNTER.—The distinguished practitioner announces in another column his intention to close his office in New Orleans on or about the 1st April. Dr. Hunter's career in this city has been singularly successful, and his new method of treatment of diseases of the lungs and chest appears to have effected many remarkable cures in cases of deep-seated and long continued disease. We publish to-day a card from a respectable gentleman expressive of his profound gratitude to Dr. Hunter for restoring to him the inestimable blessing of health, and the reason was in New Orleans is limited to the beginning of next month, all who are inclined to avail themselves of his services should do so at once in order that they may become familiar with his method of treatment, and may be competent to continue it after his departure.

The steamship Star Miramon, Capt Golding, sails at Sea clock this morning for Havana, with the following passengers:

E L Conrad H Davis L Bernard N G de Villiers, J M Adams J Doudle, S P L Sandier, J Farre.

A CURIOSITY.—The New Yorkers are just now wondering over a palmetto log that was taken in North by one of the ice companies—pretty much as the frogs did for a while over the royal log sent them by Jupiter. A musket ball discharged at it leaves no trace of its entrance, and after repeated trials to split it, they have come to the conclusion that the Prince of Rail Splitters, Old Abe himself, would be baffled out by the job. If they will come to the city Council conclusion that Southern men are just about as hard to handle in a contest for their rights and independence, they will not since wide of the mark.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The *National Intelligencer* of to-day contains a long article recommending the retention of Forts Sumter and Pickens as an act of conciliation, and says that the new Administration might, by moving Fox in the direction of conciliation, do infinitely more to consolidate its power than by passively awaiting the progress of events.

BUFFALO, March 11.—The assessment of the lands of this city property on the lakes during the year 1860, pe-ished this morning, shows a total loss of steam ers," call vessels of $1,820,000, being an increase over '59 of $120,915. The loss of life in 1860 was 278, 48 persons over 1859 of 178.

LOUISIANA CONVENTION.

NEW ORLEANS, Friday, March 15.

The Convention was called to order at noon, and the journal adopted. President Mouton in the chair, and 84 members present.

Mr. Cannon, of Avoyelles, asked that his ordinance providing for the submission of the permanent Constitution to the people be made the order of the day for Saturday, at one o'clock, P. M. Mr. Walker, of Orleans, thought there should be an opportunity given to the gentleman from Avoyelles for explanation of his views on the subject before the Convention proceeds to the consideration of the Constitution.

Mr. Connolly, of Terrebonne, moved to amend by making the day Monday instead of Saturday, on account of the absence of several members. The amendment was lost, and the original motion carried.

Resolutions from Messrs. Lewis, of Claiborne, in regard to railroads, Bauvenet, of St. Bernard, relative to the payment of census takers, ——— of Caddo, concerning land claims, and Marks, of Caddo, about a pecuniary claim, were all referred without being read.

Mr. Estlin, of Orleans, then offered the following ordinance, which, on his own motion, was ordered to be laid on the table and made the order of the day for Thursday, at one o'clock, P. M.:

AN ORDINANCE

Relative to Banking Corporations to the State of Louisiana.

The people of the State of Louisiana, in Convention assembled, do declare and ordain, and it is hereby declared and ordained as follows:

SECTION 1. That the charters of all the Banks of this State, as well those created by special acts, as those formed under general laws, which shall accept the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby extended and continued in full force and effect until the year nineteen hundred.

SEC. 2. That the said Banks shall, in conducting their operations, strictly observe the following fundamental rules:

First. The reserve of specie contained in the vaults of each Bank shall at all times be equal to one-third of its each liabilities, and the remaining two-thirds of such liabilities shall be represented by an equal amount of commercial paper, held and owned by the bank, due within ninety days, and payable in full at maturity.

Second. The circulation of each bank shall be restricted to three fourths of the amount of its capital paid in, but this provision shall not apply to those banks which have been or created by special acts until after the expiration of the period fixed in the said acts for the duration of their charter respectively. No bank shall pay any dividend or make issue of any circulating notes except its own, nor shall any bank issue as currency notes, bills or checks of a denomination less than five dollars.

