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The Cabinet.

We have at length accurate information of the composition of President TAYLOR'S Cabinet, a sketch of the following gentlemen:

Secretary of State, John M. Clayton, of Delaware.

Secretary of the Treasury, William Meredith, of Pa.

Secretary of War, William H. Crawford, of Georgia.

Secretary of the Navy, William B. Preston, of Virginia.

Secretary of the Home Department, Thomas Ewing, of Ohio.

Postmaster General, Jacob Collamer, of Vermont.

Attorney General, Reverdy Johnson, of Maryland.

These, very able Council and will, we are persuaded, give entire satisfaction to the country. Intellectually, rather than politically, it is a strong cabinet. There is not a member but has been distinguished either by his eloquence and ability in the National Legislature, or by attainments in his profession. There is scarcely an ultra amongst them, though they are all of the school of politics to which the Executive inclines.

Of the Secretary of State, JOHN M. CLAYTON, it is almost superfluous to speak. His voice has been heard and his influence has been felt in the Councils of the Nation for a quarter of a century. He takes rank with the most distinguished statesmen of the United States Senate. He is a shrewd, liberal, high-minded statesman, of enlarged and comprehensive views, practical rather than theoretical in his opinions—truly American, and conservative in his sentiments, ardently devoted to the Union, loving his party when acting as country more. He is profound, eloquent and wise, a safe councillor, of tried and sterling judgement. Gen. TAYLOR could not possibly have conferred the first office in his gift on an abler and better man than Mr. CLAYTON.

Mr. MEREDITH, Secretary of the Treasury, is comparatively little known beyond the limits of his profession. He is comparatively a young man, but has already attained the highest professional honors to which a jurist can aspire. He stands at the head of the Philadelphia bar. Mr. MEREDITH, we are told, possesses a calm, clear mind of unpregnable solidity, a sagacious, discriminating judgment, vast erudition and a perfect familiarity with politics as a science, rather than a mere contest of factions. He is a high-toned, honorable gentleman, of unexceptionable character and habits, and a sincere and consistent Whig, but by no means a violent partizan. He was a warm personal friend of Mr. CLAYTON. That he is a man of the highest attainments will appear from the following letter, which we recommend perusal. We think it will be read with interest by all parties:

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR: Mr. CLAYTON, Secretary of War, is a gentleman whom I have known from my boyhood. He has been a Chief Magistrate of the State, and has been "through the mill of the great office," as never to be afraid of any work which Georgia was pleased to impose upon him. He is a Southern man in feeling and principle, but holds no sympathy with the sectional fanaticism which marks the conduct of the followers of John C. Calhoun. He is a man of strong character and talent, and will be a credit to the eminent post for which he has been selected.

Of the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. B. PRESTON, I can only speak in the recent display of his talents, powers of reasoning, eloquence in the House of Congress. He was a representative of the 4th District, Wilmington, &c., when elected by the Legislature of Virginia to a United States Senatorship, which he held with honor to himself and benefit to his constituents. He was then a Whig, and was chosen by the Legislature of Virginia in almost hopeless opposition to the Democratic party. He is a fine orator, and has been distinguished as an Orator beat down opposition. He is a strong speech in the House at the late session, of it was instinct with genius and eloquence. He acquitted, by this effort, a noble reputation which, we feel sure, he will sustain as a confidential adviser of the Executive.

Hon. THOS. EWING, Secretary of the Home Department, is a gentleman of wide fame, who has long filled a conspicuous arena. He is in some respects a representative of the old party divisions—a strong minded, large-headed man, with original bearings, bold in their expression, exceptional in politics, a statesman of no mean calibre, a thinker of no ordinary force and comprehension, a statesman of that kind of giants, which in times of yore feared not to board the Lion of the Hermitage, and were not appalled at his "naked wrath." Mr. Ewing has capacity for any office, and will perform the functions entrusted to him with the vigor and ability of one that mark his understanding.

The office of Postmaster General has been accepted by Hon. JACOB CLLAMER, of Vermont. He is a gentleman of the steady loyalty and unflinching faith of the Green Mountain State. He served for many years in Congress, as the representative from Vermont, and exhibited in his public career, abilities of a very first order, great patience and understanding in affairs. Mr. CLLAMER is accused of being a Free Soiler. That he was in favor of the Wilmot Proviso is quite probable. We are not acquainted with said Northern politician, of either party, who does not entertain precisely the same views. Mr. COLLAMER, in his present position, can only be called to the functions that have devolved upon him as the head of the Post-office Department, to administer the laws. The duties of his office will be discharged with a thousand times the zeal, public spirit, and regard to the interests of the country which were manifested in the discharge of his previous service.

