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The New-Orleans Daily Bee.

Saturday Morning, April 10, 1847.

Gen. Taylor's Despatches.

Lieut. Crittenden reached Washington on the 31st ult., with despatches from Gen'l Taylor to the War Department, relating, in old "ROUGH AND READY'S" usual quiet and laconic tone, the result of the memorable conflict at Buena Vista. We subjoin them in full

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF OCCUPATION,
Camp on the field of Battle, Buena Vista,
Mexico, February 24, 1847.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, having become assured on the 20th inst., that the enemy had assembled in very heavy force at Encarnacion, thirty miles in front of Agua Nueva, with the evident design of attacking my position, I broke up my camp at the latter place on the 21st, and took up a strong line in front of Buena Vista, seven miles south of Saltillo. A cavalry force left at Agua Nueva for the purpose of covering the removal of supplies, was driven in during the night, and on the morning of the 23d the Mexican army appeared immediately in front of our position. At 11 o'clock, a. m., a flag was sent, bearing from General Santa Anna a summons of unconditional surrender, to which I immediately returned a negative reply. The summons and my reply are herewith inclosed. The action was commenced late in the afternoon between the light troops on the left flank, but was not seriously engaged until the morning of the 23d, when the enemy made an effort to force the left flank of our position. An obstinate and sanguinary conflict was maintained, with short intervals, throughout the day, the result being that the enemy was completely repulsed from our lines. An attack of cavalry upon the rancho of Buena Vista, and a demonstration upon the city of Saltillo itself were likewise handsomely repelled. Early in the night the enemy withdrew from his camp, and fell back on Agua Nueva, a distance of twelve miles.

Our own force engaged at all points, in this action, fell somewhat short of 5,000 men, while that of the enemy, from the statement of General Santa Anna, may be estimated at 20,000.—Our success against such great odds is a sufficient encomium on the good conduct of our troops. In a more detailed official report, I shall have the satisfaction of bringing to the notice of the government the conspicuous gallantry of particular officers and corps. I may be permitted here, however, to acknowledge my great obligations to Brig Gen. Wool, the second in command, to whom I feel particularly indebted for his valuable services on this occasion.

Our loss has been very severe, and will not probably fall short of 750 men. The number of the Mexican army leaving the morning of that day in the direction of San Luis. It is ascertained that the enemy is in full retreat, and in a very disorganized condition; the men deserting, and dying of starvation in great numbers. I despatch a command this day as far as Encarnacion to harass his rear, and secure whatever military supplies may be found there.

From the statements of Mexican officers, particularly of the medical staff left to succor the wounded, there seems no doubt that their loss in the recent action is moderately estimated at 1,800, and may reach 2,000 men, killed and wounded, besides 2,000 or 3,000 deserters. Many officers of rank were lost. I enclose a list of the names of our own killed and wounded, made out as complete as practicable at this time. One regiment (Kentucky cavalry) is not included, its returns not being rendered.

The enemy had fully reckoned on our total route, and had made arrangements to intercept our retreat, and cut of the army and artillery. That purpose, corps of cavalry, not only immediately in our rear, but even below Monterey. I regret to report that they succeeded near the village of Marin in destroying a train of wagons, and killing a considerable number of the escort and teamsters. Col Morgan, 2d Ohio regiment, on his march from Cerralvo to Monterey, was infested by the Mexican cavalry, with which he had several rencontres, but finally dispersed them with small loss on his own part. Captain Graham, A. Q. M., volunteer service, was mortally wounded in one of these affairs. I have no doubt that the defeat of the main army at Buena Vista will secure our line of communication from further interruption, but I still propose, a few days to change my head quarters to Monterey, with a view to make such further arrangement as may be necessary in that quarter.

The dispositions made to harass our rear, vindicate the policy and necessity of defending a position in front of Saltillo, where a defeat has thrown the enemy far back into the interior. No result so decisive could have been obtained by holding Monterey, and our communications would have been constantly in jeopardy.

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Your obedient servant,
Z. TAYLOR,
Major General, U. S. Army Commanding.
The ADJUTANT GENERAL of the army Washington, D. C.

TRANSLATION.

