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The auction sales of R. T. Montgomery, to be held this day, offer great attractions to buyers and should be generally attended. At 10½ o'clock, at the auctioneer 30 Canal street, will be sold 1000 casks Liverpool salt; also, sugar, molasses, flour, lumber, barrels, etc.; at 12 o'clock at No. 16 New Levee, 261 barrels choice flour; at 1 o'clock, at Mississippi Warehouse, 30 hhds prime sugar. For particulars see advertisements.

Splendid Furniture, Carpets and Looking-Glasses, at Auction by the Sheriff.—Particular attention is called to the sale to be made this day, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., on Orleans street, near the corner of Royal, by the Sheriff, of splendid household furniture, carpets and looking-glasses, &c.

By a special order of Brigadier General Shepley, Military Governor of Louisiana, it will be seen that he has appointed Captain Stephen Hoyt, U. S. Volunteers, Acting Mayor of New Orleans.

The United States mail steamship Havana, M. E. Grubb, commanding, left her wharf at 4:30 P. M., yesterday, for New York via Havana, with a full cargo, the United States mails and the following passengers:

FOR NEW YORK.

Mrs Gordon, Mrs Demarest and daughter, Messrs Victor F. Demarest, Rudolph Gerstle, E Goodwill, J H Wilcox, H H Goodwin, J A Hamilton lady and two daughters, Rev D Dodge, Capt Jas Hall, Capt S Cotesbelle, W B Mallory, James H Sanders, Geo H Flanders, Henry Shelligh, E W Hammond, Wm J Stapleton, F Bodman.

FOR HAVANA.

Mr Art Prentice, wife, daughter and servant; Messrs John F Black, James Hall Baker, Bernard Lesseps.

The U. S. steam transport Chawbra, J. B. Baker, commanding, from New York January 30th, arrived here yesterday afternoon, bringing the following passengers:

Dr. Thomas, Col Risher, Col Holmsdell, Capt Shadden, Lt Finley, Lt Howard, Surg Spohn, Lt Dorsey, Lt Conner, Asst Surg Cleveland, Capt Dillon, Capt Dillon, Capt Swain, Lt J J Bartlett, Lt F Norman, Lt W H Cavalla, Dr J Howe, Lt Wardell and family, Jewett, R W Roberts, Alfred Hoyt, Mr Hunnewell, Lt A Dutcamp, Rev Chaf Cosby (and Abby, F W Sawyer, Lt H Kull, Lt Putnam, Lt Bent, Lt A Bailey, Capt Francis Tribby, Surg Andrews, Surg Newton, Mr Thebodie, and 70 Asiatic passengers.

Academy of Music—*A Quadruple Bowill.*—A bill of great attraction is put forth for the benefit to-night of Rose, Carlo, Sheppee and Whitney, the four holding acrobatic and gymnastic feats on the circus stands at the Academy. None who have attended the circus performances here can fail to have been struck with the admirable manner in which Carlo and Rose acquitted themselves in the Comic Brothers, and Sheppee and Whitney in their startling feats on the trapeze. The full strength of the company will assist at the benefit, and in addition to other features, Carlo will appear in the implement act—a occasional novelty.

A special noon performance for ladies and children will be given to-day as usual.

Nantinez New Saloon.—Mr. Joseph Santini, so long and so favorably known at the old stand on Gravier street, opposite the St. Charles Hotel, has opened a new saloon at No. 38 Carondelet street, where his friends and the public in general may be assured of receiving their welcome and that satisfactory attention for which the proprietor has heretofore been proverbial. We need not say that the new establishment in the elegance and completeness of its appointments, shows the work of a master hand. The cigar and tobacco department is especially worthy of commendatory mention. Its flavors, genuine and freshly imported, are truly incomparable this side of Cuba. The priceless of the most confirmed anti-tobacconists, we are sure, would soon yield to the seductions of their delicious aroma.

Additional, via the River.

Rebel Operations On the Mississippi.

