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NEW ORLEANS:

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB'Y 13, 1864.

Sales at Auction To-day.

By B. M. Morphy, flour, tar, coffee and cotton oil.

By E. M. Jacobs, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, at 12 o'clock, 2 lots of ground with improvements.

By McCrea & Landry, at 11 o'clock, at their auction mart, furniture.

Messrs. McCrea & Landry will sell this day, at 11 o'clock, at their mart, Magazine Hall, furniture, books, &c.

The fine British schooner Planet, 76 tons burthen, newly coppered and copper bolted, will be sold at 4 o'clock, P. M., this day, by Penn 39, opposite Port street, Third District, by E. T. Montgomery, auctioneer. See advertisement.

CARTON.—The auction sale of E. T. Montgomery, at 1 o'clock, this day, at salesroom 69 Camp street, should command the attention of dealers and speculators. A large portion being of the most desirable classifications, samples will be ready for inspection.

NOON PERFORMANCE AT THE ACADEMY.—Those interested in the combined circus performances at this place, should not forget that the last soon entertainment of this kind will be given to-day.

D. E. Morphy, auctioneer, sells this day, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at his auction mart, 2 bile-castor oil, and pandrins; 10½ A. M., in store No. 51 Poydras street, 26 bags Rio coffee; at 11 A. M., in St. Louis Warehouse, 200 sacks oats and 100 bbls extra flour; at 11½ A. M., in Mississippi Warehouse, 50 bales hay. See advertisements.

The United States mail steamship Geo. Washington, F. V. Georges, commander, will leave her wharf at 9 o'clock precisely this morning for New York direct, with a full cargo, the United States mails, and the following passengers:

Geo Garr, wife and servant, Miss M Garr, Miss L Garr, F Donohoe, S Piffet, B Merrie, J Shortall, J Hersch, A Marx, H Lowry, Mrs Dr Ash and 3 M Offic, D Dansie, J G Crudden, H P Willis, T Quarrell and wife, Miss C Roby, Major J W Hudson, Jos Lemonier.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIREMEN'S UNAPPROPRIATE ASSOCIATION.—We have before us a copy of the Annual Report of the Officers and Committees of this Association for the year 1863. The communication from the President, I. N. Marks, is such as to gladden all who have sympathies with the charities and set a just value upon the utilities of the Association. President Marks observes: "Indeed it may be considered a remarkable circumstance, that an organization, with a system of charity more enlarged and comprehensive than any similar one in the country, has not only during the past year maintained its entire system intact, but has absolutely widened the sphere of its action." With regard to the administration of the fund for the Widows and Orphans, he states that it has contributed to the support of 143 widows, 295 children, and 31 orphans; and that, in addition to medicines and medical attendance and funeral expenses when necessary, furnished without cost, $1000 per month has been expended for this charity.

The President justly adds:

It will show our citizens, that the self-sacrificing labors of the firemen is not confined simply to the brave discharge of their duties in the hour of danger; but that, whether battling with the element against which it is his duty to combat, or in performing the more humane and noble mission of alleviating distress, he shrinks not from the one, or ever overlooks the other.

A Work on American Politics.

We have been favored by the author with a neat little volume bearing the underscored title: "American Politics, a Political Work, being a Reading of the causes of the Civil War, the Nature of Government, and the Necessity for Reform. By W. W. Hendrix. New Orleans: Printed by Jas. T. Hinton, 27 Commercial Place. 1864."

This work discusses briefly, but with creditable method and perspicuity, nearly every topic connected with the history of American politics. The immediate object to which it seems directed is the agitation of important changes in the Federal Constitution, with a view to laying a securer basis of American nationality.

The author makes a very plausible distinction between national policy and constitutional rights and obligations, and does not hesitate to avow the opinion that, whenever these are in irreconcilable conflict, the Constitution ought to be sacrificed. This theory is certainly simple and convenient, and to many minds attractive. But when it is remembered that national policy is often mere matter of crude opinion, and that it may be easily simulated on unobtainable grounds, the dangers of such a theory when wielded by demagogues or fanatics, are but too obvious.

The author thinks that the breaking out of civil war is a conclusive proof of radical defects in the Federal Constitution. And yet he does not deny that this instrument would have worked successfully in the hands of an American population like that existing at the time of its adoption. He admits that political morals have retrograded and that the Constitution is by no faulty because the people are incapable of adapting themselves to so high a model of government. A singular argument, but one not without a degree of melancholy force. A perfect government is only fit for a perfect people. The Gospel comprises the sublimest of codes for the regulation of human conduct in all relations and conditions. But what moral unity can be organized and governed by such a code!

