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BY TELEGRAPH.

Special to the N. O. Bee.

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The following have been kindly communicated to us:

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The impracticable plan of McDowell and the New York *Tribune*, of marching directly from Washington by way of Manassas to Richmond, seems to have been abandoned: and the shorter approaches by way of Fredericksburg, by the Peninsula of Yorktown, and by the Chesapeake ships dividing the James from the Potomac, seem to have been preferred.

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Mr. Roberts was found, half-stunned, in the basement, enveloped with a few bruises and a cut over the eye. Mrs. Roberts and the children, sleeping in an upper story, were miraculously saved, owing, we suppose, to the force of the explosion going through the windows, which were in a number of pieces without them. The two maid servants were hurt, one of them having her shoulder broken, and both having to be taken to the hospital.

It appears that the gas must have escaped from the main pipe through the sewer, for the meter, which Mr. Roberts had properly attended to, and above this the gas was turned off in the house, upwards of people visited the place during the day to see the perfect wreck the explosion had made, and the really disastrous and extraordinary nature of the explosion was the subject of conversation among all housekeepers, who should profit by the warning.

From New Mexico.—The Gen Antonio *Herald* of the 26th ult. says:

There was a great deal of interest manifested yesterday in the news by the El Paso mail, which usually comes in on Saturday night, but which did not get in till 2 o'clock on Sunday; and when it did arrive there was much disappointment when it was learned that Fort Craig was not taken, but was still held by the Federals. Our own letters confirm the victory gained by the Confederates on the 21st, at Valverde, but great regret is expressed at its not overwhelming in the course of that Orsig. It is now understood that no attempt will be made at Fort Craig in the way of assault, but its possession will be obtained, if practicable, by starving out the army by which we shall oppose the approach from Fredericksburg by it is supporting distance and position with the army of the Peninsula; and, in the event of their being driven back, they can combine for final resistance here. Hitherto, they have not done so.

THE COTTON PROBLEM.—Says the Richmond *Examiner* of the 2d inst.:

A bill was introduced into the House of Representatives yesterday by Mr. Holt, of Georgia, to provide additional revenue for the prosecution of the war, by the purchase of the cotton crop. The plan indicated in this bill has some novel features. It proposes that the Government purchase the cotton now on hand, to the extent of two millions of bales, on the terms of paying, in advance, in the public currency, four cents per pound; the balance of the purchase money to be paid out of the nett proceeds of the cotton when sold in market by the Government, deducting the amount of purchase money paid in advance. If the seller should elect to take the advance payment in eight per cent. bonds, the remainder of the nett proceeds of sales by the Government to be paid in such funds as may be received in the sale. If treasury notes should be paid in advance, the remainder of the purchase money, to the extent of the nett proceeds of sales, to be paid in the Confederate funds, having twenty years to run, and bearing eight per cent interest.

The bill, like all the other measures of financial negotiation on the part of the Government, is calculated to create a number of fat offices in the shape of agencies. It being proposed to "authorize the President to appoint" one most worthy agent" (we quote from the Congressional phraseology of Mr. Holt) for each of the cotton States, at a salary of $3000 per annum.

WHAT THE YANKEES SAY OF THE VIRGINIA.—The Louisville *Journal* appears to entertain considerable apprehension of the performances of the Virginia, or the Merrimac, as it styles it. Witness the subjoined remarks:

We have been puzzled in our attempts to conjecture why it was that the Monitor, when the Merrimac returned from the conflict with her in an injured condition, did not follow the rebel monster and complete the work of destruction. A moment of the fight, given by the time of the first frigate Cumberland, seems to explain the mystery. The plan of the rebel craft is that she can ram her adversary at a rate so low that no injury will be done to the Confederate vessel, and hence no precaution is taken to guard against the shock. Her prow is of solid iron, and the blow given by her, when moving at a speed of ten knots an hour, is tremendous. Had the Monitor struck the Merrimac at such a speed, the latter would have been utterly destroyed, and the Monitor would have been left in a disabled condition. Such seems to be the explanation of the mystery. The plan of the Merrimac goes three knots an hour faster than the Monitor, and, if the fact is so, the Merrimac, even in a disabled state, was probably able to retreat faster than her conqueror could follow.

But it seems to us that this difference of speed is all that the Merrimac is well calculated to create an inconsiderable apprehension. The Merrimac has shown that she can defy the whole power of the Monitor for hours without being disabled, and if she can contrive by mechanically to spread out from prostrate foes, without being sunk, she can probably pass out from Norfolk to sea in spite of all the vessels that can be made to bar. And, once at sea, we know not what is to prevent her, after leaving the Monitor out of sight, from passing down the Atlantic coast, and, at her leisure, visiting or running ashore, or dispersing the blockading fleets of all the Southern ports, or even passing along the Northern coast bombarding every town that has the misfortune of water will permit her to approach. We hope there is no such danger, but we can't see where there isn't.