Summons of Santa Anna to Gen. Taylor

You are surrounded by twenty thousand men, and cannot, in any human probability, avoid suffering a rout, and being cut to pieces with your troops, but in consideration to the valor, and particular esteem, I wish to save you from a catastrophe, and for that purpose give you due notice, in order that you may surrender at discretion, on her the assurance that you will be treated with the consideration belonging to the Mexican character, to which end you will be granted an hour's time to make up your mind to circumstance from the moment when my flag of truce arrives in your camp.

With this view, I assure you of my particular consideration.

God and Liberty. Camp at Encarnada, February 23d, 1847.

ANT. LOPEZ DE SANTA ANNA

To Gen. Z. Taylor, commanding the forces of U. S.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF OCCUPATION,
Near Buena Vista, Feb 22, 1847

SIR: In reply to your note of this date, summoning me to surrender my force at discretion, I have only to say that I decline acceding to your request.

With distinguished, I am, sir, your obedient servant,
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Maj. Gen. U. S. army, commanding.
Senor Gen. D. ANTONIO LOPEZ DE SANTA ANNA
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Accompanying these despatches in a detailed list of the killed and wounded, which we would publish, but for the pressure on our columns. Doubtless in a few days we shall have full accounts of the battle, with the reports of Gen. Wool and the other general officers who participated in the engagement.

Interesting from South America.

The N. Y. *Herald* of the 1st, has the following interesting intelligence from Monte Video & the latest information from that quarter:

MONTE VIDEO, Jan 29, 1847.

We have just received information from England that a special minister was to have departed on the 4th December, to settle the difficulties of the river and to raise the blockade, but I fear the settlement will be anything but favorable for Montevideo. Gen. Rivera has been in a bad way since I last wrote you. Soon after he took Pacana, the French Basque troops he had with him became insubordinate, that he was compelled to disarm them all, to prevent the depredations on the inhabitants. At the same time the Buenos Ayrean soldiers retook the towns of Mercedes and Las Vacas, and then Pisander—Rivera retreating into the country, and subsequently reaching the department of Maldonado. Mrs Rivera left her husband at Pisander, and arrived here by water last week. Cattle are becoming very scarce, and will have to be brought from the Rio Grande again for the city consumption. The barks Rosalba and Mason Barney, Capt. Scott, of New York, are chartered for the Brazils, and expect to return here within forty days.

They were both chartered by La Fore, the great supporter of the Montevidean Government for the last five years, and if we can judge of peace prospects by his operations they are very remote. I have just visited Buenos Ayres, where everything is stationary, waiting for the opening of the port. There are several American vessels in the Sallow and Earnando, but no freighting at high prices can at present be obtained, and all interests appear disposed to wait the result of the intervention.

☞ We are indebted to the officers of the steamer *Ambassador* for late St. Louis papers.

Latest from Vera Cruz.

Yesterday morning, at an early hour, the ship *Arkansas*, Capt. Hilliard, arrived from Vera Cruz, bringing intelligence from that city three or four days later. The following are the orders issued by Gen. Scott, upon the capture of the city, and the tariff of duties imposed by Gen. Worth.

HEAD QUARTERS OF THE ARMY, VERA CRUZ, March 29, 1847.

General Orders—No. 80.

The capture of this well-fortified city, the emporium of Mexican commerce, with the castle of San Juan de Ulloa, the enemy's principal fortress, with 500 prisoners and as many stand of arms, 400 pieces of ordnance, and a large quantity of ordnance stores, have added to the glory of American arms acquired elsewhere in this war, and cannot fail to contribute powerfully to an early peace—so much desired by the United States.

These important achievements have established a new base, and opened a shorter and better line of operations upon the enemy's capital and centre of resources.

The general-in-chief congratulates the army he has the honor personally to command upon the brilliant opening of a new campaign, and tenders, on the part of the United States, immediate thanks to all the corps—regular and volunteer, including a detachment of marines under Captain Edson—which formed the line of investment and prosecuted the siege to its happy conclusion. The troops have borne the heaviest labors in camp and in trenches, without failure or murmur, amidst rains and storms of distressing frequency and violence; skirmishes by day and night, and under the incessant fire of the enemy's heavy batteries of the city and castle. The steadiness and cheerfulness of officers and men, under the circumstances, are worthy of all praise.

