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FRIDAY MORNING, JAN'Y. 29, 1864.

Sales at Auction To-day.

By R. M. Montgomery, at 10¼ o'clock, at No. 39 Camp street, 214 molasses barrels; at 12¼ o'clock, at Mississippi Warehouse, 456 molasses barrels; at 10½ o'clock, at 39 Camp street, groceries and provisions.

By McCrerea & Landry, at 10½ o'clock, corner of St. Charles and St. Andrew streets, furniture.

By the Sheriff, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, a lot of ground with improvements; at 10½ o'clock, corner of Orleans and Royal streets, furniture.

On our second page will be found auction and sheriff's sales, bank notices, and numerous other advertisements, to which we call the particular attention of our readers.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—BURNS, SCALDS, WOUNDS, LUMBAGO, ETC.—This unguent performs wonders in all inveterate sores, whatever their first cause or presentation, by soothing the tortured nerves and reducing the inflammation. The heat, pain and tightness are soon removed, without leaving a blemish. Sold everywhere.

We are obliged to the courtesy of W. D. Hempstead, Purser of the George Cromwell for valuable newspaper favors.

FOR BATON ROUGE.—The new packet steamer J. H. Russell, Captain Heno, will start at 10 o'clock, this morning, for Baton Rouge, Port Hudson, and intervening points.

FOR BAYOU LAFOURCHE.—The neat new steamer Belle Creole, Captain Webster Long, will quit her wharf this evening, at 5 o'clock, for Thibodeaux, Donaldsonville and the usual landings on the route.

SPLENDID FURNITURE AT AUCTION BY THE SHERIFF.—Particular attention is called to the sale by the Sheriff, to be made this day, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., at the warehouse, on Orleans street, near the corner of Royal, of splendid furniture, &c. &c.

The Sheriff sells at auction this day, at noon, at the Merchants and Auctioneers Exchange, Royal street, improved real estate, situate at the corner of Bayou Road and Marais street, Second District.

For particulars see advertisement.

Householders would do well to attend the sale of McCerren & Landry, corner of Nayades and St. Andrew streets—The contents of that large residence will be disposed of at auction this morning.

See advertisement.

Our readers are referred to the various advertisements of R. T. Montgomery this day, as follows: At 10 o'clock, on the Levee, foot of Gravier street, 60 barrels of onions, now landing off schooner Empress; at 10½ o'clock, at salesroom, 39 Camp street, molasses barrels, also 50 barrels whisky, brandy, rums, &c.; at 12 o'clock, at No. 67 Tchoupitoulas street, 20 tierces of beef; at 12½ o'clock, at Mississippi Warehouse, 450 molasses barrels.

SUNDRIES, TEAS, COAL, &C., AT NO. 5 BANK PLACE.—Attention is called to the advertisement of Mr. John Grace, No. 5 Bank Place, of a miscellaneous stock of merchandize under the above heads.

THE STEAMER MITTIE STEPHENS.—This pleasant passenger packet will leave this morning, at 10 o'clock, for Port Hudson and all intermediate landings.

The U. S. mail steamship Yazoo, G. W. Couch commanding, will leave her wharf at 8 o'clock, this morning, for New York direct, with a full cargo, the U. S. mails, and the following passengers:

Abraham Ing, wife and two children; Edward Keller, wife and two children, Ralph Washington, Henry Cook, W. Dorenfus and wife, John Johnson.

LOSS OF THE BARK JOHN WINTHROP.—The bark John Winthrop, Capt. Blanchard, sailed for New York 31st December, and went to port yesterday, having on board Capt. Blanchard and crew of the bark John Winthrop, which vessel cleared from this port on the 11th inst.; in ballast, for Boston, and went to sea on the 12th, and having suffered from heavy weather, which threw her on her beam ends, was abandoned on the 18th inst., about 200 miles west of the Tortugas.

Another Alarm at Sandusky, Ohio—Threatened Descent of 3000 Rebels on Johnson's Island.

[Special Dispatch to the New York Tribune.]

SANDUSKY, January 17.—One of W. S. Rosecrans's scouts has just returned from a thorough reconnoissance toward Point Pelee, Canada. He reports two or three thousand rebels at Point Pelee, preparatory to a dash upon Johnson's Island.