The Lafourche *Union* contains the annexed paragraphs:

CROPS.—At the time of our issue of the press last week, it was reported in the town of the crevasse at Mr. Mathew's plantation, near Raceland, had been closed. We are informed that it is still open, and a large force is at work to stop it, and has progressed so far that it will soon be closed. The fields in the vicinity are represented as being rapidly submerged.

THE BAYOU.—The Bayou continues remarkably high, and at several points, especially between Raceland and Lockport, gives some anxiety. The levee between Thibodaux and Labadieville, we understand, is being watched, but, fortunately, has not been attacked, a number of men being detailed each night in the week for that purpose by the captains of the different companies. Here, in some places along our whole line, the water is even with the top of the levee.

WEATHER AND CROPS.—We have had extremely pleasant weather for several days past. Spring has assumed its undisputed sway. In the upper part of this parish our planters are actively engaged in planting corn, and a considerable has been planted as yet on account of the unfavorable weather for such a purpose. A good rain, at this time, would come most opportunely. The cane is looking finely, and promises a much more promising at this season. From all we can learn, much more corn than usual will be planted in this parish, this year, and rice will receive considerable attention.

A SUPPLY OF BEEF.—We find the following in the Atakapas *Inspector* of the 2d:

An old dealer in cattle, who is in extensive correspondence with the western part of Western Louisiana, as well as Eastern and Middle Texas, informs us that there will be no lack of beef cattle in the spring grass on the prairies shall have attained a tending power to enable drovers to drive to market. Cattle, he says, are plentiful now and may be had in droves at $4 per 100 lbs. He confidently asserts that in one month from this date, from reliable information in his possession, beef will be down to its usual price—say from 6 to 8c. per pound. This is emphatically good news.

WHISKY.—The retail demand for Old Bourbon and Monongahela has been supplied at @1 70@$2, and Rectified made from Louisiana Rum, at @1 10@$1 20 ₱ gallon.

RUM, LOUISIANA.—The retail demand is supplied at @80c. ₱ gallon.

BACON.—We notice wholesale and retail transactions at the tariff rates.

LARD.—The transactions are confined to small sales at the ₱ rates.

Nothing else reported.

Cattle Market.

Jefferson City, April 2, 1862.

Arrived yesterday, 185 Texas Beeves, 107 Hogs, 722 Sheep and 119 Veal. Amount of stock sold over 171 Texas Beeves, 90 Hogs, 267 Sheep and 36 Veals on Commission. Left over 14 Texas Beeves, 300 Hogs and 338 Veals. We quote:

Western Beef Cattle, ₱ 100 lbs. net,	1st qty		11@11½
" " " "	2d "		10@10½
" " " "	3d "		9@9½
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Veal Cattle,	₱ lb., net,	7@8	
Sheep,	₱ head,	3@4	
Hogs,	₱ 100 lbs., gross,	6@6½	
Milch Cows,	₱ head,	35@45	

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, April 9, 1862.

☞The steamers at the Custombouse yesterday.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Steam Tenneere, from the Coast, to master—3d inst.

STEAMBOATS.

Gen Hodges, Simmons, from Alexandria.
Sumter, Whitesides, from Shreveport.
Natchez, Leathers, from Natchez.
J M Hall, Dye, from Bayou Sara.
Acadia, Vincent, from Bayou Sara.
Anna Perrot, Capps, from Washington.

RECEIPTS BY THE RIVERS.

ALEXANDRIA—Per steamer Gen Hodges—3 bbls do 5 bbls sugar E H Rose—20 bbls molasses Ar Mitchell—1 pkg mdse Lee & Co—1 bdl mdse Ar Hutchinson—1 cask do W McComb—352 do sugar 52 do molasses 1 do do Shreveport—9 do beans 100 pcs do 1 bbl lard Moffat, Vance & co—2 do do 1 bdl do 1 bdl hides 1 bdl do 1 bdl do 1 coil rope J B Gribble—4 bbls beans 144 pcs do 1 do mdse—50 do do Simpson & Kemp—10 do do 2 bbls pork Ar Hittenberger—4 do R L Cunningham—1 do do 2 bbls Stark, Stauffer & co—3 rolls leather Quarrier Bros—10 coils do 13 pkgs mdse Harrod J H Caldwell—116 pcs cotton sad A A Maginnis—sundries to order.

SHREVEPORT—Per steamer Sumter—24 sks corn to order—104 do J W Burbridge & co—3 sks do Ar Kelly & Co—25 do Lowes & Lothian—30 do do Ar Tyler—20 do do Ar Hittenberger & co—72 do 70lbs Watt & Co—1 bdl do Ar Hutchinson—1 bdl do 1 bdl do 1 bdl do