The general-in-chief sincerely regrets that he cannot give the names of the hundreds, or rather thousands, to whom particular thanks are due on this occasion. He can only enumerate the few who were isolated by rank or position, as well as by noble services. Of the class he is happy to name Brevet Brigadier General Worth now brevet major general; and Brig General Twiggs, commanding the regular brigade; Maj. Gen. Patterson (second in command) and his three brigadier generals—Pillow, Quitman and Shields, of the volunteer division; Colonel Harney, commander of the regular cavalry; Colonel Totten, chief of engineers; Col Bankhead, chief of artillery and commander of the batteries, ably assisted, in succession, by other field officers of artillery; Capt Huger, acting chief of ordnance, much at the batteries, and remarkably in supplying them by Capts Cross and Irwin, both of the Quartermaster's Department; Lieut Col. Hitchcock, acting inspector general; Major Turnbull, acting chief of topographical engineers; Major MacRee, acting chief of the Quartermaster's Department; Capt Gwynon, acting chief of the commissariat; Surgeon General Lawson and the personal staff of the general-in-chief—Lieutenants H. L. Scott, Willcocks, Scranton and Lay—with the occasional aid of Capts Lee and Johnson, of the engineers and topographical engineers, and Captain Monroe, acting assistant inspector general.

To the commissioners, Brevet Maj General Worth, Brig Gen. Pillow and Col. Totten, including Capt. Aulick, of the navy, who negotiated and arranged the terms of capitulation with the enemy's commissioners, great credit is also severally due in that distinct capacity.

Thanks higher than those of the general-in-chief have been already rendered by the entire Home Squadron, under the successive orders of Commodores Conner and Perry, for prompt, cheerful and able assistance from the arrival of the army off this coast. Besides landing troops and supplies, and the strict blockade of this port, the smaller vessels detached by Commodore Perry, under the immediate command of Capt Tattnall, gained a prize in the attack upon the city at the imminent risk of being sunk by the fire of the castle; and the land battery No 5—served the Navals which followed Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4, served by the army at the end of two days was exclusively after being prepared by the engineers and troops of the army, armed, manned and commanded out of the squadron. This battery, in the successive tours of the gallant Capts Aulick and Mayo proved itself highly effective. By command of Maj Gen Scott.

H. L. SCOTT,
Acting Ass't Adj Gen.

The following tariff of duties is decreed and announced for the information and full enforcement of

1 All articles introduced by regularly appointed sutlers who will be required to exhibit to the assistant adjutant general, the evidence of their appointment, or last and known as soldiers' successors as also supplies of all kinds for officers, are *duty free*; but to avoid unnecessary preferences, or frauds, *all* articles imported by officers or persons and be entered at the custom house, and arrangements made with the collector for payment of duties on the whole cargo, subject to restitution or freedom from duty, of such articles or the *value* thereof, as may be sold to officers or non-officers. Such articles or *value* to be certified and sworn to in a manner satisfactory to the collector and in conformity with such regulations as he may adopt under the direction of the commander of government of Vera Cruz and dependencies.

2 On provisions, 5 per cent ad valorem

On wines, cider, ale and porter, 15 per cent ad valorem

On all other liquors, 75 per cent ad valorem

On raw cotton 4 cents per pound.

All other articles of merchandize, 10 per cent ad valorem.

2 Several foreign vessels having arrived and been under detention, before the occupation, are admitted under the foregoing regulations; but henceforth all foreign vessels arriving will be held subject to such duties as said vessels would be required to pay in any part of the United States, or to exhibit before admission, evidence of entry and payment of duties in the United States but always subjected to the additional duty hereby imposed.

It is hereby made known to the consignees of any and all goods entered at the custom-house at the port, after day and date hereof, that one third of the duties on said importations will be demanded in cash on the landing of said goods, and sufficient security given for the remainder, payable in two equal installments at three and six months. Vera Cruz *bonds* will be required, and good securities must be given, for the faithful payment of two-thirds of the duties on all importations, and payable to the collector of the port of Vera Cruz, appointed by Maj. Gen. Worth, now governor of said city.

The collector of the port will draw up and submit for approval port regulations, which, approved, will be duly enforced.

It is further decreed that foreign goods in deposit in the United States arriving at this port, will be admitted, by paying duties as per tariff of the United States, the same arriving at this port in American bottoms.

The foregoing regulations to be in force until otherwise directed by the governor for the time being, or the orders of the Government of the United States.