Third. No discount shall be allowed to any party to commercial paper who has become discredited until he has first paid in full of the amount due. A party shall be considered to be discredited who, being the maker of a note, or the acceptor of a bill of exchange, such note or bill shall protested, or being the endorser of a note or drawer or endorser of a bill of exchange, suffer the same to remain unpaid during ten days after protest, and notification without any legal cause.

Fourth. All of the said banks shall make the statement to, and be subject to, the supervision, authority and control of the Board of Currency, as provided for by existing laws, which shall be subject to such modifications as the General Assembly may, from time to time, deem advisable to make. The wilful violation or non-observance of these fundamental rules shall be sufficient cause of forfeiture by the offending bank of its charter, franchise and privileges. Such forfeiture shall be established, and the consequent liquidation of the bank shall be proceeded with under the provisions of the laws now in force, or as the General Assembly shall hereafter direct.

SEC. 3. The several banks whose capital is less than two millions of dollars shall have the privilege of increasing their capital to that amount, and no banking corporation shall continue to do business in this State after the 1st of January, 1862, whose capital shall not amount to the said sum of two millions of dollars.

SEC. 4. On all paper due and payable within 60 days, the said bank shall have the privilege of charging six per cent. per annum discount. They shall be authorized to charge eight per cent per annum discount on all paper running from 60 to 120 days, and ten per cent per annum on all paper payable more than 120 days after the day of discount.

SEC. 5. In consideration of the extension of the charters of the banks, and of the additional privileges accorded to them by the provisions of this ordinance, the several banks shall, during the whole period of the continuance of their said charters, pay a bonus to the State of such amount annually to one half of one per cent. of the banking capital of each bank. And the State shall have the right to borrow from the said banks, whenever the exigencies of the public service shall require it, a sum or sums not to exceed in the whole two and one half per cent. capitals of the said banks, and to be distributable in the basis herein provided for, the said loan to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.

SEC. 6. That article 118 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows: The General Assembly shall not have power to create any corporation with banking or discounting privileges prior to the 1st day of January, 1867, after which period it may, by special acts, establish such corporations, provided the aggregate amount of the capital of the corporations so created shall not exceed the sum of one million of dollars, and provided, further, that no bank shall be created with a less capital than two millions of dollars. Nor shall any corporation hereafter chartered have the right to issue or circulate or make issue of any circulating notes except its own, nor shall any bank issue as currency notes, bills or checks of a denomination less than five dollars.

Twelfth. In case this ordinance shall be adopted by the people of the State, the Governor shall proceed without delay to appoint the Judges of the Supreme Court, as therein provided for. The Judges of the said Court who may be in office at the time such appointment be made shall continue to discharge the duties thereof until the Judges so appointed shall enter into office, and no longer.

Thirteenth. No appointment of Judges of the inferior Courts shall be made under the provision of this ordinance before the expiration of the terms of office of the Judges who may be in office at the time of the adoption of this ordinance, except in the case of a vacancy occurs cancies, created by death, resignation or otherwise.

Mr. Stocker, of Orleans, then moved an adjournment, which was carried.

Virginia Convention.

RICHMOND, March 10.—The majority report reaffirms the doctrine of States Rights, and declares interference with slavery in the Federal or other authorities, or the people, contrary to the Constitution, offensive and dangerous, and condemns the formation of geographical or sectional parties; demands a fair portion of the territory, and that elections by districts be ordered; it is unwise, impolitic and offensive to accumulate within the limits of a State interested in the irritated pending questions of the deepest importance an unusual number of troops and munitions of war; indulges in the hope of a restoration of the Union and fraternal feelings; favors the repeal of unfriendly unconstitutional legislation, and the adoption of proper amendments to the Constitution, concedes the right of States to withdraw for a just cause, alludes to the position of the Federal Government disclaiming power under the Constitution to recognize withdrawal without expressing an opinion on the question of power; it desires to confer on the Government such powers as to deal peaceably with the questions involved, and, if necessary, recognize the separate independence of seceding States, make treaties, and pass such laws as experience may make proper.