For the rest, the author advocates a stronger government than the one provided by the Constitution. He would have fewer elections and longer tenure of office. The Presidency especially he would assimilate as nearly as circumstances will admit to a hereditary monarchy, making each eldest Senate President the successor. He would also materially reduce suffrage. Slavery he would abolish, because opposed to homogeneity of the population, or in other words to national policy. The book, whatever may be thought of its views, is quite suggestive, and worthy of note as one of the signs of the time.

The British Parliament and the United States Congress Compared.

Mr. George Augustus Sala, a writer of remarkable facility and no inconsiderable piquancy, and who enjoys in England a high reputation for literary distinction, is at present holding *Carnaby Saloons*, letters from the United States for the London *Daily Telegraph*. In this capacity of traveler and note-taker in America, he has astonished readers on both sides of the water by a daring insertion upon the most established habit and most cherished maxim of the whole tribe of the English professors. These writers are used to fall with unvarying regularity into many unseemly worthiness, or worse than useless, if unpretentiously American—for being as absurd fatuous and disgusting impertinence, if merely a cis-Atlantic development of something English.

Their maxim was to look upon similarity to an English prototype as protection inferiority, and every difference from an English standard as intrinsic barbarism. Mr. Sala's bold disregard of the example of the Trollopes, mothers, and son, of Hall, of Martyatt, of Dickens, of Russell, and sundry other epistolographic and book-making Englishmen, is exquisitely shown in a comparison made by him of the relative luxury between the British Parliament and the United States Congress; a comparison so favorable to the latter that even the radical journals of the North publish it with an indignant forgiveness for some of the bitter things which he had previously said of President Lincoln, Mr. Seward, Mr. Chase, and some of the most eminent Federal officials.

A Congressman had agreed to introduce him to the floor of the House, but they missed each other. Mr. Sala says:

"Still I got on pretty well without him. A very civil doorkeeper told me that the 'inside of the machine was roaring,' and the fact of the members called, he would send in my card to the gentleman of whom I was in quest; yes, a civil doorkeeper! Only imagine a decently courteous janitor at the door of the British House of Commons! I suppose that most Englishmen of the middle class have had, at some time of their lives, to wait in order for admittance to gorgeous gallery, or have been anxious to canvass for a moment with a member of Parliament while that honor was abiding. I suppose we have most of us gone through those humiliating and repulsive ordeals; that we have been ordered out of the way by policemen; have failed to obtain a civil answer to a question, and that over most of us has come a burning desire to cudgel the insolent, overbearing, and ignorant fellows who occupy the lobby and the entrance of the House. The state of the case is very different here. For such a matter of office seeking as that I am in, I look in vain for the United States is extremely rare."

Other contrasts he hits happily thus:

"There were, perhaps, a score of functionaries present at the point of ingress to the two houses; but they gave themselves no airs; they returned, at so fondly carry or openly impertinent reply. I missed again the double hedge of cringing officers, threat look by the members of the A. D. C. I missed again the man with projects, the man with companies, the man with grievances, who have grown half mad themselves at the fateful reception with unsavory newspapers, piles of prospectus, bad reams of dog's-eared correspondence, following the M. P.'s about, hanging on their skirts, pleading in their ears, and making their lives a torment to them. I missed even the poet, consequential, and fussy dispenser of his lugubrious threnodies, as they passed to and from the House. A British M. P., once within the great door of Westminster Hall, is, unless he be, for you know that he is one of the collective wisdom of the nation. Outside he has been squabbling in Old Palace yard with a cabman over a sixpenny fare; but you see him enter the lobby, and he is majesty. To policeman to him, the tuneless door-keeper deigns to speak to them. Those whom he sees fit to answer a word from session to session may say that he uttered 'another a few times, and had the undespised Parliament for Old Sarum, to one single speaker, to persuade you that he is a great personage; that the consulated titles, the fringes, the stones, the Gothic carving and gilding, all belong to him; that he is one who has stationery and a smoking room fitted him by a grateful country, and who for any member of them books for nothing. Still not say a word in support of his person to obtain the waterships, letter-carriers' attendance, or commissions for the inland revenue for his friends, relatives or dependents. Such a power may be among the attributes of the American legislature. But they fail to show it at the immediate entrance to the hall of debate. Wherever the 'log-rolling,' the 'wire-pulling' and the 'pipe-laying' are done, a stranger sees nothing of these processes in the lobby; whereas, in England you cannot be five minutes in the Parliamentary corridor without being aware that you are in the presence of a mob of suitors and hangers-on and genteel beggars. The begging is done somewhere, I presume, at Washington, over the bar at Willard's perhaps, or in the barber's shop in the hall, where the white jacketed negroes shave so deftly."

