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LINCOLN'S MESSAGE.

SYNOPSIS.

Memphis, December 6.—The St. Louis Republican of the 4th inst. contains Lincoln's message, of which the following is a synopsis:

The accompaniment of his message expresses the opinion that the existing relations between the United States Government and foreign nations are not to us first a basis of friendship as they should be; yet he hopes to convince them that the best means for the re-establishment of commerce, through which they get many of the articles, can best be effected through the preservation of the Union.

He recommends that East Tennessee and Western North Carolina and Kentucky be connected with other parts of the Union by a railroad, as a military measure, and suggests different routes for the building of said road. He thinks Kentucky will co-operate with the Government in its immediate construction.

He proposes to pay the owners of the British ships liable for her detention by the steamer Chesapeake for supposed breach of blockade. He relinquishes the charge of piracy against privateers, and authorizes that instructions be given the captains of Federal sailing vessels to recognize all private which the pirates (privateers) have made. He makes a boast of the number of troops tendered the Government, but advises the organization of the militia, and declares that the safety of the country demands it. He says the present organization of the navy is defective, and recommends an improvement in that department of the service.

He recommends the codification of the laws of the United States; says he has not refrained from establishing courts in the revolted States to better facilitate the collection of debts, for fear of further arbitrary power, and hopes that Congress will be equal to the demand to establish a temporary arrangement of the kind.

He shows the deficit in the Post-Office Department amount of fiscal year is over five millions five hundred thousand dollars, but hopes it will improve next year.

He proposes negotiations with Virginia, for the purpose of organizing that portion of the District of Columbia which was ceded back to Virginia, and possesses the confines to Virginia unwise and dangerous. He complains that the receipts of the Land and Patent Offices have greatly declined in consequence of the rebellion, and demands that the Patents Office be largely increased, as numerous applications based upon the casualties of the existing war have already been made.

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Secession Sentiment.

[From the Richmond *Examiner*.] We shall be attended to the importance of constructing separate batteries on the mainland, and more than a plan, which had been suggested to us by a scientific and skilful naval officer, by which it appeared that the work of rendering our possession batteries bomb-proof or shell-proof would be stopped. We notice a practical consideration on the same subject, the suggestions of which appear to be both obvious and forcible.

The writer says:

"This" (the work of making the batteries shell proof) may be done by means of wood and earth, or by the use of masonry or earth; or better, if done handily, by a combination of masonry, wood and earth. Construct a brick or stone wall seven to eight feet thick, pierced with embrasures at proper distances for guns. This wall to be carried ten to eleven feet high—behind it place *caveaux forts* or *battresses*, to give more stability to the wall. Construct with timber "shell-proofs," by covering with earth ten feet thick, and a good *casemate battery* is obtained.

Arm this battery with eight and ten inch Columbiads and Dahlgren guns, and no naval force can successfully assail it.

Connect this *caveaux battery* with earthworks for land defense, and we have our harbors that have not been otherwise fortified, completely protected. I venture the assertion that, with half a dozen of the heavy guns that were mounted at Port Royal, had they been in such a battery as I have described, the enemy would have been *defeated*. With the rear of such a battery secured against a land attack *no fleet can reduce it.*"

Local Items St. Louis.

[From the St. Louis Republican, Thursday.]

We encamped yesterday with a gentleman living in New Orleans, who left St. Louis last Friday. He is a Southern man having large possessions in Illinois and St. Louis, and recently went up to look after the same.

He says that two of the gunboats left St. Louis for Cairo last Wednesday, and that two others were getting up steam to leave on Friday afternoon, when he left on the Emma Duncan. Besides these, the Benton, it is feared from the Hail-boat, and three gunboats which were built at Mound City—all of which, except the Benton, he heard were already done and on their way to Cairo. He had examined the Federal gunboats, and also our own Southern gunboats, and gives it as his opinion that our boats can sink them. He is quite certain that we can sink all except the Benton, and possibly that also.

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THE OCEAN SAILORS OF THE RIVER.