Gen. H. D. Terry has everything in readiness to receive his expected visitors properly should they venture to cross the ice. Our veterans are anxious to indulge in the novelty of a skirmish on ice.

The strictest vigilance is maintained on the island, and several batteries are in position. Point Pelee is thirty miles from Johnson's Island. The scout who brings the information is said to be a most reliable man, he having sailed on Lake Erie for twenty years.

John Brown, a son of the old hero, who resides on Put-in Bay Island, has gone to Columbus to indnce the Government to furnish howitzers and small arms for the protection of its inhabitants. The Government has been sounded quite often recently.

Col. Bassett, of the Eighty-second Pennsylvania regiment, will relieve the present incumbent commander at Johnson Island to-morrow.

The Siege of Charleston—The Condition of Fort Sumter.

The Folly Island correspondent of the *Herald* writes on the 15th regarding Sumter:

The rebels, who cling to it with so much tenacity, have evidently not lost a great deal of time erecting some sort of defences or protection within its walls, which will be a match to cover them, in case of another bombardment. It may not be considered beyond the bounds of possibility that they have even succeeded in placing some guns in position behind those new defences, by which they will be enabled to hold the fort against assault or cannade. We can see no armament at all; but new bombproofs or barbette towers within the work, or whatever the new defences may be, which may be discerned, without the aid of a glass, are large enough to cover guns of small calibre, such as could be well used against a storming column. However, as we do not propose to attempt to take the fort in the mode suggested, the labors of the rebels are not likely to interfere with any plans that may have been formed by Gen. Gillmore.

The same letter thus refers to

REBEL RAMS IN CHARLESTON.

Admiral Dahlgren is on the lookout for rebel rams from this city, and is making preparations to receive them in proper form. It is known that they have three large rams and iron-clads already in commission, and another, by far the most formidable in every point of view, nearly ready for service. This will carry eight heavy guns, and is said to be fast. A fish is on the cards, ready for launching as soon as the machinery is all in. This will make a formidable fleet, and one that may give us no little trouble if they should come out and attack us. Our forces inside the bar is regarded as amply sufficient to keep them if a chance is afforded. Some of these days we shall see lively times in Charleston harbor, as the rebels, when ready, will assume the initiative. We do not dread the conflict nor doubt the result.

Southern News via New York.

The New York *Herald* of the 19th has copious extracts from Richmond papers. We reproduce the following with regard to the mill tary situation:

GENERAL POLK IN MISSISSIPPI.

[From the Richmond Sentinel, Jan. 14.]

We learn by a letter received from Enterprise, Mississippi dated the 5th instant, that General Polk addressed the troops on the 29th ult., and made an earnest appeal to all citizens to forget self, and repair to the field and assist in the defense of their country. The troops are comfortably quartered, have good rations, and are very well clothed.

Forrest, Wade, of the District Coast, the latter cavalry, is keeping a good many out of camp by sending forth of habeas corpus.

Movement in Winter Quarters—General Disclaws Relieved.

[From the Richmond Sentinel, Jan. 13.]

General Longstreet has gone into winter quarters at Morristown. His cavalry skirmish with the enemy daily. General Ransom is at Abingdon, Rawkins county. From this place he is enabled to watch the movements of the enemy at Cumberland Gap, and prevent a flank movement upon General Longstreet. A large supply of shoes and blankets has been forwarded to General Longstreet's army, of which a great many of his soldiers stand much in need. Major-General McLaws has been relieved of his command under General Longstreet and ordered to report to the Adjutant General at Richmond. The order relieving General McLaws is based on disagreement between the Commander-in-Chief and himself, and does not in any way impugn his courage or capacity.

THE REBEL TENNESSEE ARMY.

[From the Richmond Inquirer, Jan. 16.]

From an officer in the Army of Tennessee, who arrived here last evening, we have the most encouraging account of affairs in that quarter. The officers and men have great confidence in General Johnston, and the condition of the army has been much improved, both as regards numbers and supplies. It is intimated that there will be stirring news from a portion of that department, which will agreeably surprise the public, before many days.