After describing, in a sentence or two, the organization of the House, he proceeds:

"This was all. The school was at work, the 'machine was running.' There was no blasting of trumpets, no bowing and scraping of court creatures, stock all over with gold lace—no daughter of nobleman, no glittering of stars; nor was there any unseemly historic Asiatic rush of members from one House to the other to hear a speech read. To me the spectacle was not less than sublime. The rowdyism is to begin—if to begin it is destined—when the members are to set to shaming or cowhiding one another, or exchanging imputations of cowardice, mendacity, fraud and drunkenness, I do not know. Every thing which I beheld appeared to me thoroughly modest, simple, and noble—the free citizens of a great commonwealth seating about the task of governing themselves, and doing it sensibly and well."

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From time to time the sovereign people elapse its hands, shouts, whistles, addresses some fellow-citizen, or, perhaps, the House, or presume to sing a song. When a particular point is made by an orator in the deputies' seats beneath. But such instances of misconduct are, I hope and believe, very rare. They are as rare as the brawls and scenes which would have been, at times now and far between, known to disturb the equanimity of the Senate and to scandalize the dignity of the House of Representatives. Before I go, I beg that my compliments may be taken to the American Congress, in a species of beer-garden, where rowdies yell and stamp, and foul language is handled about. I would respectfully refer the trifling newspapers of a personal nature which have occurred in our own Houses of Parliament. We should remember that it is not five hundred seconds since one of the Lords of the Treasury had, in the midst of an oration, and in the midst of a din in which bootings and groanings were mingled with shouts of 'Oh, oh!' and 'Hear, hear!' put this question: 'Is the Honsee of Commons drunk?' The honorable member's words were not taken down, but they were spoken in a full House, nevertheless."

[From the London Times.]

So long as we can export at a fair profit in a manufactured State the cotton which we import, it signifies comparatively little what those imports cost. If cotton is very dear, more money must be absorbed in the trade; but if the manufactured goods can still be sold at a price proportionate to that of the raw material, the cotton industry may become as prosperous as before. It remains, however, to be seen what is the limit of price applying to foreign markets. Our cotton trade was ruined by the cheapness of the stuffs we sold. We drove from foreign markets even the produce of native looms, for the calico manufacturer had in machinery and skill to be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth, and there sold at a price in which no other manufactures could compete. But when the price is increased, as increased it must be, by the rise in the cost of the raw material, can we still expect to undersell all rivals, or, in other words, to keep out trade? To that question, which involves the future destinies of Lancashire, no sufficient reply can yet be given. We cannot even conjecture the price at which cotton will fall, or the relations which may ultimately be established between supply and demand. We only know this—that in the Lancashire itself there is no wild speculation of the revival of the old trade. A state of things purely provisional has been maintained there with singular tenacity. So little organic derangement has been produced by two years of industrial stagnation, that if the old cotton supplies were to be restored to-morrow the old manufacture could be resumed with little difficulty. The displacement of population has been small, and even of those operatives who have left the country it is said that a large proportion would be prepared to return at the first glimpse of reviving trade. Many new mills have been erected; and old mills enlarged. The whole expense of trade, owing to the artificial conditions of the cotton market, is uneven and precarious, but there has been business enough to effect a very large reduction in the number of the unemployed, and there has never been any symptom of despair. To judge by these indications—and we have no better evidence—the great cotton industry may be shortly re-established, if not exactly in its old proportions, at any rate on a scale sufficient to remind Lancashire prosperous once more. We sincerely hope that the result may be in store for us, but we can, at any rate, look back upon our two years of cotton famine with a happy recollection of the national resources, and with deep thanksgiving for the strength of which we found ourselves possessed.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Provost Court—Judge Abocha presiding.—Three colored sergeants, two corporals and a private, all of the Corps d'Afrique, were arrested for making an improper martial display in the Poydras Market. They were sent to the camp, with orders that they have no leave of absence for 30 days.