The minority report recommends the people of her sister States to respond at their earliest convenience to its position, and amendments to the Constitution to be proposed hereafter. In case Virginia fails to obtain satisfactory responses from the non-slaveholding States she will feel compelled to resume sovereign powers, and throw herself on her reserved rights. It is made an indispensable condition that a pacific policy be adopted towards the seceded States, and that no attempt be made to reinforce or recapture the forts, or exact payment of imposts on commerce, or any measure be taken calculated to provoke hostilities, that Virginia will regard any hostile action by either side as hostile and unfriendly, and as leaving Virginia free to determine her future policy.

The report recommends a conference of the border States at Frankfort, Ky., on the last Monday in May.

The foregoing will probably not fully meet the approval of the Union members, because it apparently recognizes the legal right of secession.

Missouri Convention.

ST. LOUIS, March 11.—The Convention met at 10 o'clock.

Mr Burch called attention to a communication in the Missouri *Republican* charging a secret conspiracy to force Missouri out of the Union, and offered a resolution to appoint a committee to investigate the subject, and if possible ascertain the names of the conspirators which passed—72 to 30.

The minority report, signed by Mr Redd and Judge Hough, was presented and read by the Secretary. The report opposes a National Convention, recommended by the majority report, and proposes a Convention of the border slave States instead, to be held at Nashville, to decide upon such amendments to the Constitution as may be satisfactory to them. It also recommends the Crittenden compromise to the Nashville Convention, without, however, making it an ultimatum, and advises the appointment of Commissioners to Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Arkansas, to secure the co-operation of those States in the movement. A debate ensued on the majority report, but the Convention adjourned without action.

[From the Alamo Express.]

Indian Depredations.

PETTUSCKEWSO, March 4, 1861.—On Wednesday several parties of Indians came into our settlement and committed depredations in open daylight. They stole several horses belonging to Mr Riley and others living on Grape creek, some ten miles from here, from whom they pursued their course towards the Perdenales, killing cattle wherever they came across them. A party of seven men started in pursuit of the Indians, who were in number. They overtook them on tired horses near the Willow creek a skirmish took place, in which two Indians were wounded, but the Indians soon made their escape. Mr Caldwell was wounded badly by a shot in the face. Mr Wilcox and Mr Caldwell, Jr., were also wounded, but not severely. A party of ten men have started in pursuit, but have not returned.

Another party of Indians stole several horses belonging to Mr Miller, living near the head of the Pedernales.

UVALDE, March 4th, 1861.—Since writing you an account of the massacre of Adams and Robinson, news has been received from the Leona river that a party from Fort Clark crossed over to the Chacon or Chapon, then turned and proceeded down the Leona, killing old man Julius Sanders, within a few miles from here. They also killed a negro and a man who was riding with him. Eastwood's companion was wounded, but managed to make his escape. It is supposed that the Indians killed Eastwood, the negress who had gone to warn the people of their approach, and were close behind him, when he took refuge in a house. This party is reported to be thirty or forty strong. Another party of Indians came down the Sabinal, killed old man McFarlin in the Canon Uvalde and stole all the horses. The citizens are in pursuit of the Indians. Detachments of Fort Inge were compelled to turn back in consequence of their horses giving out.

LIST OF GRADUATES.

1 O. P. Gueseho, La.
2 John H. L. w. Miss.
3 D. Bidney Bailey, La.
4 Henry W. Williams, Ohio.
5 Cornelius Tyler, Ark.
6 L. Lafayette Tomson, Miss.
7 Jas. D. Wooten, Ala.
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9 Clement C. Pullen, Ala.
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11 Benjamin M. Cocker, Ala.
12 Benjamin Harris, La.
13 John Sullivan, La.
14 Hamel Pinson, La.
15 William Hopkins Tucker, La.
16 Jesse Arnold M. Kinzie, Texas.
17 Isaac Taylor Preston, Ala.
18 Ezekiel Allen, La.
19 Edward Hall Gee, La.
20 Albert G. McCune, Ala.
21 Jas. W. Hanley, La.
22 Geo. Washington Nichols, Ala.
23 John Wesley Rainey, Texas.
24 Thomas Jefferson Lee, Texas.
25 Erastus Jas. Lyons, La.
26 John Ingram, Texas.
27 Tho. Jefferson Lee, La.
28 Edwin W. Rogers, Texas.
29 Jas. Alexander Lyons, Miss.
30 Samuel W. Bamburg, Ark.
31 Orran Adelbert Hall, Ark.
32 Richard B. Jackson La.
33 Samuel M. Neal Miss.
34 John D. Patterson, Ala.
35 Eugene B. Blocker, Texas.
36 Peter Bradley, Ala.
37 J. Alston Gidwen, Geo.
38 Wm. Wallace Wells, Ala.
39 John J. Tobin, Ark.
40 Wm. H. Pipkin, Ala.
41 Thos. M. Pipkin, N. C.
42 Isaac B. Crenshaw, Ala.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

LATER FROM WASHINGTON.