Cairo, February 2.—A deserter, who entered the Federal lines a few days ago, stated that a rebel General, with two brigades of Louisiana and Texas troops, was marching from the interior of Western Louisiana to the Mississippi river, opposite Rodney, intending to blockade the river temporarily, in order to get army and ammunition across from Eastern to trans-Mississippi department. General Enger and staff were expected to cross there and take command of the rebel forces west of the river.

The enemy succeeded a week before in breaking a fortress, containing several thousand stand of arms and a large quantity of ammunition, near Greenville. Their object in threatening the river at various points is to get munitions of war into the trans Mississippi department. The boats are constructed in the interior and brought on wheels to the river, launched, loaded with ammunition, etc., and taken across. The communication is maintained between the two wings of the Confederacy.

Later information gives a rumor to the effect that a company of Texas cavalry, which Illinois mounted infantry, confounded by Captain Call, numbering fifty men, were captured fifteen miles in the rear of Natchez by rebel cavalry. It appears the Captain, whose duty it is to collect supplies for the post, went with his command twelve or fifteen miles out, where he was attacked by 300 rebels. At last accounts he had had a severe skirmish and was driven further from the city, and doubtless would be captured. He was sent out by order of Colonel Johnson. The officers of the steamer Diadem, from Skipwith's Landing, report the steamboat Lilly Martin captured last Thursday night by guerrillas, near Napoleon, Arkansas. The steamer Arago was in search of a gunboat to recover her. The Lilly Martin was taken by the rebels up Arkansas river.

From the South, via New York.

New York, February 2.—Richmond papers contain an account of the running ashore and burning by her crew of the blockade-runner Vesta, with a valuable cargo of army supplies, including a splendid uniform for General Lee, from his admirers in London.

It occurred near Wilmington on the 10th of January. The Vesta was a new double-screw steamer on her first voyage.

Headquarters Army of Northern Virginia, January 29.—General Order No. 7.—The Commanding General considers it due to the army to state a temporary reduction of rations has been caused by circumstances beyond the control of those charged with its support. Its welfare and comfort are objects of his constant and earnest solicitation, and no effort has been spared to provide for its wants.

It is hoped the exertions now being made will render the necessity but of short duration, but the history of the army has shown that the country requires no sacrifice too great for its patriotic devotion.

Soldiers! you tread with no unequal steps the road by which your fathers marched through suffering privations and blood for independence. Continue to emulate in the future, as you have in the past their valor in arms, their patience, endurance and fortitude, their high resolve, and from which no trial could shake, no bribe seduce, no danger appal, and be assured that the just God who rewarded their efforts with success will, in His own good time, send down His blessings upon you.

(Signed) R. E. Lee.

Richmond papers have articles on our Presidential election, and the chances of Mr. Lincoln and Gen. Grant, and on the coming spring campaign in Virginia, of which they express much the anxiety.

The *Examiner* has an important leader. It says the time has passed for offensive military operations on the part of the Southern armies, beyond recovering the lost portions of territory. That true policy now is to risk nothing. Our means of resistance have been too long exhausted to admit of any more defensive tactics. It has become with us now a simple question of endurance with the South. The question of endurance is simply a question of a sufficient supply of food for the people and the army. The South can hold out indefinitely, if she can but get the food she does succeed; the Richmond Congress can bring her to subjugation in six months more by conscripting the present producing classes and throwing them into the army. The alternative is simple, a choice of food and clothing. The first duty of the Government is to provide these supplies, and if they are not provided in case by purchasing the army, the alternative must be adopted by seizing with sufficient armies, using the ration of Fabius and the strategy of defence.

Mobile, January 27.—Twelve transports have passed down the Mississippi within the past twenty days.” Gen. Sherman and his staff accompanied them.

Important from Washington.

SERIOUS COMPLICATION WITHOUT FRANCE REGARDING THE REBEL RAMS.

Special to the New York World.

Washington, February 1.—It is rumored in high official circles that we are on the eve of a war with France.

Mr. Mason is said to have pressed such a course towards the French Government concerning the Florida, Hasphannock, and the rams now to be built here in France for the rebels, as called a reply from the French Emperor, in effect, in accordance with which the United States must either abandon its protectorate or go to war to maintain itself.