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We think a Cabinet, representing the various elements of the confederacy, and many of the liberal opinion which diversify the sentiments even of the same party, acting harmoniously together under the guidance and control of the correct and healthy judgment of the President elect, and looking to the exercise towards the promotion of the best and highest interests of the people, the maintenance of a fraternal spirit of concord, the extinguishment of sectional animosities, and the extinction of an extreme party line—we sincerely believe that the Administration will prove efficient, successful and popular. It has only to continue in the same course in which it commenced, and it will be hailed by the Nation as the purest and highest reflection of our republican institutions that the country has witnessed since the days of WASHINGTON.

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Correspondence of the Bee.

WASHINGTON, March 2d, 1849.

Nothing has occurred or is likely to occur, to change the programme of the Cabinet as stated in my last letter, and it is now a matter of common and confirmed rumor through the streets, admitted by all, believed by all and disputed by none. Although there was some opposition to Mr. Meredith's appointment from rival interests and from selfish considerations, now that it has been made, all concede the propriety, and the strength and moral power of the selection. Mr. Meredith stands in the very front rank of his profession in the United States, and enjoys at this time, a practice in Philadelphia which is not equalled by any other member of the bar. He is a man of large and comprehensive mind, of experience and sagacity, of statesmanship and of a purity of character which places his administration of the department beyond the reach of suspicion.

The Cabinet, taken as a whole, has been received with favor and satisfaction. It has the merit of being fresh, vigorous and united in sentiment. Belonging to the times and sympathising with the spirit of progress, it cannot fail to be popular, if conducted upon the principles which enter into its composition. I have the fullest confidence that the men who have been selected as the advisers of Gen. Taylor, are fully adequate to the responsibility of their trusts, and that they will signalize the administration by a wise and useful career of public service.

It is but reasonable to suppose, under circumstances like the present, that there would be some heartburnings and dissatisfaction. This is incident to the formation of any administration, and was particularly evinced at the beginning of the present dynasty. The disappointed cannot be expected to submit without murmurs, at losing the objects of their partiality and efforts. If there be any feeling on the subject now, it will disappear before the inauguration is over, and we shall start with the assurance of union and co-operation from all quarters. A Cabinet composed of such materials as,

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Cannot fail to command public confidence, and to ensure a conservative and beneficial Administration.

An agreeable and interesting interview occurred between Gen. Taylor and Gen. Cass, yesterday, which was witnessed by a number of excited spectators. Some pleasant passages occurred between the parties, and after exchanging mutual regard, the meeting closed, leaving very satisfactory recollections.

Gen Taylor has addressed a kind and cordial invitation to Gen. Scott, requesting his presence at the inauguration, which of course will be answered in person. This step has gratified a large body of friends, and the compliment will doubtless be perfectly acceptable to Gen. Scott, as the events of the last two years have, in some degree, estranged the relations that ought to subsist between two such gallant and distinguished soldiers.

The Inaugural has been prepared and submitted to such members of the Cabinet, as are now in the city. It is a brief, able and liberal paper, and breathes the spirit of the Allison letter throughout. In regard to the disposition of the public offices, Gen. Taylor expresses the intention to leave the appointment of all subordinate officers to the heads of Departments, and to exercise the appointing power with reference to qualification, character and fitness. The sentiments of republican policy which were expressed in the recent canvass, are reiterated in strong and unmistakeable language; and altogether, the inaugural is such a document as will command the general opinion of the country, for its sense and brevity.

Mr. Dallas took leave of the Senate this morning, as its presiding officer, in a neat and appropriate speech, which was by far the best act of his official career in connection with the Body. When he was about retiring, the Senate paid him the marked compliment of rising in a body and standing until after his departure. Mr. Webster offered a resolution approving of his impartial course, which was unanimously adopted. Mr. *Margaretta*, brigs *Union* and *Eudora*, and sch'r, *Wm. Thompson*. Flour was selling at Panama at $40 per barrel. Captain Saunders spoke a steamship, standing south, on the 31 instant, in lat. 18 00, long. 80 00—could not make her out.

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During the excited debates last night the Senate was disgraced (we believe for the first time) by a personal rencontre, in which blows were exchanged between two of its members—Foote of Mississippi, and Cameron of Pennsylvania. A similar scene of rowdyism was enacted in the House between Johnson of Arkansas, and Ficklin of Illinois. In the latter blood flowed copiously. Both these affairs were finally settled amicably.

