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We wish to remind our readers that the great sale by R. H. Stringer (of A. Bee, of eminent furniture from the Mt. Lafayette Hotels, and gentlemen, will be continued this day, at 10½ o'clock, in the Armory Hall, up stairs. The furniture to be sold this day comprises the larger portion of the finest and richest articles in the hotel, among which are some rich rosewood parlor and chamber sets, and also elegant bridal trunks. Most of the carpets are, each one of the finest quality, and little soiled. The dining and all of excellent taste and finish, three of which are unsurpassed, and can challenge competition with any hotels in this city. The gentlemen of abilities of these sets each removed of put varying one of rich and varied taste, and of great compass and durability.

EUROPE AND COTTON.

The sickness of Europe appears to have greatly abated since the policy of the Southern States with respect to cotton. For several months the impression prevailed that the Government at Richmond had prohibited the exportation of the staple, and this error, which the Northern press industriously fed by misrepresenting, was generally believed in Europe, which produced those being just in regarding that the real state of the case. During the early period of the blockade European speculators might have obtained in most of the Southern ports large quantities very great rates, although the quantity of the prohibited article, which they realized the favorable period to shipment. The people of Europe committed the same blunder as those of the South. On neither side of the ocean was it imagined that the war would last long, or that the blockade would be maintained for many months, and the consequences in both instances are to be seen.

We are all familiar with recent events. The British spinning has projects of conquest with a commendable and the energy of which few had believed their capable, increased her machine strength with marvellous rapidity, and has now established, in behalf of possession of a large portion of the cotton of the consuming States, in monopolizing the heaviest exporting mart, and in heavily selling nearly all the others by a diplomat blockade. What will be the consequences of a condition of affairs almost entirely unforeseen by the South, but perhaps secretly hoped for by some of the Governments of Europe? Will the capture of New Orleans raise the effect, as predicted by the Paris *Constitutionnel*, of re-establishing the export trade of cotton, and bringing back to the deserted cisterns of Europe the raw material so essential for the maintenance of the vast manufacturing industry of that city? This will be apt to prove a double power, and will be acknowledged even within the confines of European limits where has again found its three cotton ports where the army of the United States have obtained a foothold. Unable to cope with that power upon the decisive field of the ocean, the South seems to have adopted a policy, respecting which we are not prepared to express an opinion, but which a few weeks ago was almost entirely and warmly discussed by the press, the Congress at Richmond, and various conventions of Southern citizens—a policy to the destruction of cotton. Whether right or wrong, is a fact, and one of momentous importance with regard to the interests of Europe.

It appears likely from the language of the European journals, and from the attitude of Mediterranean that they observed by their Governments, that they are about to take steps to the determination of the policy of the South. Unfortunately for transatlantic manufacturers, that policy has been carried into effect. In New Orleans thirteen thousand bales of cotton were consigned to the flames, and throughout the interior of the State, and in Mississippi we understand that immense quantities of the staple have been destroyed by the same agency. Steps, then far, half a million of bales to have been burned, shows what the work of destruction means? We can form no definite idea on the subject. Wherever the Federal arms have not penetrated it may be presumed that the cotton will be preserved; but even admitting that possibility of saving one-half or two-thirds of the crop, the loss will be enormous. It is to early to say the slightest benefit from this, at the Southern ports has appeared will doubtless be many months of thousand bales arrive.

While crowding the distant and doubtful prospect of peace, Europe will be condemned to take of the progressive destruction in the stock of that valuable staple which gives life to her industry and bread to her countless millions. We will the prospect for the coming year be at all favorable. It is admitted on all sides that the crop of 1860 will not be one-third of the preceding year. The planters are a gambler rule having expended the largest quantity of seed and fertilizing food to the people of the South, and have disposed to the cultivation of the cereals with several acres previously employed in the raising of cotton. The next crop may reach one million and a half of bales, but we greatly doubt whether any of it will find its way beyond the limits of the South. Europe has a lesson of patience to learn, and the Southern planters will have many painful privations to encounter.

ARRIVAL AT FORT WARREN.—The Boston *Herald* says that Fort Warren is kept so close that it is almost difficult to get news from there in these Yorktown. The paper says: "We understand, however, by one who has been there, that the health of the garrison is very good, only three or four men being sick. Rheumatism and Tightness, who have been in close confinement for some weeks, have been afterwards but feebly, on being each day to walk by themselves on the parapet over the sally-port. Eugene Pierce, late of Baltimore, was visited one day this week by his brother."

