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The Official Notification.

The telegraph has informed us briefly of the manner of notification of his election to General Grant. A more extended report we copy from the Cincinnati Gazette of Tuesday:
The joint committee, composed of Senator Morton, Representative James T. Wilson, of Iowa, and T. Pryn, of New York, appointed by Congress to officially inform General Grant of his election as President of the United States, waited on him this morning at half-past ten o'clock, at his headquarters, and discharged the duty assigned them. The ceremony took place in the latter's private office.
General Grant, on receiving the certificate, made the following response, speaking very deliberately and with evident embarrassment:
GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE: I can promise the Committee that it will be my endeavor to call around me as assistants in the duties only as I think will carry out the principles which on have given the country peace so successful—economy, retrenchment, faithful collection of the revenue, and payment of the public debt. If I make a mistake I will be in my first choice. I shall not at any time hesitate to make a second, or even a third trial, with the concurrence of the Senate, which has to confirm my nomination. I should just as soon remove one of my own appointees as the appointee of my predecessor. I would not be different. There is one matter that I might possibly speak of in the selection of a Cabinet. I have always felt that it would be rather indelicate to announce or even to consult with the gentlemen whom I thought of inviting to positions in my Cabinet before the official declaration of the result of the election was made, although I presumed that there was no doubt about what the declaration would be. But after consideration I have come to the conclusion that there is not a man in the country who could be invited to a place in the Cabinet without the friends of some other gentleman making an effort to secure the appointment. Not that there would be any objection to the party named, but that there would be others whom they had set their hearts upon having in the place. I just tell that from the great number of requests which come to me in writing and otherwise for the position of Secretary of State, from different sets and descriptions. If announced in advance, efforts would be made to change my determination, and therefore I have come to the conclusion not to announce whom I am going to invite to seats in the Cabinet until I send in their names to the Senate for confirmation. If I say anything to them about it, it will certainly not be more than two or three days previous to sending in their names. I think it well to make a public declaration of this to the Committee, so that my intentions may be known.
At the conclusion of General Grant's remarks, Mr. Pryn stepped forward and said:
SPEECH OF MR. PRYN.
GENERAL—In the great principles which you have marked out for the conduct of your administration, you will have the political support of those with whom I am associated ready to act with free.
General Grant made no response to this beyond his thanks.
The Committee and most of the gentlemen present then shook hands with him and retired.

MARINE NEWS.

The Marine News will be found on our inside page.

THE ALLEGED CONVERSATIONS WITH GRANT.—The *World* publishing a letter from its correspondent, who recently called upon the ex-candidate with General Grant, whose nearly touching Reconstruction, with other matters, have been embodied verbally and printed therefrom. The correspondent's own recollection being sufficient to an argument going to show that the denial could never have been made by General Grant, rather than to produce the notice, any resistance of the statements thus presented. Editorially, however, the *World* does not appear to concur with its correspondent on that point. It says:
We wish we could believe with him that General Grant is guilty and vitally innocent of the most cold calculating perfidy to which publicity has been given.

A worthy Quaker thus writes, "I expect to see through this world but once. If there is any thing I can do to my fellow-beings bring it on me to now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I will not pass this way again."

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THE SOCIAL EQUALITY BILL.

We publish below the veto message of Gov. Warmoth, withholding his approval of the Social Equality Bill, passed at the last session of the Legislature."

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THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF NEW ORLEANS.