The seamen who lately arrived from the East, and who are now quartered on the receiving ship Main Dunning, are a queer set, having customs, thoughts and expressions peculiar to themselves. They attract considerable attention when allowed on shore. Directly on their arrival, while they were being transferred from the cars to the boat, some of them picked up a little boy, about knee high, a bright little fellow who was just beginning to talk, stuffed him in a mess chest and smuggled him on board. They tattooed the youngster with their marks, and took such rough care of him as they could. When asked where they had got him, they swore that he belonged to them, and that they had brought him from the East. The "old man," however, was not satisfied, knowing their tricks by experience. He took the little fellow ashore, bought him a cap and feather, and other "fancy things," and made a fuss generally with his new charge. The youngster is still on board of his home, restoring him to his anxious mother.

There is considerable cleanishness among these sailors, which sometimes manifests itself rather strongly. Last night, when the battery and Ellsworth battery men, I believe, have a particular feud, and the other night there was a sharp fight among them, in which one was badly cutting with knives, but not so severely as to prevent him from being on hand for his grog in the morning.

SPECIMEN OF TANKER CUTENESS.

The stratagems resorted by the soldiers to smuggle liquor into their quarters is often amusing. The other day a man started out with his coffee-pot for milk; on his return, an officer suspecting him of having whisky in his can, wished to examine it, and the man poured him by pouring out milk. At night there was a general drunk in that soldier's quarters, ending in a fight. It was at last discovered that the man had put a little milk into the spout of his can, sealing the inside with bread, and filling it over with whisky. The idea was a "gem" enough to lead an expedition against Jeff. Thompson.

THE MILLIKEN TRAGEDY.

John Milliken was an old and much esteemed citizen of Paducah, at which place he was postmaster previous to the present administration. He was a prominent Democratic politician, and a strong Douglas man, for which offense Mr. Buchanan removed him from office. At the breaking out of the war he became a strong Secessionist, and when Paducah was occupied by Federal troops he removed with his family to Mayfield. He had a dispute with Dick Conner, a Unionist, in which the latter attempted to strike him with a bottle, but Milliken wrenched the bottle from his hand and struck him on the head.

Conner watched his opportunity, and as John Milliken was passing his house the next day, set his door ajar, and fired upon Milliken with a shot-gun, lodging nineteen buckshot in his breast, killing him almost instantly. Conner escaped, and has not been heard from since. He is said to be a desperate character.

The English Conservatives on the War.

The London *Herald*, well known as the organ of Lord Derby, and the Tory or Conservative party of Great Britain, puts forth the annexed views:

Our American trade has dwindled almost to nothing. From sixteen millions, in some months it has sunk to five and a half, and it is not like to increase while the blockade continues, and while the Northern mission the Morrill tariff. We do not on this account desire a war, or deprecate it less than we should have done had the case been otherwise. But in order that we may be prepared to calculate beforehand with the idea that they are our best customers, and therefore may behave as they please toward us, it is as well that they should know that we already are in a fair way to do much as we should suffer by open war, or nearly so. Taking the four principal classes of exports to the United States, we find the falling off during the first nine months of this year to be as follows:

	1860.	1861.	Decrease.
Cotton, lbs	£2,976,470	£1,439,200	£1,568,000
Corn, &c.	7,621,216	1,866,168	1,387,569
Wool and woollens	2,897,941	1,222,010	1,777,931
Metals, &c	2,775,187	1,268,511	1,511,251
Total	£16,269,771	£4,499,489	£6,469,752

In consequence, therefore, of the civil war in America, our exports have shrunken by 64 per cent, and our imports by nearly sixty per cent. Our imports thence, of course, will, in the six months beginning with September, the period of the cotton operations, be still more affected than they are by the present state of things, therefore, we lose above three-fourths of our trade with America, and more than three-fourths of our exports to that country. We have priced and so market for produce touch the pocket nerve, and tend not a little to strengthen the peace party.

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ABOTHER BRILLIANT SKIRMISH.—The Petersburg *Express* of the 30th ult. has the following:

We have the gratification of announcing, upon unquestionable authority, the complete success of a skirmish beyond Manassas, in which the First North Carolina Cavalry Regiment bore a distinguished part.

On Thursday morning last, at early dawn, Col. Robert Hanham, with a large body of his cavalry, who now occupy an advanced position near Centreville, started out on a scouting expedition. They had proceeded but a few miles when they fell in with the Third Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment, commanded by Col. Averill.

At the command of their leader, the North Carolinians made a dashing charge upon the Hessians, killing 106 and taking 26 prisoners; also, a large number of horses, arms and equipments.