REBEL SUPPOSITIONS REGARDING KNOXVILLE.

General Wharton's scouts (says the Knoxville *Register* of the 3d instant) have been within one or two miles of Knoxville without encountering any Federals. The supposition is, that for want of subsistence Burnside has evacuated Knoxville and fallen back to Clinton.

United States Congress.

The proceedings of the 18th in the Senate were not of special importance.

The following occurred in the House:

A PEACE PROPOSITION.

Washington, December 18.—Mr. Dawson, (Opposition Pa.,) offered the following:

Whereas, a great civil war like that which now afflicts the United States, is the most grievous of all calamities, producing as it does, spoliation, bloodshed, anarchy, public debt, official corruption and private immorality, and

Whereas, no government cannot rightfully make such a war upon any portion of its people, except for the sole purpose of vindicating the constitution and laws, and restoring both to their just supremacy, and

Whereas, this House, on the 22d day of July, 1861, speaking in the name of the American people, and in the face of the world, solemnly and truly declared that it was waged for no purpose of conquest or oppression, but solely to restore the Union, with all the rights of the people and States unimpaired, and

Whereas, in every war, especially in any war of invasion, and most particularly if it be a civil war between portions of the same country, the object of it ought to be clearly defined and the terms distinctly stated upon which hostilities will cease, and the advancing armies of the government should carry the constitution in one hand, while they hold the sword in the other, so that the invaded party they have the choice between the two: therefore

Resolved That the President be requested to make known by public proclamation or otherwise to all the country that whenever any State, now in insurrection, shall submit itself to the authority of the federal government, as declared by the constitution, all hostilities on her shall cease, and such State shall be protected from all external interference with her local laws and institutions, and her people shall be guaranteed in the full enjoyment of all those rights which the federal constitution gave them.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, (Rep.) of Pa., the above preamble and resolution were laid on the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Ames, Arnold, Ashley, Baldwin of Mass., Baxter, Beaman, Blake, Baily, Bingham, Blair, Brandegee, Broomall, Buffington, Clark, Freeman Carlile, Clay, Cresswell, Davis of M., Davis of N. Y., Dawes, Deming, Dixon, Dodge, Donnelly, Eliot, Farnsworth, Frelinghuysen, Frank, Gurley, Grider, Hale, Harding, Higby, Hooper, Hutchins, Hubbard of Conn., Hulburd, Jenckes, Julian, Kasson, Kernan, Kelley of Pa., Kellogg of Mich., Knapp, Lansing, Loan, Longyear, Lovejoy, Marvin, McBride, McClurg, McIndoe, Middleton, Miller of N. Y., Moorhead, Morrill, Morris of N. Y., Amos Myers, Nelson, Odell, O'Neill of Pa., Orth, Patterson, Pike, Pomeroy, Price, Radford, Randall of N. J., Rice of Me., Rice of Mass., Rogers, Rollins of N. H., Scofield of Pa., Schenck, Sheffield, Shannon, Smith, Spaulding, Stebbins, Stratton, Stuart, Sweat, Thayer, Thomas, Tracy, Upson, Van Valkenburgh, Wadsworth, Wall, Washburn of Ill., Washburn of Mass., Webster, Whaley, Wheeler, Wilder, Wilson, Windom, Winfield, Worthington—78.

NAYS—Messrs. James C. Allen, Ancona, Dennison, Eden, Eldridge, Grider, Long, Maynard, Shiel, Smith, Editor of Pa., Morrison, O'Neill of Ohio, Pendleton, Robinson, Steele, Voorhees, Chilton A. White and Fernando Wood—16.

MISS DICKINSON'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Edgerton, (opp.) of Ind., offered a preamble, that

Whereas, Anna E. Dickinson was granted the use of the hall to deliver a public address, entitled "Words for the Hour," on Saturday evening last; and whereas, she appeared on the platform, supported on the right by the Vice President, and on the left by the Speaker of the House, who thus, by their personal support, gave, or appeared to give, a governmental authority to the address, which was a political rhapsody and a partisan support of the present administration and denunciatory of its opponents, and was evidently designed to influence the great measures of legislation before this House; therefore

Resolved, That we disapprove of such a use of this hall for political purposes, and regard it as disrespectful to the minority of this House.