Mr. Dayton was, it is stated, instructed to demand of France the surrender of the belligerent rights accorded to the rebels; and it is certain that he has since acted promptly with the French Cabinet, which alarms all but Mr. Seward. He, it is said, is the eminent certainty of a war in Europe, and takes the ground that it is best to provoke France to it.

This may be taken for what it is worth.

Gun Explosion on the Mississippi.

The Memphis *Bulletin*, of the 5th says:

The steamer Diadem, left here yesterday on the Mississippi. The Kinsen No. 2, Capt. Millhand, was laid up late at the foot of Ship Island, fifteen miles below Vicksburg, with a broken cylinder. Three shells struck the steamer and exploded. One in the cabin, one in the boiler room, and the other passed through the pilot-house. The shells were filled with Greek fire, and the boat was soon in flames. Several others, in the vicinity of Capt. Millard at the fire soon extinguished the flames. Two more shells also struck the boat, and several passengers narrowly escaped them.

Gorgas Bites his Bridle.

One of the most destructive explosions that which the city has been visited for 5 years occurred on Monroe street, between 3 and 4 o'clock last night destroying the whole block of wooden houses, four stories in height, on the north side of that street, extending from the corner of Second to the alley dividing it from the rear of Mitchell, Hoffman & Co.'s furniture establishment.

We could not learn the extent of, if there was any insurance on the property. The block was owned by Mr. Coleman Boyd, of this city, and was erected several years since. Next to his loss that of Blood & Co. is heaviest, and Captain Ryder comes in third. Whatever mishaps to furnish any estimate of the loss sustained by each of the sufferers, which could not be obtained at the time, we think the total loss will reach $60,000.—*Memphis Argus*, 5th.

The Mississippi Rising.

The St. Louis papers of the 3d report the river rising rapidly. In twenty-four hours it had risen upwards of ten inches.

The Memphis *Argus* of the 5th says:

The river is still rising. Since our last issue it has risen from six to eight inches. The prospect is that it will increase in volume for some time to come.

Later Western Markets.

St. Louis, February 2, P. M.—Tobacco.—The new loss arrivior are in high order, and lugs are generally green and sappy, with break of 21 hhds. Sales at both city and State warehouses comprise 8 hhds planters' lugs at $7 to $11 20; 4 do common shipping leaf at $18 to $16 90; 10 do medium manufacturing leaf at $17 10 to $19 25; 1 do. good medium manufacturing leaf at $30 25.

Flour—Continues to be active in small way, prices unchanged, with sales of 570 bbls, including 100 bbls branded single X country at $5 80; 140 bbls triple X at $7 25; 260 bbls triple X at $7 50.

Whisky—Was much excited, and prices advanced from 1 to 5c per gallon, with sales of 548 bbls, including 50 bbls ordinary proof at 81c; 15 bbls do do at 83c; 80 bbls do do at the market; 209 bbls ordinary proof at private terms.

Hogs continue to arrive freely, and sold at a decline; sales this morning of 2000 head—those averaging 200 pounds and upward, were sold at 6¼c. net, ranging as low as 5c. net.

Beef Cattle—About 150 head arrived to day, which were all sold. The demand is good; arrivals not equal to the demand. Prices continue firm, closing with an upward tendency; sales comprise 31 head; one lot common, average weight 800 pounds, sold at 30 gross; 15 head common, averaging 1,000 pounds, sold at 35c. gross; 40 head in two lots, one of average weight 1,140 pounds, choice, at 44c. gross; the other lot, choice, average 1,145 pounds, at 44c. gross; 6 head choice young steers, average weight 1,000 pounds, sold at 5c. gross.

Cincinnati, February 2.—Flour dull and heavy; $5 50 to $5 85 for sugar, and $5 90 to $6 25 for extra.

Whisky advanced 5c, closing firm at 80c, at which 800 barrels were sold.