W. J. WORTH, Governor,
Brevet Maj. Gen. comdg.
WM. J. McCLUNEY,
Commander U. S. Navy.

Still later from Vera Cruz.

The ship *Ida Whiting*, Capt Dyer, arrived last evening from Vera Cruz, which port she left on the 31st inst.

We learn from Capt. Dyer that nothing new had transpired up to the time of his sailing.—Capt Dyer brought a small mail, which was not delivered last night.

The troops are said to be in excellent health.

Another Battle and Victory.

FROM BRAZOS SANTIAGO.—We learn from a passenger on the schooner *Henry Long*, which vessel left Brazos Santiago on the 2d inst., that there was a rumor at Matamoros on the 31st ult., said to have come from a German merchant at Camargo, to a merchant at Matamoros, that Gen. Taylor's advance guard had overtaken the forces under Gen. Urrea and Col. Canales at a pass, (name not given) and had fought a battle which lasted seven hours, in which Gen INVINCIBLE came off again victorious.

SIGNS.—The *True Democrat*—A paper published at Trenton, N. J., hoists the flag of Gen. Taylor at its head, and its motto is "Rough and Ready."

The Phil. U. S. *Gazette*, speaking of the hero of "Buena Vista," says:—

The public voice, the enthusiastic admiration of the people, seems to lead to the expectation that the civil, statesman-like qualities of Taylor, are to be tried as openly, as have been his military talents; and those who would have disappointed the public voice, and have crushed the hero of Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma and Monterey, will have, it is now likely, to make room for the Hero of *Buena Vista*. A beautiful prospect, a *good prospect*, indeed, of the Plebiscite, from the plains consecrated by his skill and valor, and the blood and life of the officers and men under his command.

It appears now that if Zachary Taylor would be the candidate of the great Anti-Polk party for the Presidency; if he enters upon that campaign he must be triumphant, for

TAYLOR NEVER SURRENDERS.

Mr. Senator Westcott, of Florida, we see it stated, is preparing for the press, a pamphlet in defence of his course during the last session of Congress. It is in reply to certain resolutions which were recently passed at a meeting of the democratic party at Trenton, New Jersey, announcing him as throwing barriers in the way of the administration to prevent a successful prosecution of the war, and as voting in favor of the rejection of his colleague, (Mr. Yulee) taking from Messrs. Ritchie & Heiss the privilege of a seat on the floor of the Senate.

A Guadalazara paper, says the *Picayune*, publishes the terms offered by our Government for peace through Atocha. The principal one was in brief, fifteen millions to be paid Mexico for the line of 26 degrees from the Gulf to the Pacific, and the United States to demand no expenses of the war. These expenses are estimated at thirteen millions, making a total of twenty-eight millions for this territory north of 26 degrees.

Military Contributions—Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The *Union* of the 1st inst., publishes a letter of instructions from the President to the Secretary of the Treasury, directing the latter to examine the existing Mexican tariff of duties, and report a schedule of articles of trade, to be admitted at such port or places as may at any time be in our military possession, with such rates of duties on them, and also on tonnage, as will be likely to produce the greatest amount of revenue.

In reply to this letter Mr. WALKER submits an elaborate report, accompanied by a scale of duties to be levied as a military contribution during the war in the ports of Mexico in possession of our army or navy by conquest. The Secretary considers it clear that we must adopt our own tariff, or that of Mexico, or establish a new system of duties. The first is impracticables because the Mexican rates differ so greatly from our own, as to render a different adjustment necessary, in order to collect the largest amount of revenue. A change is also rendered necessary by the proposed exaction of duties on all imports to any Mexican port in our possession, from any other Mexican port occupied by us in the same manner—this coasting trade is recommended to be confined to our own vessels. In other respects the ports are to be freely opened at the rate of duties proposed to the vessels and commerce of the world.

The Secretary recommends specific duties, as they already prevail in Mexico, and will prove more burdensome to the people of that country. He is opposed to the adoption as a basis of the tariff of Mexico, because the duties are extravagantly high, defeating importation and leading to fraud and smuggling; because there are no less than sixty articles entirely prohibited, and which if continued, would exclude most of our products and fabrics; and, because discrimination and moderate duties are necessary to ensure abundant revenue. He then continues:

In order to realize from this system the largest amount of revenue, it would be necessary that our army and navy should seize every important port and place upon the Gulf of Mexico, or California, or the Pacific, and open the way through the interior for the free transit of imports and exports, and especially that the interior passage through the Mexican isthmus should be secured from ocean to ocean for the benefit of our commerce, and that of all the world. This measure, whilst it would greatly increase our revenue from these duties, and facilitate communication between our ports upon the eastern and western coast of Mexico, would probably lead, at the conclusion of a peace, to results of incalculable importance to our own commerce and to that of all the world.