Mr. Seward and the Confederate Commissioners.

Washington, March 15. The Secretary of State, Mr. Seward, has asked time to consider the propositions of the Commissioners from the Confederate States, which the latter granted.

It is supposed the whole matter will be referred to the Senate.

Transportation of Federal Troops.

Washington, March 15.—The Administration deny that any unusual display is intended in the Southern waters. Vessels at New York are to be put in the transport service, there being upwards of 2500 troops in Texas awaiting conveyance northward.

Snow Storm in New York.

New York, March 15.—This city was last night visited by a very severe snow storm.

Naval Movements.

New York, March 15.—The United States sloop of war Portsmouth was at St. Helena on the 30th ult. All the officers and crew were all in good health and spirits.

The Prince Albert at New York.

New York, March 15.—The steamer Prince Albert, of the Galway line, before telegraphed from St. Johns, N. F., arrived at her dock this morning.

Appointment.

New York, March 15.—The *Tribune* announces that Elijah Hamlin, a brother of the Vice President, has been appointed Commissioner under the British reciprocity treaty.

No Attack on Fort Pickens.

Washington, March 15.—Messrs. Crawford and Forsith say there will be no attack on Fort Pickens till they have reported to President Davis.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

House Proceedings.

Baton Rouge, March 15. In the House, to day, Mr. Kearney, member from Orleans, took the oath prescribed by the Convention.

Mr Lindsay presented a communication from the President of the Normal School, showing the number of graduates, and recommending the employment by Legislature of the school districts. Thirty young ladies have already, and fifteen more will soon, graduate. Passed.

Mr. Boggs's resolution that the Sergeant at-Arms be required to ascertain the precise number of papers received by each member, and to pay only for such, passed.

The resolution asking the Judiciary Committee to report an article for the civil code passed.

Mr Phillips, of the Finance Committee, reported favorably on the act for the relief of the Merchants and Traders Bank of New Orleans

The Plaquemine Bayou bill came up and gave rise to a lengthy debate, during which many amendments were offered. One providing that the parties benefitted be compelled to open the bayou when it interferes with navigation in the upper parishes was lost. It was amended so as to read that it shall be the duty of the police to remove the piers in case of danger to the levees, also, when it affects the commerce of persons transporting goods and produce. The amendment was adopted after the Governor had given information to hold the bill over for action.

Mr Lecheminant moved to amend the bill so as to authorize the Common Council of New Orleans to provide for the maintenance of prisoners confined in the parish prison pending trial.

The Senate adjourned pending a discussion on the bill to distribute public lands.

House—Evening Session.

During the evening sitting of the House the bill for the relief of Mrs. Mathews, partially of Texas was taken up, debated at some length, and passed.

The Senate act relative to the assessors in the parish of Orleans, making it the duty of the Auditor of the State to strike from their accounts all untaxable property, and to pay only for lands actually collected.

Mr Philippe introduced a bill to authorize the late Marshal of the Eastern District to pay the money in his hands to the State Treasurer, pro tempore, and receive his receipt.

A bill to tax every passenger by steamboat or railroad arriving in New Orleans out of the Confederate States 25 cents for the use of the Charity Hospital, was taken up and considerably debated. A vote taken on it resulted as follows: Yeas 28, nays 17.

Adjourned.

The Southern Congress—President Davis's Veto Message.

Montgomery, March 15.—President Davis's veto message on the African slave trade act has been made public. The President objects to the sixth section of the act, which authorizes the sale of Africans to the highest bidder, as being in opposition to the clause of the Constitution forbidding such trade and mandate to legislate effectually to prevent the same.

The vote on the passage of the act over the veto was as follows: Yeas, 15; nays, 21.