Memphis, February 2.—Cotton is for best country and city, with a good demand at 57c. loss. Bulk shoulders in good request at 7½ to 8c., the latter for heavy; 8 sides at 9 to 9¼c; and clear sides at 10¼ to 10½c. loose. 200,000 pounds Cumberland cut middles sold at 9c loose, and 200 hhds bulk shoulders, medium weight, at 7½c, packed. Lard dull at 12½ to 13c.

CITY INTELLIGENCE

Provost Court—Judge Attaka presiding.—James Hawthorne having obtained his pass and the privilege of leave of absence for sixty days, became be forced his company unto the hands of Mr. Mary Pitts, and insulted her.

Hawthorne belongs to the cavalry and Smith to the artillery. On Monday night they changed uniforms, as they said, for fun. When arrested the cavalry man was very violent. He was fined seven for six months, the other looses six months pay.

Dan Hunt, of the First Maine Battery, was found dead drunk. He had $195, and was ordered to pay the watchman who arrested him $10 for saving his money.

Mardi Gras.—The streets were thronged yesterday evening with the enfloon, who enjoyed themselves with a sight of the masked parties, who occasionally showed themselves in the streets, singly, in pairs, and in groups on foot and on horseback. There appeared no unity of action, to give effect or make a grand display as in former times; but there was some fun.

Second District Recorder's Court—Chas Leamont Presiding.—S. Debut and M. Courtade, two bakers, whose bread did not come up to the weight prescribed by the tariff, were fined $10.

Miss Peebain complained of Mrs. Bertrand about improper treatment received at the hands of accused, who was fined $10 and required to give peace bonds.

Some drunken cases were visited with the usual punishments.

The Precious Fined.—Wilson, of the First District police, was fined before Recorder Vanard for arresting Bianca Robbins in her own house without cause, and acting in a rude manner. An officer of the United States army appeared against the policeman to have justice done in the case.

Passing Counterfeit Money.—F. Caney, N. Cabrea and Augustino Sandy, Sicilians, who were arrested on a charge of passing counterfeit money, were examined yesterday before Recorder Vanvard, and discharged for want of evidence.

Another Murder Completed.—Raphael Magliore lingered some time, and died yesterday, from the effect of some stab wounds. The coroner has the case in hand.

[FROM OUR EVENING EDITION OF YESTERDAY.]

Municipal.—The *Era* learns that Captain Stephen Hoyt has been appointed Acting Mayor of New Orleans. Captain Hoyt is said to have filled also two various municipal offices, and, consequently, brings to the Acting Mayoralty of this city the advantages of a rife experience.

One Day Later from the North, VIA THE RIVER.

IMPORTANT WAR NEWS

MARTINSBURG THREATENED.

Rumored Raid Across the Potomac by Imboden.

AN EFFORT TO DESTROY THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

A Gunboat Expedition into North Carolina.

THE MEMPHIS EXPEDITION.

Reported Revolt of the Fort Morgan Garrison, Mobile.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

Gold 157 1-2.

By the steamer Julia we have papers from St. Louis to the 3d and from Memphis to the 5th.

The War in Virginia.

Baltimore, February 2.—Information from the Upper Potomac to night indicates that the rebels are making a great effort to destroy the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The telegraph lines were not about noon to-day, east of Cumberland, and the bridges at North Branch and Patterson have been burned.

There was some fighting at the latter point.—It is feared that an attack would be made on Martinsburg. The rebel force was about 500 strong, under Rosser, that made his attack on Patterson's Creek and North Branch. After burning these bridges they moved in the direction of New Creek.

Philadelphia, February 2.—The *Bulletin* has received the following dispatch from Governor Curtin:

Your Telegram is the first notice I have received of the rumor of a raid across the Potomac by Imboden. General Cooch would give me information if any such thing occurred, or was threatened. (Signed,) A. G. Curtin.

Baltimore, February 2.—It has been satisfactorily ascertained that the rumor that the rebel General Imboden had crossed the Potomac was a canard.

From North Carolina.