The Pennsylvanians were utterly routed, and fled to Ball Run Skirts, leaving their dead and wounded on the field. Strange to state, not a man on our side was killed.

This is certainly one of the most gallant and successful affairs of the kind which has occurred during the war, and Col. Ransom has quickly won for himself a distinction of which he may well be proud. We congratulate him and the Old North State upon the brilliant result of his expedition.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Tableaux Vivants.—Of the many noble enterprises of the ladies of New Orleans to contribute to the support of patriotism and of sympathy with the gallant volunteers, none have given such a splendid success as their representation of tableaux vivants at the Opera House Thursday evening, which is still the principal theme of comment and of admiration among all who had the good fortune to be present. The house was crowded to full as much as it could hold, and with such an audience as few other cities can boast. The receipts were undoubtedly three thousand dollars, or even more. In one of the stage boxes we saw General Lovell, and in a opposite one General Beauregard.

The tableaux were ten in number, and occupied about four hours in the arrangement and representation, supported by admirable selections executed by the entire orchestra, under Hem. Prevost. All of the tableaux were given in an artistic, complete and thoroughly satisfactory manner, and the successes of the theatre having been pleased at the disposal of the ladies by Mr. Bondequin. The list of tableaux was as follows: Marriage of Pocahontas; Marie Antoinette Departure of Rebecca; the Greek Fugitives; Camp Scene; An Eastern Scene; The Plantation; The Lovers; Queen of Jabob's Dream; allegorical representation of the Confederate States.

A Male Desperado Killed by a Female Desperado—John Miller, one of the most notorious desperadoes about New Orleans, had been murdered by the equally notorious female cutter and murderess, Mary Jackson, at the latter's house, in Girod street, on Wednesday night, after having been amputated at the other, and she was a woman able to cope with a strong man. They were living together in Freeman, just below Gayoso, across the river, and were quarreling and fighting each other ferociously, yet there appeared to be a strange attraction between them, which augmented to increase the misery they aroused each other. About three months ago, during one of these love-quarrels, Miller cut off the left arm of the woman, who deserted him and came across to New Orleans and took up her old haunts. He recovered from his wounds, came over after her, and they were speedily reconciled and got mad to their former habits of conduct.

At half-past eight o'clock Thursday evening, while they were both apparently under the influence of liquor, he brought out a cowhide and informed her that she was to be whipped with it. He was going to show her how he would cause her to behave in the future. He struck her one or two blows, when she stood with him, wrenched the cowhide from his only hand and turned it upon him. He grasped a knife, but at the same moment she caught the arm, and twisting the weapon out of his hand, stabbed him five times. He then carried the wounded man to a bed, where he died early next morning. She made no attempt to escape, but was arrested, and is in the custody of Guy Bruns, of Jefferson parish. Coroner Don Young was notified and proceeded to empanel a jury. The testimony will be taken by him next week.

Mary Jane Jackson is noted as being one of the most reckless and lawless women of the same that ever infested our city. She was living here in the family of a relative in 1855, when she formed the acquaintance of a bar-keeper employed in a saloon on Poydras street. Their intimacy was of the most intimate character, and their only seventeen years of age, very quiet in her disposition and possession unusually pretty features. But dissipation and the nature of her life soon made her a perfect tigress. About the year 1857 she left the bar-keeper and became a dog Charley, on the corner of Common and Basin streets, as fearfully, that he lay at the point of death a long time. In company with a few other desperate women of the same calling, she gave the police of this city more trouble than all the rest together.

On the 7th of November, 1859, on another day, she went into Sedgwick's beer saloon, corner of Rampart and St. Peter streets, with Americus Williams and another woman. They got into a fight with the proprietor, and on entering to assist him, Williams received Leonard Fleshy a cause in his assistance, had a battle-knife driven into his side, believed to be done by Mary Jane Jackson which caused his death in three days. They only escaped conviction on account of the postponement of the trial, which was ineffectually brought for the doctor to say that death was caused by that wound and by nothing else.

While Mary Jane Jackson was in the Parish Prison at this time, Miller was a deadbeat, and have since been constantly in each other's company, on account of their similarity of nature and reputation. When she got clear, Miller gave up his office there, and went back to Jefferson, fight back, where he hired a little house in Frenstown, and they lived together until she has murdered him. It is a singular coincidence that among all who knew them both, that sooner or later he must meet such a fate at her hands, unless she was killed by him first—she was almost a match for him in strength, had he both arms instead of one.