Yesterday was the day fixed for the consideration of the two schemes for the government of the city of New Orleans which have been submitted to the Legislature. One of these is the project drawn up under the supervision of the Real Estate Owners' Association, and the other is known as the "Hay Substitute." The former contemplates committing the government of the city to a Mayor and Six Members of Council, each one of whom must have been a resident of New Orleans three years, and must preside over a department thereof—the Departments of Commerce, Assessments, Police, Finance, Improvements and Public Accounts. These officers are to be elected by the voters. Their salary is to be $6000 each, and they are to be under a bond of $100,000. The "Hay Substitute" is modelled upon the Real Estate Owners' Charter, with these exceptions: the six members of Council are required to have been residents of the city for two years instead of three, and to give a bond of $25,000 as security for the faithful performance of their duties, instead of $100,000 each as in the other charter; *and their selection and appointment is confided to the Governor of the State, instead of to the voters of the city.*

We need scarcely say we are in favor of the plan which gives the government of the city to men selected by the voting portion of the community, because this is self-government—a principle fundamental in the English and American systems: a cardinal principle, consecrated in our history by the sanction given by time to the practices and teachings which distinguish the representative system of the English and American people from the governments in vogue in less favored countries. To give the government of New Orleans to men appointed by the State Executive, would be to reverse the doctrines and practices of ourselves and our ancestors for hundreds of years. This proposition of Senator Hay's is the most audacious one which has yet been suggested by any member of the infamous party with which he is connected, and is enough to justify an uprising of the people, if adopted and carried into execution. Certainly no Legislature were moved to revolution by much less serious attempts upon their liberties—liberties which had been wrested from their rulers after a long struggle and the expenditure of much sacred blood.

We know it is useless to address to our present rulers, arguments like these against the adoption of this measure. It is casting pearls before swine. The only argument they respect is that which is addressed to their fears. We therefore bid them beware. They are running up a fearful account of wrongs to be atoned for, which our people have recovered from the night-mare by which they are now held as in a vice, and if no other consideration has any weight, prudence would seem to dictate that we are not well or safely governed by men like this. Our institutions do not exist, says an English writer, "and national independence can never be assured, nor individual independence and forethought ever characterize a people, unless true local self-government is fully and freely exercised in every district throughout the land; unassailable alike by local intrigue and by central bureaucracy." The exercise of that local self-government must be entirely in the hands of the district, as to all matters of general management, police, public works, taxation, and every class of administrative arrangement wherein the common welfare of a local community depends. No interference by any central authority can be permitted without a necessity to the great sacrifice of independence, self reliance and efficiency. These truths are logical deductions; and it is a mark of the empirical mode in which political subjects are too often now handled, that some men, professing to see the importance of local self-government, will gravely argue for a central over some or other point of local management. It can never be a matter of surprise that men seeking to impose schemes of their own upon the public, should strive to shackle local self-government and to impose control over this or that special matter. But such a proposition can never be consistently put forth by any disinterested man or honest government. To speak of such control being a protection is a contradiction in terms. It can never be other than a shackle only.

Would it not be well for our legislators to pause and ponder?

THE ONE PER CENT. TAX.

The appeal taken in this case by the State of Louisiana from the decision of Judge Colleras, of the Seventh District Court, was argued on Friday last before the Supreme Court. The suit arose out of an injunction taken at the instance of Fredieu and others, tax-payers, against the Tax Collector, on the ground of the unconstitutionality of the one per cent tax law, the plaintiffs in injunction alleging that the law operated retrospectively.

The argument was opened by G. A. Breaux for Fredieu and others, and closed by Judge Spofford for same parties. The State was represented by William H. Hunt and other counsel of lesser note. Mr. Hunt's demeanor towards opposing counsel on this occasion was more respectful and more proper than when urging the trial of the case a day or two before and opposing a motion of theirs for time to examine his brief. The argument occupied the whole day. We have no doubt it was presented on both sides in with ability by the leading counsel engaged in the case. Both are eloquent and learned pleaders. The court adjourned until Wednesday next.

PONTCHARTRAIN RAILROAD.—We are requested to state that on Sundays, commencing to-day, two trains will be run from and after 9 o'clock. We will enable parties who may desire to spend the evening at the Lake, to leave the city at 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 o'clock.

THE CITY CHARTER IN THE LEGISLATURE.—The Senate met again last evening to take up Hay's substitute for the Property Holders' Charter. There was a severe struggle for the mastery on both sides, ending in the adjournment of the body without doing anything. It will come up again on Tuesday. From indications we believe the present City Government will be suffered to remain in power.