The soldier John Carr, who went into a house with an open knife to force the parties there to give him liquor, forfeited one month's pay and leave of absence.

J. Harrigan is held to answer the charge of having won $5 from an American flag at a ball in Algiers. Two others, charged with the same offence, were dismissed.

A Case of Arson.—The First District Court was crowded yesterday with witnesses in the case of Mr. Dardigny, charged with having set fire to his store on the corner of St. Peter and Royal streets, in the end of December last. The prosecution swore that the accused had his stock insured considerably above its value, and that his remarks to neighbors and others had been to the effect that he wished the premises burnt. A strong array of testimony for the most comical appeared for the defense, and from the voluminous evidence taken and the verbatim report of the counsel's speeches in the case, it would appear that the jury in the American Congress, is a species of beer-garden, where rowdies yell and stamp, and foul language is handled about. We should respect for the trifling newspapers of a personal nature which have occurred in our own Houses of Parliament. We should remember that it is not five hundred seconds since one of the Lords of the Treasury had, in the midst of an oration, and in the midst of a din in which bootings and groanings were mingled with shouts of 'Oh, oh!' and 'Hear, hear!' put this question: 'Is the Honsee of Commons drunk?' The honorable member's words were not taken down, but they were spoken in a full House, nevertheless.

[FROM THE EVENING EDITION OF YESTERDAY.]

BENEFIT OF VIOLA BARRETT AT THE VARIETIES.—The announcement of the benefit of Viola Barrett, to take place at the Varieties on next Wednesday night, will be received with welcome by our theatre-going public. Quietly and modestly she has won her way to the affections and appreciation of the audiences of the Varieties, since her first appearance on the opening of the season. During that time she has been steadily improving, and seems desirous, with diligence and study, to attain a high rank in her profession. Already a distinguished favorite at the Varieties, there is no reason to fear for the entire success of her benefit.

AN EXPLANATION OF POLITICAL ECONSTANCY.—Dr. Lieber, in his lectures on American Liberty, thus explains one of the sources of the easy mutability of opinion so often observed in republics. He is speaking of the perverted use of the maxim, *vox populi, vox dei*:

However indistinct the meaning of the maxim may be, the idea intended to be conveyed and the imposing character of the saying have nevertheless contributed to produce in some countries a general inability to remain in the opposition—that necessary element of civil liberty. A change of name seems there to be attached to a person that does not swim with the broad stream. No matter what flagrant contradictions may take place, or however sudden the changes may be, there seems to exist in every one a feeling of discomfort, until he has joined the general current. To differ from the dominant party or the ruling majority appears almost like daring to contend with a deity or a mysterious yet irrevocable destiny. To dissent is deemed to be malconstent; it seems more than rebellious—it seems traitorous; and the feeling becomes ultimately so general that it scares the dissenting individuals themselves. They become timid, single with the rest. Individuality is destroyed, manly character degenerates, and the salutary effect of parties is forfeited. He that clings to his conviction is put to bed as unnational, and as an enemy to the people.

General McClellan's Report.

[Special dispatch to the Missouri Democrat.]

Washington, February 8—General McClellan's report of the operations of the Army of the Potomac while under his charge is just out, but without the accompanying memoranda, maps, reports and documents connected with the organization, &c. The report concludes with some suggestions as to the lessons drawn from his experience in the army. The most glaring defect, he says, is the absence of a system in the appointment or promotion of officers, and the want of means for critical instruction. He thinks the army should be regarded as a permanent one, and measures should be taken to promote the official instruction as much as possible. The number of cadets at West Point should be increased as much as possible, and a regular army should be increased and maintained complete in numbers and efficiency, and a well organized system of recruiting and depots for instruction should be adopted; the arrangement and conduct of campaigns should be left to the discretion of professional soldiers, and there should be no interference from civilians, meddling of individual members of Congress, and committees with matters belonging to the military profession. The report concludes with a few remarks on the subject of volunteers, and the best method of procuring them.