John Miller was about thirty or thirty-five years of age, and was raised, if not born, in Georgia. For many years he was the king of the rough there, and made frequent excursions over to the Single Landing and to Lafayette for the purpose of running the nowhere of the country. He was the young man with his side went over to the bear gardens on that bank they almost always returned with a beating or wounding at his hands. In the year 1855 the rivalries of the right and left banks of Lafayette culminated in a prize fight, which was done in that year in Southern goods or English goods intended for Southern consumption. So far as trade goes, then, is given the American trade which otherwise would be lost to us. We have no trade worth keeping with the North; second, war would open to us a most valuable direct trade with the South. Viewed purely from a commercial point of sight, it is probable that a war with the Lincoln's Government would be a blessing to the staple manufactures of this country. We trust that our trans-Atlantic contemporaries will take a note of this fact, and bear in mind that what fartner patience and forbearance Great Britain may show to the reckless and insolent men who unfortunately rule and represent the Northern States, is granted to kindred blood and to institutions free from the "stain of slavery, not to trade connection. So long as honor permits, we feel sure that the people and Government of the United States will be slow to take offense at the lawless outrages and impertinent language of their rulers, ambassadors and officers. But we would not that they should attribute the forbearance to any other motive than a desire to do a wrong motive, least of all to a fear of injuring interests which would certainly not suffer by war.

We hope that we shall not be misunderstood; of course we expect to be misrepresented. We are quite aware that certain journals will accuse us of desiring to excite the people of this country to war for the sake of their selfish interests. We deny our motives, but not their imputations." We deny the charge now, that we may not be compelled to notice it hereafter. We deprecate war at all times, when war can be honorably and honestly avoided, but we emphatically deprecate above all wars, a war with a kindred people, where victory is too certain to be glorious, and where our victory must be encouraging to the supporters of the cause designed to benefit English trade. But we believe that the only danger of war arises from the violent temper and unprincipled calculation of certain leaders of public opinion in the Northern States, and we trust we know them, and their friends in England that their calculations are utterly unfounded, that they have already done to the English people the mischief it is their power, and that to compel us to war would be to repair the worst material injuries they have already inflicted on us. If they understand this in time, we believe peace to be maintainable. If not, the guilt will rest with those whose wanton outrages disturbed it, not with those who forbear as long as forbearance is possible. It is to them, not to us, that remonstrances in favor of peace should be addressed.

THE HARMONY AND THE U. S. FRIGATE SAVANNAH.—The *Norfolk Day Book* of the 29th ult. says:

It may be remembered that in the latter days of August the little steam tug Harmony, with one gun, in charge of Commodore Farrian, C. S. N., took a trip down to Newport News to try the range of the latter with some shells prepared under his direction, at our navy yard, and thinking the United States frigate Savannah a good target for the purpose, he took a position and opened fire upon her five shots, about two miles off, an account of which we published at the time. We have since learned with what effect, from a most reliable source, and we take pleasure in recording the result of the gallant conduct of the Savannah's officers, who stated that of the number of shells fired (about twenty-three) seven hit that ship. One went through the starter galley, and the others penetrated her sides, doing her great damage. The consternation on board, among those officers and men, was beyond description, and had the Harmony been provided with one hundred, instead of thirty shells, the Savannah must have been entirely disabled—but as it is, the Federal officers on board the vessel have fully demonstrated that it was much better managed than the rifled gun at Newport News, all the shots from which passed over the Harmony, she skilfully keeping under the frigate's starboard bow.

The information which we convey in the above is entirely reliable, and does not surely instigate a renewal of the treat unpleasantly, though it might be varied to suit the occasion.

FROM THE ISLANDS.—The steamer General Clinch, Captain Dozier, arrived here on Saturday night from Edisto Island and Beaufort. The latter island had not been put beyond Pen-wick's Island, and no event of importance had transpired for several days in that vicinity.

We learn from a reliable source that all the negroes on Edisto Island, Pen-wick's and Ladies' Islands were destroyed by fire on Thursday last.—*Charleston Courier, 4d.*

COTTON.—There has been some inquiry, but there is no very little offering that the Atlantic would not be here. Vendors ask 11c for *Middling*. The week's sales embrace 19 bales on plantation at 8c for Middling. Also 1000 bales for future delivery, (including 500 to-day.)