In the meantime the Mexican government monopoly in tobacco, from which a considerable revenue is realized by Mexico, together with the culture there, which yields that revenue, should be abolished, so as to diminish the resources of that government, and augment our own, by collecting the duty upon all the imported tobacco. The Mexican interior inland duties should also be abolished, and that internal government duty on coin and bullion. These duties, on exports and duties upon exports should be maintained, and especially the heavy export duty on coin and bullion, so as to deepen and facilitate the current of imports into the country, and the return of the precious metals to flow out from Mexico to pay for those imports. Quicksilver and machinery, for working the mines of precious metals in Mexico, for the same reasons, should also be admitted duty free, which, with the measure already indicated, would open a new era in the production and exchanges of the precious metals, improve our own commerce and industry and that of all nations, as well as Mexico.

In thus opening the ports of Mexico to the commerce of the world, you would present to its nations with whom we are at peace the best evidence of your desire to establish with them friendly relations, to render the war which you destroy as short as may be consistent with the safety and honor of the country, and to advance their interests so far as it safely can be done, as the result of the war in connection with correspondence and intercourse and commerce with Mexico. To extend the commerce, you will have imposed upon the ports of Mexico, but few duties, and those chiefly such as obstruct the trade of no neighboring nation and from the coast, you will have annulled the government duty on exports to Britain, and abolished the heavy export duties on the precious metals, so as to permit them to flow out freely for the benefit of mankind. You will have expunged the long list of their prohibited articles, and reduced to so that one half their duties on imports, while the internal duties will be abolished, the taxing of the precious metals. These are great advantages which would be secured to friendly nations, especially when compared with the exclusion of their commerce by rigorous blockades. It is true, the duties collected from these imports would be for the benefit of our own government, but it is equally true, that the expenses of the war which Mexico almost upon prosecuting, are borne exclusively by ourselves, and not by foreign nations. It cannot be doubted but that all neutral nations will see in the adoption of such a course by us, a manifestation of the good will towards them, and a strong desire to advance those just and humane principles, which make it the duty of belligerents, as we have already recognized, to render the war in which they are engaged as little injurious as practicable to neutral powers.

These duties would not be imposed upon any imports into our own country, but only upon imports into Mexico during the time we hold upon the people of Mexico the enhancements to them of the prices of the imports. Nearly all our own products are excluded by the Mexican tariff, even in time of peace; they are excluded also during the war, so far as we continue the system of blockading any of the ports of Mexico, and they are also excluded even through the Mexican isthmus should be secured in possession of Tehuantepec for the benefit of our commerce and that of all the world. This measure, whilst it would greatly increase our revenue from these duties, and facilitate communication between our ports upon the eastern and western coast of Mexico, would probably lead, at the conclusion of a peace, to results of incalculable importance to our own commerce and to that of all the world.

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I do not always take the same view of public affairs that I have taken heretofore, but I always take the view that I deem according to the best of my judgment, at the time.

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From the statements of Mexican officers, particularly of the medical staff left to succor the wounded, there seems no doubt that their loss in the recent action is moderately estimated at

some other officer, making known the fact to the Secretaries of War or of the Navy, and subject to their direction

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant, R. J. WALKER.
Secretary of the Treasury

To the PRESIDENT

The Tariff of duties recomended by Mr WALKER, was to appear in the *Union* of the 2d

From Mexico.

Files of Mexican papers to the 27th ult., have been received by the *Patria* and other journals. The most important news they contain refers to the movements of Santa Anna and the revolution in the Capitol. He took leave of the army at San Luis Potosi in a brief address, in which he declares that he is about assuming the reins of Government, entirely with a view to put an end to Civil War. He adds that he has ordered two brigades of infantry and one of cavalry to march to the defence of Vera Cruz, and the rest of the army to remain at San Luis for the protection of that frontier.