DRUNKEN SENATORS.—A recent Washington correspondence of the Chicago *Tribune* says:

McDougal, of California, and Richardson, of Illinois, are the only habitual drunkards of the Senate. McDougal is harmless in his cups. He goes out horseback riding, falls into the gutter, and the small boys rally round him and have a little fun at his expense. He seldom troubles the Senate Chamber with his presence. Richardson, however, is disgusting with his loathsome intoxication. He frequently obtrudes himself upon the Senate when scarcely able to stand erect—always, unfortunately for himself and for his State, in his seat to be pointed at from the gallaries, and to have his name given in reply to the oft-repeated question, "who is that drunken fellow over there?"

Old Folks.

Ah! don't be sorrowful, darling,
And don't be sorrowful, pray;
Taking the year altogether, my dear,
There isn't more night than day.

The rainy weather, my darling;
There's more sun than rain, I'm sure;
But taking the year together, my dear;
There isn't more sun than rain.

We are old folks now, my darling;
Our heads they are growing gray;
But taking the year all round, my dear,
You will always be young, they say.

We have had our May, my darling,
And our roses lost long ago;
And the time of our life is coming, my dear,
For the silent night and the snow.

And God is God, my darling,
Of night as well as of day;
And we pass from the dark to the gray,
Whatever He leads the way.

Aye, God of the night, my darling,
Of the night of death as grim;
The gate that leads out of life, good wife,
Is the gate that leads to Him.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

First District Recorder's Court—Judge H. T. Vennard.—Mrs. Mahoney had indicted again in the habit of drowning her brains in rum. The Recorder sent her to the Workhouse for thirty days, and Elizabeth Gannon, who pleaded guilty to petit larceny, for ninety days. Truly was required to furnish a peace bond, or to go to prison for thirty days; but Mary O'Neil, whose disorderly house disturbed the officer, was sent to the Workhouse for four months.

Restored.—A gold watch was feloniously taken some time since from Mrs. Williams, widow of the late Chaplain of that name. It was found by a trifling family token and the thief thought properly that the police would be serviceable to obtain its restoration and therefore gave the information. Officer Alten was set on the track and succeeded in his task, much to the gratification of the lady.

Killing a Newfoundland Dog.—Konrad Shoemaker was sentenced to pay an indemnity of fifty dollars to the owner of a Newfoundland dog, which had been maliciously shot and killed by him, and further to imprisonment for 30 days.

Fire.—Through the bursting of the chimney in the two-story frame house No. 339 Bourbon street, fire was found to have taken fire. It was extinguished before any damage of consequence was done.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

SEE OFFICE,
FRIDAY EVENING, Feb. 12, 1864.

The market for Foreign Exchange was generally active to-day, and quite a heavy business was done at about yesterday's decline, the bulk of the operations to New York sight and one day's sight being at ¼ and ¾ @ ¾ discount, and sixty days at ¾ @ 1 discount. Only were considerable sales at 1¾ and 1⅞ for sight and 2 @ 2¼ cent. discount for 3 days' sight. The banks checked at ¾ @ ¾ and ¾ discount, but sold some checks as thin as ¼ @ ¼ discount. Nothing of any moment transpired in Foreign bills. The banks continue to sell 1776, 1776, and 1877 at 9½ and 9¾, and 1175 and 1176 for France. Private bills may be quoted at 1710@175 for Sterling, and 1200@12 for France, but there is no difficulty in doing that these rates are nearly nominal.

The Specie market is dull, and there is some demand for Gold at 53¾ @ cent. premium and sales of round sums at 53½. Dealers paid 52¾@53 for the small parcels offered at their counters and asked not more. The latest business sales of Gold were 53¾ @ 53¾ cent. premium for Silver and 52 @ 52½. There were very few Mexican dollars to be had. They commanded the full premium @ 53.

There was quite a large demand for Notes of the various City Banks and considerable sales of less than State Bank changed hands at a decided advance on premium. Citizens' Bank notes were in request to-day at 96, Canal Bank at 96, and Commercial, Union, Louisiana and other Banks also commanded higher rates than previously paid for them, but at the same time the glut on all of these institutions, to a common with most other banks, prevented any material improvement in the general currency. The exceptions are the notes of the Bank of Louisiana, which were in request to-day at 98 @ 98½, the Crescent City Bank's which command 97 @ 97½, and the Bank of Commerce, 96½ @ 97. Canal and Citizens' which range from 94½ @ 95 cent. pounding dealers offering 3¾ for both, and selling at 93½ for the former and 94 for the latter.