TOBACCO.—There have been further sales of 24 hhds. Admitted and Reduced at 6 5/8c, 150 at 6 3/4c, and some small lots taken for city consumption at 7 1/2c. We quote as follows for reference only:

Factory Logs	2@3c
Inferior to Common	3@4c
Leaf, Inferior to Common	4@7
Fair	7@8 3/4c
Good to Fine	9@11c
Choice heavy and light	11@12

SUGAR.—The receipts have continued liberal, and the demand has been fully met at full prices. The sales of the week embraced about 6000 hhds., the most noted sold at the following quotations:

Inferior	3 1/2@3 7/8
Common to Good Common	3 3/4@4
Fair to Fully Fair	4 1/8@4 3/4
Prime to Choice	4 7/8@5 1/4
Clarified Yellow	5 3/8@6
Clarified White	5 1/2@5 7/8
Straw-Dried White	—@6

MOLASSES.—The supply has again been light, and the demand has been lively and at prices, though the market closed at an advance. The sales of the week comprised about 1800 hhds. and 1000 barrels, at the following quotations:

Common	22@23c
Good Common	24@25
Prime	26@27
Choice	28@29

FLOUR.—The receipts have been moderate, and the demand fair, at about previous prices. The sales of the week embraced some 2000 bbls and 500 sacks at $3 50 for Common, $3 75@4 25 for Fine, $4 50@5 for Extra, $5 50@6 for Family, $6 10@6 50 for Choice Extra, $6 75@7 for Double Extra. Today we did not hear of a sale.

CORN.—The receipts have been more moderate, but meeting with only a liberal demand early in the week prices declined. Subsequently, however, the market became more active, and an advance in prices was realized. The week's sales comprised about 13,500 sacks at a range of 65@70c for Inferior and Mixed, 70c for Prime White Mixed, and 70@75 and 80 for Prime and Choice White and Yellow. Today we did not hear of a sale.

OATS.—10 sacks sold at 50 @ 52c per bushel.

WHEAT.—We quote sales of 100 bushels Red and White at $2, 500 Red at $1 75, and 200 Red at $1 80 @ bushel.

OATS.—The supply is very light. We have not a sale to notice. The last was at $1 00 @ bushel.

BRAN.—The sales comprised 450 sacks at the reduced rate of 60 and 150 at 62 1/2c per 100 lbs.

HAY.—We quote Southern Hay at $25@26 50 ton, according to quality, and northern sales at $28@30. Sales reported at $27 50 and $30 @ ton.

LARD.—There have been no receipts of any moment. Prime is now retails at 10@10c per lb. The last sale was at 9c @ lb.

BEEF.—The supply of good Beef is very light. It commands $26@28 @ bbl, according to quality. The stock at the inspection warehouse is reported at 200 bbls.

PORK.—There is very little left on sale. Mess is retailing at $16@16 50 @ bbl, according to brand. Prime is now held at $14 @ bbl.

BACON.—There is no stock of Shoulders. Ribbed Sides and Clear Sides. Sugar-cured Hams have been selling from first hands at 12c, and retail at 12@13c @ lb.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.—The supply of Western Butter is nearly exhausted, and may be quoted at 35@37c @ lb. Sales reported at 34c. Choice Goshen is selling at 40c @ lb. Cheese is in fair supply, and is held at 11@12c @ lb.

WHISKY.—There is little or no change to note. Sales have been retailing at $1 10@1 15 @ gallon.

SAGGING AND BALE ROPE.—We quote Kentucky Bagging at retail at 21@22c @ yard and for hundreds to the best power-loom. Stock on the 1st inst. 1100 pieces. Of India, there is not quite enough in stock on the 1st inst. 700 bales. We quote Bale Rope 20@20c for hand made and machine made. Stock on the 1st inst. 1000 coils of all kinds.

GUNNY SACKS.—The last sales were at 20c @ 9 cash. Stock on the 1st instant 1600 bales.

COFFEE.—Prices are very irregular. She may be quoted at 20@23c @ lb.

CANDLES.—We quote light at 40@40c @ lb. The stock is very light, and in second hands.