New York, February 2.—The following are extracts from Richmond papers:

Two Yankee gunboats ascended the Chowan river as far as Harrellsville, Hertford county, on Thursday last, and landed three hundred men, who burned several houses and destroyed 10,000 pounds of Government bacon. Rebel accounts report several of them killed by our cavalry, while rampaging in that town.

The health of A. H. Stephens was improving.

The Memphis Expedition.

New York, February 2.—Advices from Memphis state the Sixteenth Army Corps are preparing to move. Transports are being fitted up in Memphis and receive large stores of corn now on the way to Mobile. Some 12,000 cavalry are concentrated to participate in this movement.

Release of the Fort Morgan Garrison.

New York, February 2.—A correspondent of the Boston *Journal*, on board the gunboat Jackson, at Ship Island, writes on the 25th ult., as follows: Last night about 10 o'clock, a small sail boat came down the Sound with some very important intelligence. The rebels in Fort Morgan revolted, and during the difficulty, the rebel leaders in Mobile they attempted to arrest the garrison of the fort. The whole fort being in revolt, and with the American flag flying, opened on the rebel gunboats with every gun in the fort.

They succeeded in driving the gunboats off, but were not on their guard, and that night a large force was sent down from Mobile, capturing the whole garrison, excepting four men, who secreted in the darkness in a small boat and escaped to Ship Island, when we heard for the first time the news from the interior. Since then we have heard more of the result from these additional deserters. Seventy of the revolters are condemned to be shot to-day, in Mobile.

We also hear from these deserters, that at Horn Island, in the Sound, there are eighteen more deserters from the rebel army. In and around Mobile, and on Round Island, there are several fifty regiments of rebel infantry.

These deserters bring the very important intelligence that the rebel forces in and around Mobile have organized, each societies, determined to fight it out longer. It is said the movement started among the soldiers is daily growing stronger, and many officers are concerned in the movement.

From Washington.

Washington, February 2.—Hon. Mr. Kitchen, member of Congress from the Martinsburg, Va., district, was driven from his house on Sunday last, by the invasion of rebel Gough's force.

The trains are to-day running regularly on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, though there are frequent reports of a raid on Harper's Ferry.

The new call for troops will necessitate an additional appropriation of $200,000,000.

The army appropriation bill appropriates $540,000,000.

The Senate Finance Committee will not report the tax bill amendments to-day.

Latest New York Markets.

New York, February 2.—Money decidedly easier at 7. Sterling dull at 172. Gold dull, opening at 57¾, declining to 57⅛, and closing dull at 57⅜ to 57⅛.

Cotton more active and ⅛ to 1c. better, 83 to 83½c. for middling upland.

Flour more active and 5 to 10c. better on shipping brands; $6 90 to $7 05 for extra State, $7 35 to $7 60 for round hoop Ohio, and $7 65 to $8 50 for trade brands.

Pork is little more active, but without decided change. Lard more active but unchanged

Items from Cairo.

A Cairo dispatch of the 30th January has the following:

About 4 o'clock, in the afternoon of Saturday, the steamer S. J. Patton was burned at Walker's Bend. She took fire accidentally, it is supposed, from furnaces. She was immediately headed for the shore. The Diadem came up soon after, and brought off her crew. The Patton was owned by Hart & Co., of Memphis. The total cost of the boat, with what valuables were on board, amounted to twenty-five thousand dollars.

Guerrillas are again making their appearance. There has been some trouble at Pointe Gown the river. On last Saturday night a band, numbering some forty or fifty, paid a visit to Island 60, opposite Helena, overpowered the guard, numbering thirty, and carried off all the plunder they could find, including a few cattle.

Gen. Dodge, of the Sixteenth Army Corps, is concentrating a large force at Corinth, the other day, apprising you of the abandonment of that post and of the railroad east of Lagrange. The troops are now there, reorganizing for a grand expedition of an important character. Our brigade of the Sixteenth Army Corps, consisting of the Fourteenth, Twenty-seventh and Thirty second Iowa, and the One Hundred and Seventy eighth New York, under command of Brigadier General A. J. Smith, will form part of the expeditionary army.