SOCIAL EQUALITY BILL.—The House of Representatives last night proceeded from their amendments to Pinchback's Social Equality bill, so that both Houses now concur in the measure.

CITY FINANCE SCHEME.—The bill known as the ordinance of Mr. Layton, of the Southern Bank—fiscal agent of the city—came up again in the Senate last night, and was passed by a vote of 7 to 5.

THE FRENCH OPERA.—Offenbach's opera bouffe, in four tableaux, of "Orphée aux Enfers," and Dominetti's opera of "La Fille du Regiment," will be performed to-night.

On Monday night will be performed "Don Giovanni," for the benefit of Mr. Perrini, our talented barytone. Misers Engel, Van Heusen, Perrini, and Mesdames Hasselmans, Lambelé and Chauvenn will appear in opera.

SALES EFFECTED BY MESSRS. C. E. GIRARDEY & CO. FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 20TH, 1869:

1. The Whitehall plantation, situated in the parish of Concordia, La., $22,000.

2. The "Home Place" plantation, in same parish, $19,800.

3. Twenty of land in the parishes of East and West Baton Rouge, $8000.

4. The half interest in the Energy plantation, about one mile from Thibodeaux, parish of La Fourche, $10,400.

5. The property on Dryades street, known as the office of the Water Works Company, $7,500.

6. The three-story brick house, No. 58 Royal, between Bienville and Conti streets, $11,000.

7. The one-story house, No. 206, Franklin, between Ollo and Calliope streets, $1000.

8. Cottage, No. 166 Robertson, between Toulouse and St. Louis streets, $2500.

9. Three lots on Washington, between Magazine and Camp streets.

10. Lot of ground corner of Kerlerec and Johnson streets, $600.

11. Two lots on Jackson, Howard and Prytania streets, $4650.

12. Three lots and improvements in Carrollton, corner of Lowes and Cambronne streets, $5495.

13. Two lots of ground and house on Maiden lane street, Carrollton, $600.

[illegible] house situated on Monroe street, Carrollton.

15. Two [illegible] Calliope, Fourteenth and Locust streets, $1210.

16. Three lots on Ninth and [illegible] $225.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.—The Senate was called to order at 12 o'clock M. Lieut. Gov. Dunn in the chair. A quorum present.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Todd presented a petition for relief of M. C. Stephen and a bill in the same subject. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Judiciary—Favorably on the bill relative to the taking of testimony of witnesses in the Courts of this State. Also favorably on the bill to incorporate the town of Delta, Parish of Madison. Also favorably on the bill to amend the act relative to elections.

Finance—Favorably on the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes of 1867 in East Feliciana. Also favorably on the bill granting further time to the assessor of the Parish of Vermillion for the making of his report.

Unfinished Business—The bill allowing C. W. Billrack to change his name was returned without reporting action.

Internal Improvements—Favorably on the bill providing State aid to the Maxlean Gulf Canal and for issuing bonds therefor.

Railroads—Favorably with amendments on the bill to extend State aid to the Grosse Tête and Baton Rouge Road. Also favorably to incorporate the Mexico and Home Railroad Co. Also favorably to incorporate the New Orleans and Metairie Railroad Co.

Mr. Key desired to present a report from the Judiciary Committee. No objections.

Favorably on the act making Metropolitan Police warrants receivable for taxes in the Parishes of Orleans, St. Bernard and Jefferson. Made the special order of the day for Tuesday.

Mr. Day gave notice of a bill fixing the seat of government of the State at Baton Rouge.

The bill to incorporate the Monroe, Horner and Pulton Railroad Company was made the special order of the day for Tuesday, and the bill to extend State aid to the Baton Rouge and Grosse Tête Railroad on Thursday.

Mr. Packard gave notice of a supplementary joint resolution relative to investigating the recent Louisa bond transaction.