The improvement in all the railroads the last few days was followed to-day by a further advance. 17⅞ shares Louisiana State Bank sold at 18, 19, Citizens' at 65, City Railroad at 54, 54½, and Canal at 15¾. In shares Gas Light at 16¾ and 70 @ 71 and 50 at 19¾. The figures show an advance within a fortnight of about 15 per cent. Louisiana State Bank, 12 @ 13; City Railroad, 10 to 12; Carrollton Railroad, 45 @ 50; Gas Light, 10 to 12; and Canal and Citizens' which range from 24½ @ 25 cent. pounding dealers offering 3¾ for both, and selling at 93½ for the former and 94 for the latter.

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COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
FRIDAY EVENING, February 12, 1864.

COTTON.—There was considerable activity to-day at about yesterday's decline, but there was very moderate supply offering and the sales were unsatisfactory. The private sale was 30 bales Low Middling at 75c. At auction, 181 bales sold, as follows: 11 bales Pickings at 33c., 3 Low Ordinary at 64½c., 14 Ordinary at 67½c., 4 Ordinary at 68c., 3 do at 68½, 1 bale do at 69c., 2 do Stripped and Stained at 69½c., 1 do at 70c., 1 do Stained at 70½c., 1 do Reduced, 4 Strict Good Ordinary, at 72c., 11 Strict Ordinary at 72, 29 Good Middling at 74½c., 1 bale do at 74¾c., 15 Low Middling at 76½c., 1 Strict Low Middling at 78c., 20 do Strict do at 79½c., 4 Middling at 80, and 2 Strict Middling at 81c. At the sales 16 bales Re-packed were sold at 61@63c., and 13 do at 64@65c. The sales for the week foot up 1,500 bales, against 2,000 bales for last evening, but in some cases a fraction higher.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The good demand and firm feeling exhibited yesterday continued to-day, and the sales reached 600 hhds. Sugar, in many lots, at 12½c. for Fair to Prime and 13c. for Fully Fair to Prime new crop. Of Molasses, 150 bbls. sold at 46 @ 47c. for Common to Prime, and 200 bbls. Syrup, 56@57c. for Good to Prime, new for Cassia, and 80c. @ gallon for very choice new crop.

FLOUR.—The sales were 1,000 bbls. Good Superfine is freely offered at @ 23 @ 23½, without effecting sales, the main feeling for the week having been Country to Prime Extra Family at 24 @ 25 @ bbl.

HAY.—A lot of about 50 bales prime Western sold on the landing at 2½c. and 2c. sales at 2½ @ 2½ @ ton.

OATS.—We notice the sale of 1,000 sacks at 61 @ 65 @ bushel.

BUTTER.—50 Western sold in two lots at 35c @ lb.

BACON.—There were sales of Sides, Shoulders and Hams, all the packages of which were suppressed.

EXCHANGE.—Sight on New York, 1 @ 1½ @ cent. premium, and Checks at 1½ @ 2 @ cent. Foreign Exchange nominal.

FREIGHTS.—We quote as the rates for cotton by steamships for New York 1½ @ ¾c @ lb, for Boston, and ¾ @ ¾c @ lb, for Philadelphia, 1½ @ 1¾c @ lb, for Liverpool, 2½ @ 2¾c @ lb, for Cork for orders, and 2¾ @ 3c @ lb, for Liverpool, the latter rate being for the best class of vessels. Sugar to New York, a low small lots, 4 @ 4½ @ hhd.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Business in addition to-day—65 bbls Oalcos at $1 @ 1.10, 4 tierces Hams at 9½c @ 10, 15 bags Pecans at 12½c @ 13c, 5 bbls old Seed at @ 4 @ 5, and 14 do extra Flour at @ 9 @ 9½.

Cattle Market.

JEFFERSON CITY, February 13, 1864.

Arrived during the week 710 Beeves, 325 Hogs, 477 Sheep, 197 Veals and 60 Cows. Sold during the week 635 Beeves, 108 Hogs, 336 Sheep, 413 Veals and 12 Cows. Left for sale, remaining on hand, 75 Beeves, 229 Hogs, 147 Sheep, 135 Veals and 24 Cows.