Santa Anna reached the Capitol on the 23rd, having on the same day taken the oath of office as President at Guadalcanje de Hidalgo. The following is his inaugural, which we take from the *Picayune*:

Senores Deputies—I have just taken the oath which the law prescribes, and in doing so ought to accompany it with a manifestation of my sentiments, and the motives of my conduct to this respectable committee of the legislative body.

The events which have taken place in the capitol are known, and are of such a character as to bind me to give them a speedy and pacific termination. Surrounded by difficulties of all kinds, interested in what is the most important and essential for the whole nation, as is the sustaining of a strong and decided struggle with a foreign power, in which nothing less is involved than the existence of the nation, it would be the best of evils to enter into a contest with those who ought to unite in repelling the common enemy. These discords ought to disappear at the imperious voice of patriotism which calls upon the sons of the country to have but one will and aim. The moment we have been urgent—I have on the forward steps of the enemy—I have rushed to the field to repel him, and even at the moment of doing so, I have been forced to leave a brave and victorious army, and to come hither to assume a power which I have repeatedly said was repugnant to my feelings and which I had decided never to undertake.

That which has been and ought to be an object of aspiration and desire, is for me an enormous sacrifice. But I am not for my country and shall ever serve it, without thinking what it may cost me to do that which the nation desires I should do. I have entered upon the Supreme Magistracy for the fourth time, in that it was the only legal means of terminating the disturbances of the capital, and because I believe I shall thus be able to incommode the prosecution of the war, and to save the independence and honor of Mexico, which I wish to preserve pure and brilliant to the world which is beholding us. I have to here me the committee of the Sovereign Congress, of that august body whose decisions I have respected and shall constantly continue to respect. In deference will be my invariable guide, and I have firmly resolved to preserve a purpose with the legislative body, which union will give us a final victory and the re establishment of internal and external peace—on which the happiness of our country depends—as I think we all aspire. The nation has pronounced the powers and principles which ought to be the basis of the administration. I will seek to establish them. I understand that my strength will be secured by conferring itself, and I agree for which its sons have those guarantees which belong to all men, and which vegetation claims. I will not, however, have been sent to return to the country. This will not be denied, and the nation which will see me obliged to its wishes will not refuse to lend me its co-operation, without which I cannot conduct the ship of state to the haven of safety. I should always take the same course if I could, and I agree to other measures that on good account and a spirit of patriotism. I should be so. I feel I was convinced my country—that I merited it with zeal, and that I sacrificed myself for its good.

Santa Anna's cabinet consists of D. Mariano Otero, Minister of Foreign Affairs; D. Juan Rodriguez of the Treasury; D. Francisco Fuente, Justice; D. Jose Gutierrez, of War We learn, however, that Otero has resigned his office, and that D. Manuel Rincon had been appointed in his stead. It was said moreover, that Senor Wenceslao, the present Minister of Justice

The *Republicano* of the 25th March mentions the departure for Vera Cruz of the permanent troops of the Capital, such as the Grenadier Battalion of Liberty and the Civic Guard, &c. General Penny Barragan had been made to assemble all the forces engaged in the civil broils to oppose their hostility. News of the capture of Chihuahua had been received in Mexico, the result was attributed to the cowardice of the cavalry

City Intelligence.

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT.—*Robert Sutton* vs. *Municipality No 2.*—Damages was brought to recover the sum of $6,000 for work done, and materials furnished by petitioner for the construction of a bridge, by defendants, at a contract, and also for the appointing of said contract. Plaintiff avers that he has performed the work required by a municipal hall for the sum of $20,000, to be paid in fifteen equal instalments, as the work progressed, that it was well understood that if the municipality desired it, said payments may be made in municipal bonds payable in two years bearing 7 per cent interest, or such other value as the Council may determine, the payment made to be equal to cash to petitioner, that he received three instalments, but not being able to cash the last unless at a large discount, which the Council was not willing to allow him, he returned the bonds received for that instalment, and surrendered up the building, he states that $11,000 was due for work done, the loss on profit that would arise from the work $30,000, pray that $20,000 be decreed him, to hold him harmless from any future claims that may be brought against him, and finally states the full amount for work and damages at $67,000. Verdict for plaintiff, $18,267, and that the contract be annulled.