Mr. Schenck moved that this proposition be rejected.

The Speaker decided that it was not before the House according to the rules, the gentleman from Indiana having already offered another preamble, which was rejected 80 to 50.

THE GENERAL OFFICERS NOT IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

Mr. Holman (opp.) of Indiana, offered a preamble setting forth that

Whereas, a large number of army officers, including major and brigadier generals, have been relieved of active service while receiving full pay; and whereas, it was just that the number of such officers should be limited, therefore

Resolved, That the policy of retaining in the pay of the government officers with undefined leave from active service, and who are not placed on the retired list, ought to be discontinued, and that the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to take into consideration the providing of a remedy.

The resolution was adopted.

The House adjourned.

New York Commercial.

New York, January 18—6 P. M.—Breadstuffs—The advance in gold and exchange, with an increased export demand, caused an improvement of 5c. to 10c. in prices of State and Western flour. Trade was unsettled and buyers but little active than shipping kinds, sales 12,000 barrels.

Sales of Southern State and Western flour \$6 60 to \$6 75. Extra St. Louis, \$7 10 to \$13.

Sugar quiet and firm—sales of 100 hhds., principally Muscovado, at 12½c. and 200 boxes of Havay at 12½c. to 13c. Coffee quiet.

We quote soft yellow at 13½c. to 15½c.; do. white, 13½c. to 16½c.; crushed, &c., 17½c. to 17½c.

Molasses quiet but firm—sales 150 bbls New Orleans at 60c. for old and 70c. for new crop.

Whisky steady—sales 1000 bbls at 90c. to 92c.

The Mexican Question.

The *Memorial Diplomatique* confidently asserts that the Archduke Maximilian will accept the crown tendered him by the majority to reach Napoleon at Paris, whence they proceed to St. Nazaire to embark in an Austrian frigate at Brest for a port in the Gulf of Mexico, probably Vera Cruz.

The Schleswig-Holstein Question.

The Danish troops had completely evacuated Holstein, including the six villages north of Oversee. The Danish troops in that part of Schleswig, but had been incorporated with Holstein.

The London *Times* remarks Scarcely can it be said that peace is yet within them. The feud is as serious with the nations as it is personally by the utmost discrimination from the reality of war, and it is impossible to tell how long even this semblance of peace may be sustained.

The Austrian proposal to the Federal Diet that the Prince of Augustenburg be immediately elevated to the throne of the Duchies was rejected by a vote of nine to seven.

The King of Denmark had reached Plasenburg, on a visit to the army.

Russia.

Russia had imposed upon Poland a fresh contribution of six millions of roubles, of which two and a half millions fall on Warsaw.

France.

The bullion in the Bank of France was still decreasing.

The *Courrier du Dimanche* had been suspended for two months.

Portugal.

The King opened the Cortes on the 2d. He said in his speech that the tobacco monopoly would be abolished next April. Tobacco may be cultivated in the provinces of Madeira and the Azores.

The Jubilee was satisfactory.

Gabriz, January 5—11 P. M.—The steamship Java has arrived at Queenstown.

Liverpool, January 5—The sales of cotton to-day are 5000 bales. The market is quiet and unchanged.

The breadstuffs market is firm. Wheat upward, with an advance of 2d.; winter red is scarce.

From Central and South America.

[From the Panama Correspondence of the New York *Herald*.]

Panama, January 9, 1864.—We hear that the revolution in the province of Antioquia is more serious than at first supposed. Four thousand men are in arms against Mosquera, and the government had been obliged to raise a large force to oppose them. The insurrection bears much enthusiasm in regard to Mosquera's factory, except among his partisans. This, if nothing else, is the strongest proof of his unpopularity with the majority.

It is said by those who apparently understand perfectly the situation, that it is the intention of Gen. Mosquera and Flores to combine against Pern, and endeavor by the conquest of that State to annex it also to the United States of Colombia. In this case they will have a task of large proportions, and one they will find difficult to complete.