Abbot Lawrence has declined the offer of the Navy Department, and the present cast of the Cabinet is as follows: Clayton, for State Department; Meredith, for Treasury; Crawford, War; Preston of Va. Navy; Ewing, Postmaster General; Reverdy Johnson, Attorney General. The Home Department had been offered to John Davis, of Massachusetts, and whether he accepts or not, it is to be reserved for New England.

Mexico.

By an arrival from Vera Cruz, we have been put in possession of full files of Mexican papers from that city to the 28th, and from the capitol to the 24th ult.

We have already mentioned the treachery o Col. MARAUNA, who was employed under BRAVO, to subdue the insurgents at Sierra Gordo. We now learn that his revolutionary movements proved entirely abortive, and that in attempting to fly, he was apprehended at Iturbi, but contrived to escape through the agency of a sergeant, who was one of his guard. His accessary has been imprisoned and will probably suffer a severe penalty.

The parties of Americans who are traversing Mexico, on their way to California, excite suspicion and discontent among the people. In Chihuahua they are charged with acts of every oppression and with an infraction of the Treaty of Guadalupe. It is said that troops are about to be dispatched to Chihuahua, to compel the Americans to keep the peace and proceed tranquilly along the journey.

The American deserters who form part of the police of the city of Mexico, are giving a great deal of trouble to the authorities. They are turbulent, reckless and inefficient.

Religious tolerance is a prominent subject of discussion by the press. The *Monitor* is warmly in favor of the project. The clergy and the lower classes are violently hostile to it.

Gen La Vega has been formally installed as commander of the military forces of Tamaulipas.

Great complaints are made in letters from passengers on board the steamer *California*, of the bad treatment, the favoritism exhibited to some and the duplicity displayed towards others. When last heard from, the steamer was at Acapulco, on her way to Mazatlan. There were a very large number of persons at the former place waiting an opportunity of transportation to California.

The Mexican journals urge the necessity of opening a road across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, in order that Mexico may derive some of the benefit which will result from the immense immigration to California.

Santa Anna is still a bug-bear to the Mexicans. They fear that he is about to return and convulse the country with another revolution.

FROM CHAGRES.—The schooner *William H. Hazzard*, Captain Saunders, arrived last evening from Chagres, having left that port on the 26th ult. By this vessel Captain Saunders, that the British Mail steamer sailed from Chagres on the 25th. The brig *Perfect* arrived from this port on the 25th. Captain Saunders reports about three hundred passengers at Panama, and one ship, name unknown, was to leave Panama about the 1st instant, and one ship was fitting up, also for passengers, both bound to San Francisco. There had been no later arrivals from the El Dorado. Vessels left at Chagres—bark *Margaretta*, brigs *Union* and *Eudora*, and sch'r, *Wm. Thompson*. Flour was selling at Panama at $40 per barrel. Captain Saunders spoke a steamship, standing south, on the 31 instant, in lat. 18 00, long. 80 00—could not make her out.

ARRIVAL OF THE BRITISH STEAMER.—We learn from the Mobile *Herald*, that the Royal West India Mail steamer *Great Western*, Capt. Wolfe, arrived at Mobile Point on Thursday afternoon, the 8th instant, from Havana. She brought thirty-seven passengers, of whom the following were for Mobile and New Orleans:

Capt. W. B. Lion and servant, and Messrs. Edward Crowley, W. Ruiz, Richard Reiter, J. A Radcliffe, E. Sergent, R. B. Smith, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Burtolph, Mr. Henry, Mr. Lancon and Mr. Ratenieyer.

The Royal Mail steamer *Medway*, Captain Symons, had arrived at Havana, owing to the alteration consequent on the loss of the steamer *Forth*, on the afternoon of the 5th instant, and being placed in quarantine, her mails and passengers were transferred to the *Great Western*.

The latter steamer left Mobile on the 5th instant, and the *Medway*, for Jamaica, on the same day.

It will be seen by the following certificate of the commander and chief engineer of the steamer *Dee*, that the Alabama coal, which was taken on this vessel on her last trip hence to Havana, has been tested and approved by these gentlemen:

ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP DEE, Havana, Feb. 25, 1849.

We hereby certify, that the 160 tons of Alabama coal, received at Mobile, on the 22d inst., is a much better coal than that supplied on the 1st instant, and in point of consumption, is easy steaming coal. It is equal to any Welsh coal generally supplied to the company's ships in the West Indies; it requires a stronger draft for burning, and has *less clinker* than some of the Welsh coal.