Western Beeves, 1st quality, ₱ lb net..... — @ — 18
Western Beeves, 2d quality, ₱ lb net..... — @ — 16
Western Beeves, 3d quality, ₱ lb net..... — @ — 14
Texas Beeves, 1st quality, ₱ head..... 40 @ 45 00
Texas Beeves, 2d quality, ₱ head..... — @ — 00
Texas Beeves, 3d quality, ₱ head..... — @ — 00
Veal, 1st quality, ₱ head..... 10 00@15 00
Hogs, ₱ lb net..... — @ — 12
Milch Cows, ₱ head..... 35 00@50 00
Sheep, according to quality, ₱ head..... 3 50@ 5 00

POLITICAL.

An Appeal to the Conservative Men of Louisiana.

We are to hereon election on the 23d inst., and it is necessary that the people should understand the issues involved in the contest. Mr. Rosellon, whom there seemed to be a very general disposition to favor as the candidate of the Conservative men, has declined to run for the office of Governor, and the question now is, whether Mr. Hahn or Mr. Flanders shall be elected. The contest is wholly between these two gentlemen. One or the other of them will certainly be elected to the high office of Governor.

Let it be known, therefore, that Mr. Flanders is in favor of the political equality of the negroes, and wishes to extend to them the right of suffrage.

Let it be known, at the same time, that Hon. Michael Hahn is opposed to negro suffrage, and opposed to the political equality of the negroes, as will appear by the following extract from his speech delivered at Lyceum Hall, on the evening of November 14, 1863:

"While I favor the emancipation of the slaves, and consider myself a friend of the colored people, I cannot but regret and condemn the course which some of them are pursuing in this city. At a meeting lately held by them, the proceedings of which were reported in one of our city newspapers, resolutions were passed demanding the right to vote with white men, and a petition was drawn up to be handed to the Military Governor asking that the privileges of citizens of Louisiana be conferred upon colored people in their resolutions and petition; they think the words "natives of Louisiana," more significant and high-sounding, and appear to forget that the general term "natives" includes white persons as well as colored. The spirit of Know-Nothingism which pervades their document is only evident, and more boldly expressed in the opposition of their order. One of their orators was not satisfied with giving us his equal opinion that "Louisiana is a Territory, not a State"—for which opinion he had distinguished authority, as we have already seen—but thought proper to make an attack on our naturalized citizens, especially those from Ireland and Germany, which was unnecessary and impertinent as it was unjust. "Go to the Registration Office," said this colored Know-Nothing, "and see the crowds there of Irishmen and Germans who cannot write their names." The fling at the intelligent, honest and Union-loving citizens of German origin was ill-timed and ungracious as it is untrue. The Germans, as a general thing, do not make their crosses, but sign their names, and in beautiful penmanship at that. They have acquired wisdom in abundance in the country of their birth. As to the Irish, the conspiracies of the British Government deprived many of them of a book education, but their general sivacity, activity, wit and intelligence is proverbial. No battle has yet been fought in the cause of the Union, in which Irish and German blood has not been freely and nobly shed for the good of the whole country. The deeds of those who went to battle and imperiled their lives in our country's cause, under the skilful Sigel and the dashing Meagher will be long preserved in history. The rank and imprudent utterances of such speakers will do more damage than good to the cause of their race. The Union men of the State have a pretty heavy task before them already, they ask nothing their earliest friendships to assist in saving the Union and giving freedom to the colored race. If the colored men are not satisfied with the efforts we are making towards general emancipation, but insist upon shooting other issues and chase us off our path, they may find all our efforts in vain. But let us not blind ourselves they adopt where they have the power. On the 8th day of July, 1847, the people of the Republic of Liberia adopted a constitution, of which the 18th section of Article II reads thus:

"The great object of forming these colonies being to provide a home for the dispersed and oppressed children of Africa, and to represent and enlighten this benighted continent, no person of color shall be admitted to citizenship."

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, Feb. 13, 1864.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

Steamship Geo Washington, Geger, for New York, A Moellen
Brig Old Dominion, Simpson, for Boston, G A Fosdick
Brig Geo Hurlbut, Meyer, for New York, J Bailey
Sloop Neptune's Bride, Jarvis, for Philadelphia, Master
Sloop E S Wardlaw, Nash, for New York, G A Fosdick
Steamer Julia, McCoy, for St Louis, Master

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

U S transport steamship Crescent, Latham, from Brazos Santiago, 11th inst, to U S Quartermaster.
U S transport steamship Clinton, Saxter, from Fort Gaines, to U S Quartermaster.
Schr Amanda, from Pascagoula—Basto
Schr S Bibby, from Coast—21 district
Schr Wm Wallace, from Coast—24 district
Lugger Telegraph, from Volante à la Hache—24 district
Steam tug Great Eastern, from Coast—24 district
Flatboat Guy, from Coast—24 district

STEAMSHIPS.