A sailor going on shore on a bowsaw from the bark Ocean Bird, from England for sale, which arrived at Aspinwall on the 3d inst., was seized by a shark, which took off one of his legs at the knee joint. He also assisted the man to lost his left arm near the shoulder, then the right arm to the shoulder; and lastly, his head from the shoulders. The shark, with the one leg attached, floated, and was buried on the 7th by the ship's company.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Provost Court—Judge Alocke Presiding.—Pat. McMahon was fined \$50 and costs, charged with a keg of whisky, containing about 4 gallons, was or contrai. It was supposed that there was some smuggling care about it, but he showed a clear title to the property.

Chas. Parrot, of the Second Louisiana Regiment, who testified Capt. Fontaine, and was supposed to be leading men to desert, was sent to the regiment, to be kept under guard for sixty days.

Jas. Jimsey, of the Ninth, for a noisy debauch, was sentenced to forfeit two months pay. Tim Horn, who acted very unruly in the Bee! Market, has to do without leave of absence for ninety days, and a number of his comrades, for similar offenses, received the same sentences.

Joseph Reed, who was convicted of riotous and tumultuous conduct, was sentenced to Tortugas for a term of three years.

D. B. Anderson, of the Eleventh Connecticut, who had been wandering about for five days without leave of absence, was sent to the Parish Prison for sixty days, and a number of his comrades for lesser offenses were sent for thirty days.

A Murderer Convicted.—Lorenzo Saliba, who killed on the morning of All Saints' Day his countryman, L. Comuna, in the Vegetable Market, before break of day, was again tried yesterday. It is asserted that he walked up to the deceased, who was arranging his vegetable stand in the market, grabbed him by the neck, when he was on his knees handing out some garlics. In the position he gave his several stabs. Deceased grasped his murderer and called watch and murder declaring that Saliba had killed him and thrown the knife behind a barrel at the stand, where it was found. At a former trial the jury could not agree, but yesterday they brought an unqualified verdict of guilty within fifteen minutes after the case was given them for a verdict. Acting Attorney-General Tolmas for the State, Messrs. Abel and Mendizabal for the defense.

Second District Recorder's Court—Chas. Leamont, Esq., Presiding.—Margarets Bennier is about 12 years of age, and feels herself in the delicate situation of becoming a mother. A physician and a midwife are to testify to this, and that this condition was the result of a felonious violence committed by an accused. The case was postponed.

A Chinaman had to pay a fine of \$20 for being abusive to the police in broken English.

On Hot Trial for Homicide.—The drummer Cassidy, of the Ninth Connecticut regiment, was put on his trial yesterday for stabbing and killing another drummer named Burns. The evidence showed that seemed in of a very quiet disposition and bore a good character. Accused had made it a point to tease him, and at last got him into a scuffle wherein he was killed. The case was continued over to obtain more evidence for the defense.

The \$400 Robbery in the Fourth District.—Miss Hosier, who was in the service of Mr. Stamberg, on Laurel street, confessed that she took \$400 from a drawer, in her employer's house, of which sum \$253 50 are returned. She was sent before the First District Court for trial.

Miranda, a young mulatto girl, and Minnee, a black girl, were sent to the Workhouse upon the request of their mothers, who complain that they walk the forbidden broad road to ruin.

Gen. McClellan's Programme of the War.

New York papers have devoted much space recently to extracts from Gen. McClellan's report, which makes a volume of about 200 pages. All but the ultra radical journals admit that the documentary matter of the report proves Gen. McClellan to be not only a great master of war but to possess remarkable political sagacity and foresight and an extraordinary insight into the forces controlling society. The grounds for this high opinion of Gen McClellan's acumen, than that of Lewis Baker and Dan Setchell's.

PAID WITHOUT DOING SERVICE.—According to an official statement, the number of Major-Generals without commands, belonging to the United States army, is 20, whose total monthly pay is \$4 340; the number of Brigadier Generals drawing pay without performing duty is 47, whose total monthly pay is \$13,671.—Col. Adding to these figures the pay of staff officers attached to Generals that have no command, \$27,193 results as the sum which is thus monthly paid to officers who are off duty.