DAVID GRANT, Chief Engineer.
WM. ALLAN, Com. *Dee*.

From the Boston Traveller.

Authentic Accounts from California.

Capt. W. D. Phelps, late of bark Moscow, of this port, arrived here from California, via Panama, on Saturday morning. Capt. P. brings a quantity of the gold, in grains, in scales, and in lumps—the largest of the latter weighing about an ounce and a half. The amount of gold brought by him has been much overrated in the published accounts, though he brings a considerable quantity. It is not less, however, than the lowest amount stated (38,000).

As Capt. P. worked personally at the mines, which we believe was not the case with Mr. Atherton, his experience of the minutiæ of the gold digging there is considerable. In the first place, as to the pieces of gold that have been reported as found, he says the largest piece that he has seen is in the possession of Mr. Mellus, and weighed about 22 ounces. He had heard numerous stories of the mines of large pieces being found; *but in every instance where they were investigated, they turned out to be false, or greatly exaggerated.* One man was reported to have found a piece weighing several pounds; he went to see him and found that its weight was only two ounces, and that it was the proceeds of an entire day's work.

As to the stories that the diggers were many of them averaging $150 per day, he thinks that those that have done the best, have not obtained more than $3000 during the entire digging season. The hours of work were from five to ten hours per day. Formerly, the Indians were averse to working to work for a trifle, but they have since become better acquainted with the value of their toil. They are principally the remnants of tribes and not formidable.

But one case of disorder occurred before Capt. P. left. It was that of a negro who insulted a Mormon woman. The people turned out, caught the negro, tied him to a tree, gave him a good lashing, and then turned him loose, with a threat of a rifle ball if he misbehaved again.

The inhabitants of California, Capt. P. says, are anxious to maintain order; but they can hardly do it in any other way than by lynch law, until some regular government is established.

When several companies of Col. Mason's regiment deserted to the mines a file of soldiers were sent after them, who in turn deserted. Col. Mason then started with a file of dragoons, called the miners together, and told them that if they expected the countenance of the government, they must help him to arrest deserters. To this they replied, that if there were any refuges from justice among them, they were willing to turn out and help arrest them, but their time was too precious to be occupied in running after deserters. After this, Col. Mason was glad to get back with half of his dragoons.

Agriculture has been so totally neglected, that a man who had a field containing 15,000 bushels of wheat, could not get it harvested, though he offered half the products, and was obliged to let his cattle eat it. Women and children, as well as their husbands and fathers, had become gold diggers. Capt. Phelps's opinion as to the success of expeditions daily starting from this country, is that it will depend upon the manner of their organization. There is no doubt, he says, of there being considerable quantities of gold in California, but there is great exaggeration in the matter.

Letters had appeared in the papers from persons who had no existence in California, and in respect to vessels that had never been there.

Captain Phelps looks hearty and healthy, and bears no marks of a tedious voyage from the other side of the world.

☞ Strong efforts to be made in the British Parliament to curtail the speeches of members. The London press has evidently lost a good certain limits. This will do more than anything else to effect the desired reform.

A BULLY LOAD.—The steamer *Autocrat* arrived yesterday from Memphis, with the enormous cargo of 4646 bales of cotton. If we mistake not, this is the largest load of cotton ever received by any one boat.

THE OATH OF INAUGURATION.—The following is the Oath taken by the President on his installation into office:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend, the Constitution of the United States."

Appointments by the President,

By and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Gustavus G. Cushman, of Maine, to be Consul of the United States for the Port of Chagres, in the Republic of New Grenada, in the place of Leonard Jones, declined.

A. Hyatt Smith, to be Attorney of the U. States for the district of Wisconsin, in the place of I. W. Sutherland, resigned.

Marcus J. Gaines, of Virginia, to be Consul of the United States for the city and kingdom of Tripoli.

James L Edwards, to be Commissioner of Pensions.

Land Officers—Receivers: Henry W. Fairfrey, New Ulsena, vice Silver B Hill, resigned. Rufus Hewitt, Winsmear, Ia., vice A L Wheeler, resigned. Abner Gilstrap, Milan, Mo., (new office.)

Register—Joamiah Seaman, Milan, Mo., (new office.)

Circular—To Registers and Receivers at the several Land Offices. Treasury Department, Feb. 24th, 1849. A question of much importance has arisen in relation to Mexican war bounty land warrants that may be claimed by *bona fide* purchasers.