SUDDENLY SOLDIERS PREMATURELY.—Most, if not all, of the soldiers who die in the various hospitals located in this city, are interred in Metairie cemetery. In the course of a day or two it will be supposed that when so many men are thus disposed of, that all can have the care and attention bestowed on them that they would get if they had not been made more favorable subjects for the untimely many become food for worms that ought to be living. It does seem, however, eminently proper that when, to all appearance, the poor volunteer has snuffed out his mortal coil, his body should be retained a reasonable length of time to put the truth beyond a doubt. We fear this is not always done. Anxious friends, the remains of the latter are often hurried off precipitately to the place of interment. It would seem that there should be attached to each hospital a place for the temporary deposit of those who die or are supposed to die from disease.

We are led to make these suggestions from having heard that on two occasions recently persons who were about being subject to the rites of burial in Oak wood cemetery had signified their disapprobation of the proceeding while on their way thither. The driver of the hearse in one instance, as we hear, was horrified at the unceremonious manifestations of the supposed defunct, and quickly carried him to a place where he was pleased from his unpleasant predicament.

In another instance, as we hear, Mr. [illegible], keeper of the cemetery, having unscrewed a coffin, from the knocking and exclamations of the subject, opened the coffin and found the supposed dead man back for further [illegible]. While attaching no blame to any one, the matter is mentioned in the hope that it will indicate a caution that experience has evidently shown to be necessary.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

CHANGE IN THE FEDERAL NAVY DEPARTMENT.—A Washington dispatch states that, notwithstanding the contradictions published in the [illegible] to a change in the Navy Department will not long be shown by the fact of the retirement of Mr. Welles. Capt. G. V. Fox, the present assistant secretary, has been [illegible] by connection with the [illegible].

A STORMY SESSION OF THE CABINET.—A Washington correspondent of the New York *Herald* has the following expose of a recent session of the Federal Cabinet:

The meeting of the Cabinet was important, the discussion stormy; but the result was the triumph of the President and his popular policy over the prejudices and passions of his advisers. Secretary Stanton declined to grant General McClellan's request that certain troops should be sent to him, and also objected to the President's order that another division should join McClellan's corps, although this order was issued in compliance with McClellan's own desire. This was the subject under discussion, and it very naturally led to a general controversy about McClellan and his plans. The President defended McClellan, and was sustained by Secretary Seward and Blair—the savage opposition resulting rather from Seward's coolness towards Stanton and Chase than from his admiration of McClellan. The discussion was earnest and warm, Secretary Stanton being repeatedly impertinent and fundamentally opposed to the President's policy. At last the President declared he had set his foot down firmly that Gen. McClellan should not be interfered with, and should have anything he needed from the War Department, and that it was needless to attempt to modify his opinions of Gen. McClellan and his plans. The result of this noble speech was the rumor of Stanton's resignation, and the immediate rapid advance of the forces under McDowell, who had been waiting in Washington to have his destination decided.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The City.—For the benefit of our readers who prefer the quiet of their own homes to the gratification of idle curiosity in promenading the streets—and we take pride in the belief that the most of our fair readers are as wise and prudent in these evil days that have fallen upon us—to give them a bird's eye view, from time to time, of what is going on. Canal street made a very good display, from Charters to Bourbon street, nearly all the principal stores being now opened, and seeming to have a tolerably fair patronage from their lady customers. About the Custom House, the crowd which has been clustering themselves for several days past was reduced to a few stragglers. Whether the boat has all been carried off or not, we cannot say, but we presume it is so. "General Order will explain on on that point in due course of time. The provisions—flour and beef—which the city had some time ago contracted for, and which have now begun to be forthcoming from Mobile and Red river, probably have had a great effect in easing the domestic markets and lulling the panic apprehensions of starvation, bread and meat, which a week or two ago were easily comprehended. previously. St. Charles street was crammed, especially on the shady side in the morning—the seasoned tramp of the New England regiments, with what used *to be* the spirit-stirring music of Yankee doodle, and an alarm of fire about 11 o'clock, bringing out the boys and their "madness" furnishing the principal attractions. What struck us mainly in other streets we passed through, was the signs of repent clearing—piles of dirt on the sidewalks of the gutters, and the boys grubbing for the two-cents that were, or supposed to be, flowing along with the tide of pure water from the river, which is now taking the place of a foot or two of mud.

Shot in a Brothel.—James Williams was shot in the arm at a low den in Perdido street, and was taken to the Hospital. The perpetrator of the shooting and the keepers of the house were both arrested. "Served 'em all right."

Tapped.—The body of a man was found floating in the river on Wednesday. He wore a long light hair and red beard, blue cottonade pants, white shirt and heavy brogans. Verdict of Coroner's jury—"Found drowned."

The Only Hell.—The new and improved penitentiary of women, was quite dreary at the doors of the Treasurer and Controller, but there was very little, if any, small change issued by those officers, for the reason probably, that they were taking a little breathing time for more extended preparation to meet the "run" upon them. We, anyway, however, that considerable exchange must pass out of Uncle Sam's coffers destined to be very busy with contrabands and others.