Two Days Later from the North

BY THE GEORGE CROMWELL.

Later and Important News from Europe.

WAR IMMINENT.

Maximilian going to Mexico with Reinforcements.

GOLD ADVANCING—15.

By the George Cromwell, which arrived about 10 o'clock, P. M., to-day, we have New York papers to the 19th, from which we give the most important intelligence:

The Military Situation.

The latest news regarding the military situation appears in the New York papers of the 19th.

We quote from the *Herald's* situation article:

Our latest dates from Charleston are to the 15th instant. General Gillmore has removed his headquarters to Hilton Head until the spring. Fort Sting on Fort Beauregard has taken place since last accounts. The rebels continue to fortify the ruins as best they can. The shelling of the city continues slowly and irregularly. We regard that the rebel rams are preparing for a raid upon our fleet in the harbor. A naval expedition up Red river has destroyed a rebel storehouse lying there loaded with cotton, rosin and turpentine, and destroyed the property belonging to Union men of that region, and of seizing the cotton as loading from Memphis to the East.

The possession of these roads by us, in connection with the occupation of the Mississippi would go far toward disarming the rebellion. Virginia by the rebels. In the meantime all the passes into Western Virginia from Maryland should be securely guarded. Lee's army would advise no movement from that quarter toward Richmond, unless the political condition of Kentucky should render it prudent for us to make the movement upon East Tennessee through that State. Every effort should, however, be made to organize a supply train as many troops as possible in Western Virginia, in order to render the Ohio and Indiana regiments available for other operations.

As as early a day as practicable, it would be well to protect and reopen the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Baltimore and Fortress Monroe should be occupied by garrisons sufficient to retain them in our possession. The importance of Harper's Ferry, and the line of the Potomac to the direction of Leesburg, will be very materially diminished as soon as our forces in the vicinity cease to capable of offensive and efficient, the war greater in territorial extent than any other ever waged, we must reorganize in its author a very high order of abilities. Every deviation from General McClellan's strategy has resulted in disaster; all our great successes have been won in pursuance of his ideas. A mind which thus rose at once to the full height of the situation, and saw without experience all that experience has yet been able to reach, is no ordinary master of military science, and possesses, besides, a judgment intuitively great. What point now considered of strategic importance was not designated by him as such before the war had fairly opened? But they were not merely designated; each was assigned the same place in the scale of relative importance which it holds in the judgment of military men to-day.

320 CASES SARDINES.—Marquet, Jr.'s 12 m-os CLARET. A. Soniat & Co.'s 10 baskets CHAMPAGNE, "Duc de la Rame." Landing on both Tauros, from Bordeaux. For sale by EDW. ROCHEREAU & CO. 76 and 78 St. Louis street.

Stowbridge Fire Bricks.

FOR sale to arrive. R. J. HART & CO. jan28 10t 77 and 79 Tchoupitoulas street.

Financial and Commercial News.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

London, January 4.—Consols closed at 90¾ to 90¾ for money.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

Illinois Central Railroad 25 to 24 discount; Erie Railroad 65 to 66.

London, January 5.—Consols 90¾ to 91 for money. Illinois Central Railroad 25 discount; Erie Railroad 65.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

The sales of cotton on Monday, (4th,) were 12,000 bales, including 5000 bales to speculators and exporters. The market is firm and still advancing, especially for American descriptions.

From Natchez.

By the steamer Ida May we have the Natchez *Courier* of the 26th inst.

The *Courier* notices the arrival at that place of Wm. P. Mellen, United States Treasury Agent for the whole Mississippi Valley District, whose purpose is to take necessary measures for the regulation of trade at that post.

The *Courier* also speaks of the frequent capture of Confederate prisoners by the Federal cavalry in the neighborhood of Natchez, and of a large number of prisoners shipped from that place for Vicksburg on the previous Saturday.

The same paper has the following:

CONFEDERATE MOVEMENTS.—WIRT ADAMS'S COMMAND SCOUR UP.

We learn that on Saturday last General Wirt Adams, with his Confederate force of about 1500 men, passed through Washington, six miles from this city, on his way towards Vicksburg or Jackson.