1. Where a warrant is forged.
2. Where the assignment or transfer is forged.
3. Where the power of attorney is forged.

Several cases of this description having been presented to the consideration of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, he informs me that they are all in his judgment null and void, and that the land covered by such locations remain the property of the United States, in which view this department fully concurs. In order, therefore, to induce greater caution to injure purchasers, you will please show the circular to all persons proposing to make locations with Mexican war bounty land warrants, and cause a copy of these instructions to be posted in the most public position in your office. As these forgeries are believed to be augmenting in number, this notice is deemed necessary for the protection of the Government and the people.

R. J. WALKER,
Secretary of the Treasury.

City Intelligence.

STRAKOSCH'S SECOND CONCERT.—This inimitable pianist gives a second Musical Entertainment to-night at the St. Louis Ball Room. We trust that the occasion will be graced by the attendance of the numerous amateurs of both sexes in our circle population. Mr. Strakosch's programme is very rich. He repeats that exquisitely tender and tasteful composition—*Souvenirs de Jenny Lind*, and likewise the dramatic fantasia on themes from Lucy of Lammermoor—a morceau of high artistic merit, and which strikingly exhibits the perfection of his touch and the brilliancy of his execution. Among the pieces not previously performed, are "La Sylphide," which is rich in Arpeggios, contrasting, production, full of delicate beauty, and a grand fantasia on themes from "Lucrezia Borgia." Mr. Strakosch will be assisted by Mde. Casini, and Herr Thiedepape.

MADAME CAILLY.—The lady's vocal and instrumental concert takes place on Wednesday evening at the Armory Hall. Those who have heard Mde. CAILLY inform us that she possesses a voice of remarkable power, purity and richness. She is a pupil of the Conservatory of Paris, and this alone is a certain proof of the excellence of her musical education and the faultlessness of her style and method. She has selected for the display of her vocal capabilities a number of the most difficult, though most delicious compositions of the French, German and Italian masters. Amongst others, "Casta Diva," from Robert le Diable, "*Casta Diva*," from Norma. Mde. CAILLY has likewise engaged the services of several distinguished artists, such as Messieurs Curto, Schmidt, Carriere and Gruber.

SECOND DISTRICT COURT.—The case of *habeas corpus*, to which we made allusion on Saturday, came up before Judge Canonge, on that day. The application and the subject, the reasons of John Dudley Owen—a lad of sixteen years—from the Second Municipality House of Refuge, where he had been confined on the charge of vagrancy, since the month of November last. After a lengthy argument by Mr. Collins, on behalf of the boy, replied to by Mr. Randall Hunt, for the Municipality, His Honor remanded the lad, and adjudged that he should remain in the House of Refuge until his sixteenth year.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.—*Sentenced*—Louis Bernardas Hernandez, convicted of counterfeiting was sentenced, on Saturday, by Judge McHenry, to imprisonment, at hard labor, for four years.

Found Guilty.—Jacob Dreyfous and Henry Levy, charged with larceny, having stolen $474, on the 12th January last, from a colored man, was tried on Saturday, and found guilty.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—An inquest was held on, Saturday, on the body of a mulatto man, name unknown, aged about 25 years, found drowned in the New Canal, two squares below the warehouse—Verdict accordingly.

FIRE.—A fire broke out yesterday afternoon, on the New Basin, which destroyed some ten or twelve wooden tenements before the flames could be subdued. We could not learn the amount of loss.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—John Jones, arrested yesterday, at the request of Christopher Rush, who charges him with assault and battery, was committed by Recorder Genois for trial before the First District Court.

STABBING.—Robert Howes was arrested on Saturday, on the charge of stabbing, charged with stabbing severely a man named Bowers, at a house. The accused gave bail to appear in the sum of $1,500.

LARGE ROBBERY.—Augustus Richards *alias* Belger was arrested in the Second Municipality on Saturday, charged by Joseph Newton with having stolen from him at various times about $600 in money. A revolver was found in the premises of the accused, and also a pair of boots, the property of Newton.

FORGERY.—A man named Thompson was arrested on Saturday in the Second Municipality, for attempting to pass off a forged note for $250, purporting to have been drawn by C. P. Simpson, to Mr. M. Judson, who keeps an exchange office on the corner of Camp and Canal streets. Another individual called Hughes, from whom was also locked up for being an accessory to the fact. The latter will both be brought before Recorder Baldwin this morning.