Fire.—The alarm yesterday grew out of the partial burning of a kitchen on Perdido street, back of Clinton, but the damage was slight.

The Head-cut Tragedy.—Sanford Jones, the young man who was wounded on the head-cut, with Mr. Crichard a week ago, by the Federal picket, died on Wednesday, and was buried yesterday, from the St. Louis Hotel. This is the third death, we believe, from that unfortunate affair.

Recorder Emerson.—At 10 o'clock we visited the Recorder's office, and found he had already dispatched his morning's business, and was passing judgment upon petty cases—it not being the day for the trial of "Head cases," which class he takes to every other Friday.

Free Market.—It is said that plenty of fresh beef and bread will be distributed at the Free Market this morning. Great institution that, and worthy are the managers for doing such a good work.

Effects of the Blockade.

The editor of the Wilmington *Journal* is in a bounteous vein. He says:

There is nearly a good many useful and comfortable things of which the war and the blockade have for the time being deprived the people of the South, and the want of which is felt, as in reasonable bits that it should be felt, but not so unreasonably as that for their sake any thought of capitulation should be entertained. There are other things upon which the blockade is put, and we trust many of you—we know especially patent medicines and intoxicating beverages, and we don't know which has done the greater amount of harm. They are about equal, but there is at least some fun and sociability in "the sporits," but none at all in the abominable decoction out of which sundry quacks build up "reputation" enormous among the aristocracy of the coffee-house and pill-box. We have no objection on on that point in the sense of time. The providence—flour and beef—which the city and some time ago contracted for, and which have now begun to be forthcoming from Mobile and Red river, probably have had a great effect in easing the domestic markets and lulling the panic apprehensions of starvation, bread and meat, which a week or two ago were easily comprehended. previously. St. Charles street was crammed, especially on the shady side in the morning—the seasoned tramp of the New England regiments, with what used *to be* the spirit-stirring music of Yankee doodle, and an alarm of fire about 11 o'clock, bringing out the boys and their "madness" furnishing the principal attractions. What struck us mainly in other streets we passed through, was the signs of repent clearing—piles of dirt on the sidewalks of the gutters, and the boys grubbing for the two-cents that were, or supposed to be, flowing along with the tide of pure water from the river, which is now taking the place of a foot or two of mud.

Cobblers and slings, those refreshing potions, will be unknown this summer, and unmissed. If there be tea soy where let it be kept for the sick and wounded. Yet mint looks green, and limes have been swallowed without producing pain. But pshaw! cobblers, slings and so forth! What are cobblers good for but to save our "soles," or slings except to throw pebbles at the Northern Goliahs? And mint! What is any sort of mint good for when there is nothing to cole?

And the gout—there is a great cure for the gout all around—a homeopathic cure for the gout. A cure by very small doses. *Similia similibus, curantur.* Every man with sore toes stands on every other man's sore toes, and between this corrosive process and the enforced virtue of abstinence, the thing works all rig

Corns! Who would have corns? Corns are the result of tight shoes—high-heeled French be to and other fashionable abominations. We shall soon get clear of corns, now that we are pretty near through with the same. We shall wear moccasins, or perhaps what has been fashionably and philosophically described as "a footless stocking without a leg." Some obtuse persons might think we meant by that last remark to go barefooted. We can't keep people from thinking. We want people to think with us, that it is better to bear all trifling privations good humoredly, as though bearing them not. It is not only the best plan, but even in a selfish point of view it is much the wiser.

COMMON COUNCIL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

OFFICE CHARGE, CITY HALL, May 15th, 1862.

The Board met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Hon. S. P. DeLabarre, president pro tem.; Messrs. Forstall, Hopkins, Robin and Stith—4.

The reading of the minutes was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following communications were laid on the table subject to call:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, 15th day of May, 1862.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In conformity with a statute of the State passed An act to organize the police of the city of New Orleans, and to repeal a Police Act therein mentioned 17th January, 1855, you are required to be at your meeting on the first Monday (which will be the second day) of June next, two citizens from each district to be chosen by a board to be called the "Police Board," and I recommend that the Common Council order the election for the officers aforesaid, that the necessary notice may be given to the Board of Commissioners, under the provisions of an act entitled "An act relative to elections in the parish of Orleans," approved March 18th, 1857.

Respectfully,
JOHN T. MONROE, Mayor.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, 12th day of May, 1862.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In conformity with the provisions of the City charter, "An act to enact all an act entitled an act to consolidate the city of New Orleans, and to provide for the government of the city of New Orleans and the several districts of the city thereof," approved March 26th, 1852, as amended, I am required to nominate, on the first Monday, (5th day of May) in June next, for the following named city officers, to wit:

Mayor.