Nothing of an interesting nature transpired in public session to-day.

Congress is certain to adjourn to-morrow.

Proceedings of the Federal Congress.

Washington, March 15.—In the Senate, Mr Mason, of Virginia, offered a resolution inquiring of the President what number of troops are now quartered in Washington, for what purpose, when they would be withdrawn, if not, for what purpose they were maintained, and whether it is his intention to hold the bot der States, and some extension of the whole.

Mr Wilson replied, saying the Administration should make known its policy through general channels, and not confidential ones.

Mr Douglas retorted, saying that Mr Wilson belonged to the war wing of the Republican party.

Sharp words ensued between Messrs Douglas and Fessenden and Hale.

Mr Douglas said he did not mean that the Union should be broken up, or the country drawn into war. [Applause.] He suggested that the galleries be cleared.

Mr. Douglas abruptly took his seat.

Southern Pacific Railway Meeting.

Louisville, March 14.—The Southern Pacific Railway stockholders held a large meeting in the city to day.

Mr. Stevenson's report is entirely satisfactory. The stockholders are disposed to respond promptly to the committee requesting one dollar additional subscription for each share of stock held.

Cabinet Meeting.

Washington, March 15.—The members of the Cabinet held a meeting to day, probably to consult regarding the Southern ports. Gen Scott was present.

Movements of Chartered Vessels.

New York, March 15.—The steamers chartered by the United States Government to take the Federal troops from Texas leave to morrow (Saturday).

An unconfirmed rumor says the Crusader goes to Charleston to take off Major Anderson's command.

The steamer of war Mohawk, the Empire City, and the storeship Supply have already taken their departure.

River Intelligence.

Louisville, March 15.—The Ohio river at this point is declining, with 9 feet 12½ inches water in the canal.

Cincinnati Markets.

Cincinnati, March 15.—There were sales of Flour to-day at $4 50 to $4 55 for Superfine. The sales of Whisky included 1100 bbls at 19½c the gallon. Lard is quoted at 8½c, to 9c. The Bulk Meats market is closed firm, with sales of 300 bbls at 5½c to 7½c. Molasses is selling at 33c to 36c the gallon. Coffee quiet; sales of Rio at 13c to 14c. Linseed Oil is worth 64c to 65c the gallon.

New York Markets.

New York, March 15.—The Cotton market was quiet to day, while the sales embraced 1000 bales at 11¾c for Middling Uplands. Flour active and 5c to 10c higher, closing buoyant. Wheat dull. Corn 1c to 2c lower. Pork steady, with sales of 3500 bbls at $16 25 for Mess. Coffee quiet; sales of 1000 bags at 13½c. Linseed Oil is worth 64c to 65c the gallon.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Amusements This Evening.—Opera House—"Le Pardon de Ploermel."

Varieties Theatre—Benefit of Mr Collins—"Rory O'More"—"The Two Gentlemen of Verona."

Academy of Music—The Zouaves—Choice collection of vaudevilles, comedies and spectacles.

Vannuchi's Museum—The Sexton Giantess and other curiosities.

Annual Commencement of the N. O. School of Medicine.—Odd Fellows' Hall was filled at noon yesterday with the elite of our city, comprising a large majority of the fair sex, whom we always find rejoicing with unfeminine enthusiasm for the gratification and success of their male friends. The arrangements were all correct, and every thing passed off as pleasantly and satisfactorily as could be hoped for. Shortly after twelve the orchestra under M Provost gave forth the opening overture to "Dame de Lyon." Prayer was then offered up by the Rev Dr Palmer, after which the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. L. D. Fenner, conferred the honorable degree of doctor of medicine upon the following gentlemen:

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38 Wm. Wallace Wells, Ala.
39 John J. Tobin, Ark.
40 Wm. H. Pipkin, Ala.
41 Thos. M. Pipkin, N. C.
42 Isaac B. Crenshaw, Ala.