New Orleans, May, from Baton Rouge
Black Hawk, Ayres, from Napoleonville
Lafourche, Shaw, from Thibodeaux
Time and Tide, Russell, from Lafourche
Mideor, Salisbury, from Baton Rouge

BELOW, COMING UP

Ship Hampden, Sherwood, from Boston
Ship Vanguard, Russell, from New York
Ship Alexander, Lampbit, from New York
Bark Hannibal
Bark F S, from Key West
Bark George Rodgers, from New York
Brig Boston
Brig Neptune

EXPORTS.

NEW YORK—Per steamship Geo Washington—715 bales cotton 64 hhds sugar 197 bbls molasses 19 pkgs sundries.

BOSTON—Per ship Old Dominion—10 bales cotton 181 hhds sugar 279 bbls molasses 19 pkgs sundries 35 hhds do 175 empty bbls 92 bbls sugar 5 pkgs sundries.

NEW YORK—Per bark Hannibal—1076 bbls molasses 2 hhds do 100 pkgs sundries.

NEW YORK—Per brig R G Whiteley—107 bbls molasses 1 hhd do 47 hhds sugar 4 bbls do.

PHILADELPHIA—Per schr Neptune's Bride—65 hhds sugar 450 bbls molasses 70 hhds do.

ST LUCIA—Per steamer Julia—196 hhds sugar 142 bbls molasses and sundries.

IMPORTS.

PENSACOLA—Per schr Amanda—36 empty bbls to order.

RECEIPTS FROM THE INTERIOR.

BATON ROUGE—Per steamer New Orleans—21 bales cotton 2 hides 1 package sundries to G A Fosdick & Bro—63 do Fiske, Baker & Hanson—2 bales cotton & Tobacco, Robinson & co—1 do L E Alston—1 do D L Hall & co.

BAYOU SARA—Per steamer Black Hawk—4 bales cotton to order—77 do E Pugh—12 do H Fuqua—7 do G S Denslow—37 do sugar and 50 do molasses to J H Kinsman—1 do to order—1 do to Hewes, Gerger & Harrison—5 do do 3 bales sugar Gaither & Richardson—2 bales cotton Bayou Sara Planting Co—1 do Wilson, Robson & co—1 do L E Alston—1 do D L Hall & co.

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PLAQUEMINE—Per steamer Time and Tide—2 bales cotton to order—2 do A Friedman—6 do Schreiber & Bro—1 do order—1 do Bullard & Chamberlain—1 do Bullard & Rodd—2 do Gardner & Bro—1 do Hewes, Robson & co—1 do Wilson, Robson & co—1 do Hewes, Gerger & Harrison—1 do Bullard & Rodd—1 do Gardner & Bro—1 do Wilson, Robson & co—1 do Hewes, Gerger & Harrison—5 do do 3 bales sugar Gaither & Richardson—2 bales sugar Plaquemine Planting Co—2 do Bullard & Rodd—1 hhd molasses Wilson, Robson & co—1 do Hewes, Gerger & Harrison—5 do do 3 bales sugar Gaither & Richardson—2 bales sugar Plaquemine Planting Co—2 do Bullard & Rodd—1 hhd molasses Wilson, Robson & co—1 do L E Alston—1 do D L Hall & co.

THIBODAUX—Per steamer Lafourche—1 bale cotton to order—1 do Bullard & Chamberlain—1 do Bullard & Rodd—1 do Gardner & Bro—1 do Wilson, Robson & co—1 do Hewes, Gerger & Harrison—5 do do 3 bales sugar Gaither & Richardson—2 bales sugar Plaquemine Planting Co—2 do Bullard & Rodd—1 hhd molasses Wilson, Robson & co—1 do L E Alston—1 do D L Hall & co.

Per New Orleans, Great Northern R R.

19 bbls bbl molasses—steamer. 11 sacks & 1 bbl corn—steamer. 1 bbl flour—steamer. 1 bbl & 1 sack corn—steamer. 1 bbl flour—steamer. 1 bbl molasses—steamer. 1 bbl molasses—steamer. 1 bbl molasses