One for order for each, the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts.

And Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen, to wit:

ALDERMEN.

One Alderman for the First District of the city, in place of J. O. Hixon, whose term has expired.

One Alderman for the First District, in place of Gerard Stith.

One Alderman for the Second District, in place of L. Forstall.

One Alderman for the Third District, in place of P. R. Wills.

One Alderman for the Fourth District, in place of L. Moreau.

ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

One Assistant Alderman for the First Ward, in place of F. A. Kingsland.

One Assistant Alderman for the Second Ward, in place of R. Tole'sen.

One Assistant Alderman for the Third Ward, in place of Henry Sentz.

One Assistant Alderman for the Fourth Ward, in place of W. F. Hodgkinson.

One Assistant Alderman for the Fifth Ward, in place of J. Freeman.

One Assistant Alderman for the Seventh Ward, in place of A. F. Schlabenbach.

One Assistant Alderman for the Eighth Ward, in place of J. B. Louis.

One Assistant Alderman for the Eleventh Ward, in place of Thomas Morris.

The aforementioned officers of the city, to-wit: Mayor, Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen, are to be notified for a term of two years, and are required to enter upon the discharge of the duties of their respective offices on the first Monday in July next.

It becomes necessary that the Common Council system the election for Clerks, Attorneys, &c., and time may be given to the Board of Assessors of Taxes, to enter upon the discharge of their duties on the first Monday in July next, I recommend that you order the election for the aforesaid officers to be held on the same day with and under the same rules as the election for the officers of the city.

Respectfully,
JOHN T. MONROE, Mayor.

The following communication was read:

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN, May 6, 1862.

To the Hon. the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen—You are respectfully invited to concur in the following resolutions adopted by this Board:

A resolution to pay sundry bills.

A resolution to pay the Controller to warrant in favor of C. C. Sarpy for $500 00.

A resolution concurring in the adjournment of a session to Monday, May 12th, 1862, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A resolution to authorize the Controller to warrant in favor of C. C. Sarpy for $500 00.

A resolution concurring in the adjournment of a session to Monday, May 12th, 1862, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A resolution authorizing the Controller to warrant in favor of C. C. Sarpy for $500 00.

Yeas: Messrs. Forstall, DeLabarre, Hopkins, Robin and Stith—5.

A resolution concurring in the adjournment of a session to H. Hinderson & Co., for the right of way for railroads on Canal, Bienville and other streets.

Yeas: Messrs. Forstall, DeLabarre, Hopkins, Robin and Stith—5.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were referred to the Finance Committee:

Of merchants of the Tchoupitoulas, praying for relief.

Of complaints in the office of the Fourth Marshal of the First District, asking the appointment of their chief.

A communication from E. C. Robertson, tendering his resignation as a member of the Volunteer Relief Committee, was read, and said resignation accepted.

A communication from the Assistant Board inviting the Board of Aldermen to meet them this evening, at half-past 7 o'clock, in joint session, was read twice and concurred in, the rules being suspended.

RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Mr. Stith, were read twice and adopted, to-wit, the bonds executed, and were, on motion, sent to the Assistant Board:

Yeas: Messrs. DeLabarre, Forstall, Hopkins, Robin and Stith—5.

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of this Council that for the first time in the history of the city of New Orleans, or of which there is any record, the treasury, the present, this Council, bearing in grateful remembrance the people of this city, with a view to relieve the wants the people of this city, with a view to relieve the wants of the destitute poor of our city, and to provide for their future welfare and happiness, and to give to the feeble and needy prosperity, and to give to all in the city, cause for gratitude for the solicitude with which, in the creation of the city of New Orleans, it guarantees to all its rights of property, of person, and religious freedom of its citizens:

Be it, therefore, Resolved, That the Controller of the city of New Orleans be instructed, through the Committee on Finance, to the French naval fleet during the season in our port, to the Mayor, and to the officers that this Council be appointed, together with the Mayor, to the committee mentioned in the foregoing resolution, to confer with other arrangements as may be necessary to give effect to the same.

Messrs. Robin and Forstall were appointed on the committee mentioned in the foregoing resolution.

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by the Assistant Board, were read twice and concurred in, the rules being suspended:

A preamble and resolutions declaring cancelled, and null and void the subscription of $100 000 to the capital of the city of New Orleans and Henry Lemonby bonds of the Mississippi and Mexican Gulf Railroad Company, and the North Western Railroad Company, and the Mississippi, Ouachita and Red River Railroad Company, and the Mississippi, Ouachita and Red River Railroad Company, and the Mississippi, Ouachita and Red River