RICE.—There has been a limited demand in Carrollton, at 6 1/4@7c @ lb. The stock on the 1st inst. is 475 casks.

SALT.—Dealers supply their regular customers at $1 10 @ sack, but no round lots can be had. Stock on the 1st inst. 2000 sacks. Sales reported at 2000 sacks, and the market closed steady at the following quotations:

Arrived during the past week	2,000 Turks Island.
63 Hogs, 1295 Sheep and 736 Calves.	Amount of stock
sold was 1495 Texas Beeves, 772 Hogs, 264 Sheep and	
200 Calves. Stock remaining on hand	this is 1256 Texas
Beeves, 962 Hogs, 520 Sheep and 300 Calves. We quote	

Western Beef Cattle, @ 100 lbs.	@	@ 0 00@0 00
Veal Cattle	@	@ 0 00@0 00
Sheep	@	@ 0 00@0 00
Hogs	@ gross	@ 0 00@0 00
Milch Cows	@ head	@ 0 00@0 00

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1861.

No clearances at the Custom-house yesterday.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Boat L'Eclair, from the Coast, in command—2d inst
Boat Mary Agnes, from the Coast, in command—2d inst
Brig Tuscarora, from the Coast, in command—3d inst

STEAMBOATS.

Mary T. Dugas, for Donaldsonville
Empire Parish, Grant, from Lower Coast.
J. A. Cotton, Barataria, from the Coast.
Hermitage, Mississippi, from the Coast.
Lake St. John, from Plaquemine.
Alliance, Bazin, from Lafourche.
Ben. Franklin, Bazin, from Bayou Boeuf.
Acadia, Thacker, from Donaldsonville.
Thorville, Gee, from Lobdell's Store.
Cora Price, Wilson, from Bayou Sara.
Homer, Whitehurst, from Alexandria.
Indiana No 2, Shields, from Alexandria.

RECEIPTS FROM THE COAST.

COAST.—Per star L'Eclair—100 bbls molasses Freiman Stevenson & co.

COAST.—Per boat Mary Agnes—50 bbls molasses 14 hhds sugar to order

COAST.—Per sloop Tonnerre—100 bbls molasses J W Burbidge & co.

RECEIPTS BY THE RIVER.

VICKSBURG.—Per steamer Lafourche—26 bales feathers C H Neumann—3 do C Mandeville—16 hides hay Ed Schuhmacher & co—20 do Lafcrest & Fourchy—20 do Bechner, Stanton & Newman—12 do do 25 do corn G Connelly & co—52 do do N O Nelson & co—197 do do J A Gallagher—77 do Mahler & Bro—40 do do 30 do Wm Prescott & co—20 do do 5 do Wm Prescott & co—66 do Harris, Barclay & co—11 do do 5 do Pease Gibbs, Barclay & co—60 do do Harris, Barclay & co—20 do do Stanton & Newman—10 do do Johns Watt & co—47 do do Ed Rabin & co—56 do Barnett, Hoy & Co—70 do Atlantic Ins Co—20 do do John Watt & co—47 do do Wm Prescott & co—423 do A A Magnan—30 do F M Porter—20 do Wm Prescott & co—177 bbls molasses Wm Prescott & co—20 do Ingram & Kathbone—5 bales wool J Peyroux—1 do Beaubey, Stanton & Newman—1 do do to order

LOUISVILLE.—Per steamer Louisville—16 hhds sugar 98 bbls molasses 121 half do 30 hhds tobacco Read & co—91 half do 66 hhds sugar Forman, Ulrich & co—19 bbls molasses Trenchard & Haydel—52 do Augustin & Newcomb—97 do Lafcrest & Fourchy—20 do Augustin & Newcomb—97 do Lafcrest & Fourchy—20 do Augustin & Newcomb—97 do Lafcrest & Fourchy—20 do Augustin & Newcomb—97 do Lafcrest & Fourchy—20 do Augustin & Newcomb—97 do Lafcrest & Fourchy—20 do Augustin & Newcomb—97 do Lafcrest & Fourchy—20 do Augustin & Newcomb—97 do Lafcrest & Fourchy—20 do Augustin & Newcomb—97 do Lafcrest & Fourchy—20 do Augustin & Newcomb—97 do Lafcrest & Fourchy—20 do Augustin & Newcomb—97 do Lafcrest &