Recorder Blache's Court.—The cases of Daniel Peiree, who keeps a coffee-house on Old Levee street, charged with breach of trust in keeping a revolver and $2 50 belonging to officer James Farley, was dismissed for want of evidence. Jacob Weber was sent to prison to await examination on the charge of stealing a violin worth $100, and a revolver worth $12, from Dr. James Vance's office, No 56 Conti-nouse street, last Tuesday. Frank Mercier was held to answer the allegation of breach of trust for refusing to account for a quantity of clothing entrusted to his keeping by Adonis Lecomte, of No. 191 Royal street. The case of Daniel Rich, charged with committing an assault and battery upon Wm. Roy, was dismissed.

Accident.—Two mules, attached to one of Mr. Field's coal carts, ran away last night, and the driver, Pat Nolan, was thrown upon the banquette, at the corner of Second and New Levee streets. He was dangerously injured, and was carried to his home, on Fourth street, by officer Elliott.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

NEW ORLEANS REC OFFICE,
Saturday, March 16, 1861.

STEAMBOATS LEAVING THIS DAY

Opelousas ..... Anna Perret, Capp ..... 5 P. M.
Attakapas ..... Picayune No. 3, Reed ..... 5 P. M.
Cane-bite river ..... J. F. Parpond, Tobin ..... 5 P. M.
Red river ..... Golden Age, Welbing ..... 5 P. M.
Fort Adams ..... Golden Age, Welbing ..... 5 P. M.
Grand Ecore ..... Replevy, Beaty ..... 5 P. M.
Yazoo river ..... Yazoo, Wallace ..... 5 P. M.

SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD.

Mobile ..... Mail boat ..... 3½ P. M. cars.
Doron Springs ..... Creole, Walker ..... 3½ P. M. cars.
Covington ..... Arrow, Hoffman ..... 10½ A. M. cars.

BY SEA.

Vera Cruz ..... Steamship Tennessee, Forbes 8 A. M.
Havana ..... Miramar, Caughlin 8 A. M.

BY SEA ON SUNDAY.

Texas ..... Steamship Texas, Fowler ..... 8 A. M.

A clear sky, a stiff northerly breeze—which served to temper the otherwise too ardent rays of the sun—and an invigorating tinge to the atmosphere, were the ingredients of the weather of yesterday.

Levee and River Items.—The arrivals consisted of but a few boats and the departures embrace only four or five steamers. Trade is large fleet of boats are advertised to leave in the various trades. Both landing and levee are crowded with people. Freights continue dull, and the receipts of staple produce are light.

The upper Mississippi is rising rapidly between St. Paul and Winona. The ice will form at the latter point however. The Davidson steamers, now lying at Levee, are being rebuilt for the spring trade, and will probably be among the first boats to reach Winona on the opening of navigation.

The Natchez packet steamer steam for the first time was raised on the new mast packet I. A. Coates, in Louisville. She has low pressure machinery, and the deepest interest is felt in the success of the builder and the owners in this trial. She will be ready for service in a few days.

St. Louis. *The Republican* of the 12th reports the arrival of the steamer Ingomar, Captain Lee, from Keokuk's announcement that the Keokuk canal will be open in less than 24 hours commencing at noon yesterday, and that the water is rising rapidly. Large fleets are waiting for boats. At last accounts the upper levees were all full.

The weather is fine and cool. Business on the landing is quiet and there was a great demand for freight, drays, &c., to convey it to the warehouses.

Louisville.—From the *Journal* of the 12th we clip the following:

The weather yesterday was clear and cool, though pleasant.

The river at this point commenced to rise on Saturday morning, and has risen 2 inches water in the canal and 3 inches water in the canal together since 7 feet 7 inches in the pool, and 7 feet 5 inches over the falls.

CINCINNATI.—The *Gazette* of the 12th informs us that—

The weather yesterday morning was chilly and raw; but towards noon it cleared off and the remainder of the day was fine and pleasant.

The river has been fairly rising since our last report, and up to dark last evening it had risen 2 feet 6 inches in the canal, with 6 feet 6 inches on the falls. To-day, and from present appearances, we may look for a good rise. The Ohio and Kanawha are both rising, and the Monongahela is reported as having a good stage of water on it.

The New Orleans Weekly Delta of the 9th inst. says: The Third District Public Schools will be opened on Monday, the 18th inst., with the following corps of teachers: Miss Mary Ann Hall, principal; Miss Mary Ann Hall, assistant; Miss Mary Ann Hall, assistant; Miss Mary Ann Hall, assistant