BREACH OF TRUST.—Recorder Baldwin was yesterday occupied in investigating the case of J. J. Fingerer, charged with appropriating to his own use the proceeds of a bill of $75 which he had entrusted for Dr. Brent. His honor, after a careful examination, committed the accused for trial before the First District Court

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.—Mathew Kelly, charged with an assault and battery, and with rescuing a prisoner, made yesterday his appearance, before Recorder Baldwin who bound over for trial before the First District Court.

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO ROB.—William Tracy was arrested on Thursday night last in the Opera Theatre, by Lieutenant Ferrari of the First Municipality police, on a charge of assaulting an individual with intent to commit robbery. He was brought up yesterday before Recorder Genois, and was committed to be tried before the First District Court.

INQUEST.—Coroner Spredden held yesterday an inquest on the body of a white man named Henry Hanlon, found dead in a yard on Magnoly street, between Cassalan and Greenwood streets. Verdict:—"Died from compression of the brain."

DINNER TO MR SOULE.—We hasten to inform the subscribers that the dinner offered to Mr. Soule, which was erroneously announced for Thursday the 15th, will take place on Friday the 16th inst. The subscribers who have received their tickets are requested to alter the date accordingly.

SENTENCED TO BE HUNG.—The negro who murdered Dr. A. W. Burt, in Edgefield District, on the 25th ult., has been tried, convicted and sentenced to be hung on the 9th April.

☞ It is rumored, says Prentice, that the Hon Saunage Sawyer, of Ohio, is to be sent on a mission to Bologne. We hope the Bolognese will not send him back done up in a "concentration accordingly."

LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA.

In Senate.

FRIDAY, April 9th, 1847

The bill from the House, authorizing the commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of the public buildings at Baton Rouge, to pay a premium of $500 for the best plan of a State House, and fixing the salary of the architect of said building at $5000 per annum, was called up and gave rise to a long discussion. The sum of $5000 was finally stricken out and that of $3000 was agreed upon. After some further amendments, the bill passed through its second reading.

Sundry other bills from the House were taken up and read twice.

The Senate then went into executive session, and ratified the nomination of H. T. Williams, to be State Engineer. After which the Senate adjourned until Monday next.

House of Representatives.

Mr. Fisher presented a petition from sundry hay dealers of the city of New Orleans, praying that the office of Weigher of Hay be not established—referred to a Special Committee.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill providing for the discharge from prison of all persons who may be imprisoned for fines and costs, who are unable to pay them—read three times and passed.

Mr. Lyons reported a bill to empower Mr. Hamilton, a practitioner according to the Thomsonian system, to recover all debts that may be contracted with him professionally—read once.

Mr. De Clouet presented a bill providing additional powers to the police jury of the parish of Franklin—read three times and passed.

Mr. Aubert, on behalf of Mr. Hall, introduced a bill fixing the number of terms of the 4th and 5th judicial districts; and the time at which they shall be holden—read three times and passed.

Mr. Ogden, of Rapides, introduced a bill to establish a ferry across the river Nemenito, in the parish of St. Landry—read three times and passed.

The same member introduced a substitute for the bill fixing the time of holding courts in the parishes of Rapides and Avoyelles. The substitute, after a short duration, passed through its second reading. On motion, ordered that the bill be engrossed for its third reading.

Mr. Pike from a Special Committee, introduced a bill to authorize Jeremiah Brooks and his wife to adopt a child—read three times and passed.

Mr. Oliver introduced a bill supplementary to an act creating district courts throughout the State, for parishes of Jefferson and Orleans excepted.—It was made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Conrad called up the bill granting to Solomon Cohen the privilege of establishing a turnpike road from the New Canal of the New Orleans Canal and Banking Company, to the Mississippi river in the parish of Jefferson. After a protracted debate, the bill passed through its second reading. On motion, it was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

Mr. Pike called up the bill for the relief of Isodore Mackey, (or c, a veteran of 1814—15. After some few appropriate remarks from Mr Pike, the bill was read three times and passed.

After the transaction of some other local business, the House adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock

LATEST DATES.

New York	Apr. 1	London	Mar. 3
Washington	Apr. 2	Liverpool	Mar. 4
Charleston	Apr. 4	Havre	Feb. 26
Cincinnati	Apr. 1	Bremen	Mar. 24
Natchez	Apr. 5	Vera Cruz	April 3
Galveston