By Mr. Lewis—To protect public buildings from lightning.

By Mr. Lynch—For the relief of Eugene Desdunes. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Pinchback—To enable the city of New Orleans to fund its floating debt and liquidate its indebtedness, passed. This bill is the same proposed by Mr. Layton, President of the Southern Bank, the only difference being that 7 per cent. in the place of 5 per cent. is allowed for the redemption of city money.

Mr. Ray introduced a bill to incorporate a Board of Trade. Referred to the Committees on Commerce and Manufactures.

This bill proposes to consolidate the Chamber of Commerce and Mechanics' Exchange, the names mentioned as incorporators so far are the five Presidents of the above named Boards, Messrs. Peabody and Lea, Messrs. J. T. Tasker, M. J. Smith and others.

By Mr. Soares—To open Bayou Plaquemine. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Lynch—To correct the tax rolls of the parish of Carroll. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Ray—The bill relative to the Jackson Railroad extension to the Mississippi River through the city, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Smith—A resolution requiring the Special Committee to investigate the affairs of the late Board of Levee Commissioners to make a complete report by the 24th inst. Lies over.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The bill "to incorporate the Bank of Louisiana and to provide for the liquidation of the Louisiana State Bank" was up.

Pending consideration, the Senate adjourned until 7 o'clock, this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Senate was called to order at 7 o'clock by Lieutenant-Governor Dunn. No quorum.

At twenty minutes past seven a quorum having been obtained the Senate proceeded to business.

THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

An act to incorporate the State Bank of Louisiana and to provide for the liquidation of the Louisiana State Bank, was taken up.

The 13th section was stricken out after two attempts on the part of the opposition to adjourn.

The 14th, 15th and 16th sections were next adopted.

The 17th section was stricken out and the 18th adopted.

The 19th section was also adopted with two amendments.

A motion, by Mr. Ray, to adopt the bill as a whole, caused Mr Blackman to object, saying that he would vote for the bill, and he called for the yeas and nays.

The bill was adopted as a whole, Messrs. Blackman, Soares, Foute, Jewell, Ogden, Offutt and Todd, voting in the negative.

Mr. Fitch opposed the passage of the bill, but voted yes for the purpose of moving a reconsideration at the Senate chamber refused to suspend the rules to put the bill on its final reading.

Senate bill 129—Mr. Ray's "City Charter" bill was called up and created quite an exciting debate. Mr. Campbell moved to take up the bill section by section. Adopted.

Mr. Ogden moved to adjourn. Lost.

Mr. Pinchback called for the yeas and nays. The motion was lost, 19 yeas, 21 nays.

The first section was read.

Mr. Ogden again moved to adjourn. Lost.

Mr. Blackman moved to go into Executive session. Lost.

Mr. Pinchback moved to amend by making all of the Parish of Orleans the city of Orleans.

The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE.—The House met at 12 o'clock, M., pursuant to adjournment. Speaker Lowell in the chair. 64 members present.

Mr. Lange, of East Baton Rouge, gave notice of a bill to enforce Article 109 of the Constitution.

A joint resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into the proceedings of prosecutions before the several tribunals of the State, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any person has been convicted of their hostility to real crimes produced, we relapse into the legislation of a less enlightened period, when we try to construct an act which, by property a question of civil damages, becomes an offense against the peace and dignity of the State. And it ought to be carefully borne in mind that we cannot too much encourage, by our legislation of personal association, much less can we hope to force on those who differ from us our views of what is right and proper for Christian like. Mutual forbearance and kindness, and the noble belief in the brotherhood of man, must spring from a higher source than the fear of punishment. They can never be forced to grow by pains and penalties.