I am not permitted to give details. The destination of the expedition is confraband news, as are also all facts as to the number of troops, plans, etc. Suffice it to say that the expedition is about ready to start, and that its object is one of the greatest importance towards closing up the rebellion. A heavy blow will be struck in an unexpected quarter.

Gen. Schofield left St. Louis on the 30th ultimo, for his new command at Knoxville.

Two Days Later

Halifax, February 1.—
Galway on the 19th ultimo
Her news is unimportant.

The steamship Louisiana, from Liverpool, bound to New York, put back to Queenstown on the 18th, disabled. Her decks were swept, and several of her passengers and two of her crew were washed overboard.

Denmark has rejected the Austria-Prussian ultimatum.

The Austrian and Prussian ambassadors are reported to have quitted Copenhagen on the 18th.

Austria reviewed 20,000 troops, to march immediately on Schleswig.

In Prussia, military preparations are progressing vigorously.

The French Chambers continued to debate the address to the Emperor Napoleon. It is stated the amendment in regard to Mexico will be met by a ministerial statement. Since the 1st of January all the expenses of the French troops have been borne by the Mexican Government.

Archduke Maximilian will visit Paris as the guest of the Emperor, and will be received with appropriate honors.

Garibaldi has issued a proclamation announcing the formation of a constitution to promote the Italian Union, etc., inviting all Italians to rally around it.

Very Latest—Per Hibernian.

London, January 19.—The London *Times*, in a city article, says the summary conflagration sent to Denmark by Austria and Prussia, for the withdrawal of the obnoxious constitution, on pain of an immediate occupation of Schleswig, produced a further depression in all the markets yesterday, which was aggravated by the increasing necessity of the drain of gold from the Bank of France.

About 35,000 pounds were taken from the Bank of England for France, and 40,000 sovereigns for Alexandria. About 20,000 pounds sold in private hands were also transmitted to Paris.

The *Daily News*, in a city article, says:—Paris advices state the application for the new French Government loan of 12,000,000 pounds, the last of which were opened yesterday, are expected to reach an astounding total, according to the belief of some, an aggregate of 1,600,000,000 pounds sterling will be attached, being thirteen times the subscription of 1852.

A Bismarck telegraph to the *Morning Herald* says:

Flensburg, Monday night.—The envoys of Prussia and Austria have presented ultimatums calling on the Danish Government to withdraw the November Constitution. The Danish Government has rejected the demand. The envoys left Copenhagen at 7 o'clock this P. M., by a private steamer.

The *Daily News* says it will probably be proposed early in the session to appoint a Government Commission to consider the question of a railroad in the metropolis.

London, January 19.—Consols for money, 90 to 90¾.

Liverpool, January 19.—The cotton sales on Monday and Tuesday were only 5000 bales. Market closed very dull.

Breadstuffs opened firmer, wheat 1 to 2d. higher. Provisions generally steady; lard firmer.

The rebel loan is quoted at 42 to 44.

Politics in France.—M. Thiers and His Recent Speeches.

[From the Paris Correspondence of the New York Commercial.]

Paris, Friday, January 15, 1864.—The emotion caused by the magnificent discourse of M. Thiers continues, and is certainly working a change in public sentiment against the Government. On the street we hear every one declare that there must be a change, and that the Empire is about to end in a revolution. The best and most loyal citizens feel the burning shame of a State which pretends to give laws, literature and science to other nations, while we are free, while France remains unfit for freedom.

M. Thiers demanded a free press, free speech, free elections, and a return to the system of ministerial responsibility. For the press he demanded the repeal of the despotic law brought into existence after the coup d'état of 1851, and which places the fate of every great journal published in the Empire at the mercy of a Chief of Bureau at the Ministry of the Interior, and it transfers to the tribunals of the common law. For, speech he demanded the right of free discussion on the acts of the Government the same as on all other questions. For the elections he demanded the right of all official candidates and the official pressure on electors, which is the sure corollary of the system, to be discontinued; and finally he demanded the adoption of the monarchial system of ministerial responsibility as safer for the liberties and the contentment of the people, and also for the perpetuation of the dynasty.