The advance of his men, some four hundred came unexpectedly upon a small cotton train of forays, under an escort of fifty Union cavalry, from Fayette, near Belfastown—"gobbling up" several of the soldiers, all the horses in the train, and burning the drays.

Before the train was done, we learn, however, some damage was done to the Confederates.

Another squad of Union cavalry was sent forward in pursuit of the Confederates, but with what results we have not learned.

[FROM OUR EVENING EDITION OF YESTERDAY.]

THE VARIETIES THEATRE.—*A Fine Bill for a Morbid Benefit.*—We are glad to see that the accomplished and industrious artist, Mr. Lewis Baker, is to have an excellent bill for the occasion of his benefit on Monday night. The bill comprises the well known and unfailingly popular Dot, or the Cricket on the Hearth, and Shakspeare's Comedy of Errors. Barton and Blake being dead, we could hardly name two actors whose appearance in the Two Dromios is calculated to excite more pleasing anticipations, than that of Lewis Baker and Dan Setchell's.

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MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 28, 1864.

The commercial week closed to-day with great firmness in nearly every department of the money market. Specie is rates showing an advance on last Tuesday's quotations of a premium in New York Bigh', 24 a 25 per cent. in Foreign Exchange, and short sight on Paris, while there has been an increased demand for all articles of staple production, and a higher price in almost all instances, with the exception of cotton, which is lower. Middlings are now quoted at 80c. per lb., and the market is dull at that figure. Sugar and molasses are also lower, and the latter is dull at 70c. per gallon.

The Exchange market was quiet to-day. Sight checks on New York rendered here at ¼ to ½ per cent. discount, one day's sight at ¾ to ⅞, country drafts the former, five and ten days' sight at ⅞ and sixty days sight at ¼ and ½. These figures will show an improvement. One of the banks asked ¾ per cent. premium for sight checks, but the others supplied the demand at par. Dealers drew at par to ¼ discount, the latter for sixty days' sight. In foreign exchange a sale of seven of first-class private sterling at 173. The banks were ready to sell at their previous rate of 175, claiming an advance in accordance with the current gold rate. We noticed sales of francs at 5.20 f. (private bills). The banks have been drawing at 5.20 and 5.15, but seem inclined to advance their rates.

Early in the morning the following rates were announced at the Merchants' Exchange, but as passed the bar, but no parties were known to have advanced their rates after P. M. By the following rates we see that the disposition to speculate in gold purchasing is not one of the news, but on the contrary there was a sale of gold at 45¾, and 45¾ cash, premium. After her arrival the market was, of course, higher, and some sales were made at 45¾, 46, 46¼ and 46½, premium. Silver and specie were also offered at the above rates, but no sales were reported.

Sterling Exchange—Bankers' bills on demand, 170 a 173; sixty days, 165 a 168; commercial, 160 a 162.

Francs—Bankers' bills on demand, 5.20 a 5.15; sixty days, 5.30 a 5.25; commercial, 5.35 a 5.30.

Gold—Buying, ¾ a ¾ premium; selling, ¾ a ¾ premium.

Silver—Buying, ¾ a ¾ premium; selling, ¾ a ¾ premium.

Specie—Buying, ¾ a ¾ premium; selling, ¾ a ¾ premium.

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Gossip.

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COMMERCIAL.

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THURSDAY EVENING, January 28, 1864.

COTTON.—The demand continues active for both before and after the arrival of the steamer, and the market has declined ¼ cent per lb. since our last report. Middling are now quoted at 80c. per lb. Sales of 1,000 bales were reported to-day, and 1,000 bales were taken for export. The receipts for the week are 1,000 bales, and the stock on hand is 1,000 bales.

Sugar and molasses are also lower. Sugar is now quoted at 12½ a 13c. per lb. for fair to prime, and molasses at 70c. per gallon.

Flour is dull and lower. Sales of 1,000 barrels were reported to-day, at \$6 50 a \$6 75 for superfine, and \$7 a \$7 50 for extra.

Corn is dull and lower. Sales of 1,000 bushels were reported to-day, at 1,000 bushels were reported to-day, at 1,000 bushels were reported to-day, at