Again, the witnesses and steamboats are concerned, it must be borne in mind that the regulation of commerce between the several States was wisely confided, under the Constitution of the United States, to the National Congress. The object of this grant of power was clearly to prevent the confusion which would arise from conflicting legislation on such subjects by the different contiguous States; and the wisdom of the provision appears more clearly every day when the means of transportation are increased and improved. If the first second and third sections of this act, no distinction is clearly made between railroads and steamboats whose routes are beyond. Of course, our criminal jurisdiction cannot go beyond our State lines, and it is respect the supreme legislation and liable to produce unnecessary confusion and litigation. For experimental legislation of this kind, for which the sanction of no successful precedent can be adduced, a more unfavorable occasion than the present could hardly be imagined. In the midst of a most exciting political campaign, at a time when the passions, animosities, and resentments consequent upon a great war, and attendant upon a great and sudden change in affairs, have not yet reached the highest pitch of intensity, and when the prejudice regarding race are inflamed to the utmost, it is here proposed to enforce a law regardless, and what is practically class legislation, and to maintain and confirm class distinctions. The effect, upon my judgment, of such an act would be to defeat rather than to promote the ends apparently had in view by the author of the bill. The barriers of race, instead of being thereby removed, would be increased in height and breadth, in firmness and strength. So long as these barriers are maintained, so long will be delayed the dawn of peace, or universal prosperity in the State, to which mutual harmony and good will are essential, and so long will the fires of the late sanguinary struggle linger in the condition of doubt and insecurity. The prejudices upon which these barriers are founded have no foundation in reason or nature, and will surely give way to the achieving influences of time, unless they are constantly fretted into activity. In the meantime a person, colored as well as white, is equally secured by the Constitution in the enjoyment of political and civil rights, and in his remedy for their infringement. The courts are open to him, and the same rule obtains in National and State Courts. The Judges of the State Courts and their officers are amenable to and dependent upon all citizens alike. Colored and white alike constitute juries. Those of the lately enfranchised who are wise and reflecting will not ask for more. They will rather deprecate a kind of legislation which, instead of advancing their present condition, only renders the enemies of their race more implacable, and determined in their hostility, and furnishes them weapons whereby to assail the rights which the colored men have already acquired. In returning this bill without my signature, it is hardly necessary for me to say that I am prepared, so far as lies in my power, to enforce the law as now Constituted as it exists, such is my desire, as well as my duty. But when I find the act in question to be, in my best judgment, unnecessary and unwise, and, for the reasons I have stated, calculated to demoralize the public conscience and intensify distinction which will surely yield to the power of time, and to the growth of more catholic views of our personal relations, it becomes no less clearly my duty to decline to sign it.

H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of Louisiana.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Sixth District Court—Judge Ought—Mary Ann Fisk vs. her husband, F. M. Fisk.—This is a suit brought by plaintiff against defendant in the month of October last, for a divorce a vinculo matrimonii.

Petitioner alleges that on the 27th of June, 1862, she was married to defendant; that she has been to him an affectionate, faithful and obedient wife.

That defendant, on the contrary, treated her almost constantly with great severity, harsh usage and brutality; that he has been utterly faithless to her; that he frequently performed open acts of adultery in their common dwelling with different persons; that he has frequently committed acts of gross violence upon her person by striking her and threatening to take her life.

That in the year 1862, on the 9th of December, at the matrimonial domicil, at the corner of Julia and Baronne streets, her husband, impelled by motives of munificence toward his courtezan, broke open her armoir and took therefrom jewelry of her own; that upon her expostulation with him he seized and beat her, outraging her life, etc.; that he struck her with his clinched fist, that upon which she lay bleeding upon the floor he kicked and stamped her person; that in consequence of such injuries she was confined to her bed during a period of two weeks, under the professional attendance of Dr. Tiffin.

That on the 17th of Nov., 1853, he returned from a visit to the North and brought with him a girl named Addie Hilsdol, whom he placed into the family domicil, and lived in open and avowed concubinage with her.

That he has, besides the outrages above mentioned, performed frequently acts of adultery in their common dwelling, &c.

That two male children, now of age, are the issue of her marriage with defendant.