These demands he sustained by arguments so logical as to be irrefutable. M. Rouher, the Minister of State, in defending the regime, lost his temper, abused the Republican party and all parties, called the press hard names, revived the old conversion which had better be forgotten for the repression of all comment, and in a total result only gave more *eclat* to the speech of M. Thiers by the contrast between the two. Thiers terminated with a warning to the Government that if they did not take heed to the advertisement contained in the late elections, the people would compel them to accord the needed liberty. To this expression M. Rouher, the Prefect M. de Morny, and, in fact, the whole opposition in the Chamber, took exception as a threat, and pronounced it unparliamentary in form and untrue in fact. M. Thiers declined to withdraw the expression, but he explained that he did not mean that liberty would be demanded and enforced by the people in a violent way, but at the ballot box and by other peaceable deposed channels.

M. Thiers again spoke yesterday, especially on the manner in which the elections are conducted, and he again terminated with a solemn warning to the Government to be careful and accord the proper reforms in time to avoid the action of the growing opposition. As before, this "menace" raised a storm of reclamations and derogations in the Chamber, and the session becomes altogether a most stormy one. So many dynastics factions, and parties have been in power in France within the lives of the present generation of politicians, and each have so many political faults and political crimes to reproach the other with, that when reproaches commence to rain in the Chamber the place becomes a Babel of angry words and gesticulations, which are neither profitable to the country nor honorable to the Chamber. So far, however, it must be said to their credit, the members have avoided as much as possible the use of personalities, and but one challenge has been provoked during the two months' debate—that sent by M. Horlaille to the Marquis d'Havrincourt.

Gen. Grant was still in St. Louis on the 1st instant, the recipient of abundant hospitalities and honors.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

SEE OFFICE,
Tuesday Evening, Feb. 9, 1864.

There was but little done in Exchange to-day. The demand from the Banks appeared to be generously supplied, and there was only a moderate amount of business done outside. We noticed, however, sales of New York sight at ¼ B % P cent. discount, (the buying four to-day, gallery and two voyageurs, a double and the latter rate) one New York sight at ¼ B ½ and finished 15 days' at 1¾. We also noticed one sale of 15 days' at the extreme rate of ¾. The Banks checked at par, ¼ P cent. discount, the latter for large amounts only, and dealers drew at ¼. Nothing of any moment transpired in Foreign bills. The Banks sold Sterling at 1720 176 and 180, and France at 5120 5115 and 5170. Private bills may be quoted at 172¾ 5175 for Sterling, and 520 5235 for France.

The Specie market was not very active, but firmer or more inquired than yesterday. Some round sums of Gold sold at 57¾, 57⅞ and 58 P cent. premium. Quarter and smaller lots changed hands as low as 57 and 57½ and as high as 58¾. The dealers paid 57 for the small numb pf. Silver was in request, and sold at 57¾. We have no change to note in Exchange on the North, and close at 57 cent premium, selling at 55. Mexican dollars command the full premium of gold, but we heard of no sales.

The Treasury Bank of Louisiana notes has subsided, and sales were made to-day in lots of 5, 6, 7 and 8 dollar. Merchants' are still quoted at 57½c. and Crescent City at 67 70. Dealers pay 3¾ P cent. premium for both Citizens' and Union Bank notes. Some sold outside at 5, and the latter at 4¾ 5, when wanted in large lots. Canal Bank and Levee notes are quoted at 5 buying. Legal Tender notes circulate freely at par with our general currency.

Sales to-day and Sunday as follows, and generally held at advanced rates, holders of City Railroad selling 135, (we reported a sale yesterday at 123 50, which was an error.) while Gas Light is in very limited supply, but would probably command 120 to 125. Very near those figures were being freely offered. Northwestern stock was offered at 60, and Mechanics' and Traders' Insurance at 70, but no sales reported. Canal Bank sold at 100 and 101. Citizens' Bank at 100. Union Bank at 100. Mechanics' and Traders' Insurance at 70. Crescent City Insurance at 67½