That she first instituted suit for a divorce in June, 1856, but that her attorney, without her knowledge and consent, discontinued said suit. That he has failed ever since to give her support. That there is community of property existing between her and her said husband.

That she prays to be authorized to sue her said husband; that, after the usual delays, a decree of divorce, a *vinculo matrimonii* be rendered; that she be adjudged her share of the requests and gains, etc.

Petitioner filed a supplemental petition on November 16, 1868, reasserting all the allegations of the original, etc., alleging that said Fisk is a man of large property, of real estate situated in this city and in the State of Alabama in Greene county, and in the State of Georgia, all this property has been acquired since his marriage with petitioner.

That petitioner is fully worth four hundred thousand dollars; although in the enjoyment of an immense income from this property has not contributed to her support. She prays for alimony, etc.

The Cubans and the Spanish Consul.—The Cuban refugees in this city have published the following reply to the letter of the Spanish Consul to Gov. Warmoth, as published in the papers of yesterday:

The undersigned, refugees and exiles from Cuba, who have recently experienced the good will of this hospitable city, protest solemnly that they have had no such designs directly or indirectly as are presented in the pretended, as those attributed to them by the Consul of Spain, and which have been submitted by him to his Excellency the Governor of the State.

We protest also that we are resolved to make in this city as neutrals in any conflict that may be occasioned by any awakening of passions between the two countries already established here, or transient Cubans who may be here under the same circumstances, and we declare further, for the satisfaction of his Excellency, the Governor, and the inhabitants of this city, that in any disturbances that have taken place, or may hereafter occur, and in spite of any political opinions which we may entertain, and which ought to guide our public and private conduct, that the design of infringing in any way the laws of this city is wholly foreign to our character and intentions.

New Orleans, February 19, 1869—To his Excellency the Governor of the State of Louisiana:

Dr. J. G. Hays, Joaquin Villaverdas, Dr. J. E. Roldan, Dr. Joaquin Roldan, Dr. Jose E. Ramos, Eologio Martinez, Francisco Lemoor, J. Mesa, Cirilo de Villaverde, Cruz, Perez, Jose Potro, Dr. Jean Bta Landeta, Dr. Felix Giralt, Joaquin Mariano Aguero, Andres Pizzatti, J. M. Gonzalez, Dr. Marcio de Foxa, Juan de Cardenas y Chares' Dr. Jose Trujillo.

Burglaries.—The residence of Mr. Canfield, at the corner of Toledano and Dryades streets, was entered by burglars and robbed of a number of articles, who stole a hair bracelet marked "Mary," two other bracelets, and a silver watch, No. 1167, the value of which is $150.

About 5 o'clock Friday morning the premises of Mrs Brown, on Third street, between St. Charles and Carondelet, was burglariously entered by two individuals, a colored man, who appropriated six chickens.

About the same time the premises of Mr. Archibald, on Third street, between Prytania and Fourth streets, were entered, it is supposed, by the same parties. The stole one chicken and killed another.

On the same morning the residence of Mr. Seehneider, at the corner of Toledano and Carondelet streets, was burglariously entered, the thieves carrying off a gold watch, (No. 45,738, made by Thos. Russell & Son, Liverpool,) a gold chain, one silver spoon, two coats and a pair of trowsers. The entrance was effected through an empty lot, at the corner of Seventh and Carondelet streets.

Dangerous and Suspicious.—Alex Maxwell, a colored boy of eighteen, has been arrested by Officer Allen, charged with being a dangerous and suspicious character, one of a gang of thieves, and with blowing his whistle to warn his comrades of danger.

Run Over.—A little girl named Emma Bieber, aged four years, was run over by a buggy on Canal street, yesterday evening, corner of New Levee and Fourth streets.

The *Post*, Conservative, regrets the rejection only on account of delay.

Paris, Feb. 20.—A public meeting at Mont Parnasse, presided over by Gaibergue next Wednesday are prohibited.

Gen Dix, in a letter, denies that he made a speech sympathizing with the Grecians—thinks Americans ought not to interfere in European affairs.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

Frankfort, Feb. 20.—Bonds 82¾.

Paris, Feb. 20.—Bourse firmer—rents 71.42½.

Havre, Feb. 20.—Cotton closed steady—ten ordinary on the spot 126½; afloat 137½.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

New York, Feb. 20.—Cotton closed firmer and in fair demand—sales to-day 3000 bales; middlings 29c. Flour very dull; superfine State $5 75 to $6 35. Wheat heavy; winter 3 to 5c lower. Corn heavy; without any decided change. Whisky quiet. Pork unsettled and lower at $30 50 to $32. Lard lower at 19¾ to 20c. Naval Stores and Groceries quiet. Freights dull.

Charleston, Feb. 20.—Cotton quiet and easier; sales 300 bales; middlings 26¼ to 27½c; receipts 1000 bales; exports coastwise 1158.

Savannah, Feb. 20.—Cotton quiet and easier; prices but closing firm. Middlings 26¼c; sales 1000 bales. Receipts 1272 bales. Exports—coastwise 1920 bales, to Liverpool 4 763 bales.

Mobile, Feb. 20.—Cotton steady—sales to-day 1000 bales at 26¼c. Receipts 1000 bales.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Flour—superfine $5 to $6 50. Wheat $1 20 to $1 22. Corn 58 to 59c. Oats 50c. High Wines 90 to 90½c. Pork $33. Lard 18¾ to 18¾c. Bulk shoulders 12½c.

Milwaukie, Feb. 20.—Flour—superfine $5 25 to $6 50. Wheat $1 40 to $1 45. Corn 71 to 73¢. Oats 52 to 53c. Pork $32 to $32 50. Clear bulk sides 17c. Sales—shoulders 14½c; clear rib sides 17½c; clear sides 18c. Lard 19½ to 20c. Receipts—flour 2000 bbls; wheat 1167 bus; corn 1000 bus; oats 2000 bus; barley 1000 bus.

Cincinnati, Feb. 20.—Family Flour $6 50 to $7. Corn 63 to 64c. Oats 67 to 68c. Whisky 90c. Pork $32 to $32 50. Bulk Meats—shoulders 12½c; sides 16c. Bacon—shoulders 14c; clear rib sides 16¾c; clear sides 17½c. Lard 18¾ to 19c.

Louisville, Feb. 20.—River rising, 9 feet 7 inches in the canal by the mark.

St. Louis, Feb. 20.—River rising.

Pittsburg, Feb. 20.—Passed up—Argond, at 5 P. M.

FROM SOUTH WEST PASS.

Southwest Pass, Feb'20.—6 P. M.—Barometer 29.80. Wind east and light. Thick fog prevailing.

No arrivals. No departures.

[Second Dispatch.]

Southwest Pass, Feb. 20.—Noon.—Barometer 29.80. Wind west and light. Thick fog prevailing.

Arrived, steamship Lord Lowell, Agnew, Bruns, bound to Havana, put in here for coal and repairs.

Schooner Indie, Learnet, Indianola, cotton, to master. No departures.

Pittsburg, Feb. 16.—Passed up—Mary Hostetter as a tow right. Down—Alaska at 6, and Thompson Dana at 10 last night; Rate E. Lee at midnight and Richmond at noon. River rising—12 feet in the high water mark.

New York, Feb 20.—Receipts of cotton for the week at all the ports 71,000 bales. Exports from all United States ports for the week to Great Britain 53,475 bales, to the Continent 2680. Stock on hand at all the United States ports 436,000 bales.

Havana, Feb. 20.—The Government is equipping a flotilla to assist Gananga where the insurgents are fortified, having brass cannon manned by Americans.

A naval expedition has effected a landing at Cochinos.

The Chesseure have arrived.

Key West, Feb. 20.—The Peruvian iron-clads have arrived.

The Diario says Cespedes and the greater part of the rebels are within the jurisdiction of Holguin.

The Spanish for