GRAND ASCENSION AND EXTRAORDINARY DESCENSION OF MONSIEUR VICTOR VERDALLE.—The Citizens of New Orleans yesterday witnessed one of the most wonderful of *aerial feats* ever performed in the world. Monsieur Victor Verdalle, a professional made a beautiful ascension from the corner of Poydras and St. Charles streets, after going through various "*slack rope*" revolutions, he ascended about a *mile*, and on reaching the current of air he was conveyed in a Northern direction. On arriving over the Pontchartrain Railroad, Third Municipality, for ribbe to relate, the *balloon exploded*, and precipitated him to the earth from a distance of 7000 FEET and was in more astonishing he was not the least injured. He owes his miraculous escape of death from a bush in the garden of P. F. Lerrion, Esq., in Moreau street, where he landed. The wind being very strong the balloon was in a measure kept up in such a manner as to break the fall.

Mr. V. was very composed and exclaimed on rising from the rose bush, and picking up a rose that he touched off in the fall.—"Ay, Ay, Sauer this is a very sweet spot." Monsieur V. was conveyed home by General Dixon in a carriage, amidst the deafening shouts of the populace, who congratulated him on his fortunate escape from death.

COMMERCIAL.

The Markets.

SATURDAY EVENING, March 10, 1849.

The Cotton market opened quietly this morning, but later in the day an active demand sprung up based on the announcement of the arrival of the Steamship America at Halifax, coupled with the intimation that a private despatch had come through bringing favorable accounts. In consequence of this the transactions reached 12,000 bales at full prices.

About 100 hhds. Tobacco were sold to-day, at steady prices.

Sales of Sugar, 500 hhds., at former rates. Molasses in bulk, with sales of 200 bbls., at 15@16c ℔ gallon for extreme qualities.

The Flour market was very quiet, the business not exceeding 700 bbls. chiefly Ohio, at $4 38. The sales of Corn to-day reached 10,000 sacks, at 42@ 46c ℔ bushel, which is a decline.

Provisions are heavy. Mess Pork $10@10 25 ℔ bbl. Prime $9 25. A sale of 125,000 lb Bulk Pork was made at $3 65. No change in Bacon or Beef. About 700 bbls. and 300 kegs Lard were sold to-day at full rates.

Small sales of Whiskey at 17c ℔ gallon for Rectified.

Exchange remains at last quoted. Sterling, 9@9¼ ℔ cent prem; France 5f. 20@5f. 40. Bills on New York at 60 days 2@2½ ℔ cent discount. Checks ¼ ℔ cent discount and ¼ ℔ cent prem.

A ship for Liverpool at 5d, and one for Havre, at 13c., were taken up to-day.

DIED,

Yesterday on his plantation in St. Charles Parish, Mr. EDMOND FORTIER, at the age of 44 years.

His friends and acquaintances are requested to attend his funeral, which will take place at the Red Church at 4 o'clock P. M.

☞ The ship CHRISTIANA, Capt. Edmund Hammond, from New York, is now discharging at the St. Joseph's street wharf. Consignees will please attend to the receipt of their goods on the Levee, or they will be stored at their expense and risk.

J. W STANTON & CO,
Corner Magazine and Lafayette sts.

☞ The ship OSCAR, Capt. Labory, from Bordeaux, is now discharging opposite the Vegetable Market. Packages for which no permit will have been issued on board within five days from the date hereof, will be sent to the Custom House store.

V. MAIGNAN, 97 St. Louis st.

☞ French Ship OSCAR.—Neither the Consignees nor the Master of said Ship will be responsible for any Merchandize landed or shipped on board of said Ship, after the hour of discharging opposite Post 15, Second Municipality. Consignees are requested to attend to the receipt of their goods on the Levee; otherwise they will be stored at their expense and risk.

L. H. GALE, 93 Common st.

☞ Messrs. Reynolds and Olds, consignees of Mdze., per ship MATTAKESET, from Boston, will please call at the subscriber's office and receive the same.

L. H. GALE,
93 Common

HEAD QUARTERS

LOUISIANA LEGION—Gen. Orders, No. 5.
Honors to Ex-President Polk.
New Orleans, March 10, 1849.

THE distinguished citizen who has filled the highest office in the gift of the American people, during the late eventful and glorious Presidential term, JAMES K. POLK, is expected shortly to arrive in our city, on his way to Nashville.

It behooves the citizen soldiery composing the Louisiana Legion, to unite with the rest of our fellow citizens in welcoming the eminent guest, and the Legion, the Governor's escort, during such part as may be ascribed to them in the testimonials of public respect to be manifested on that occasion.

Therefore, the Legion will hold itself in readiness prepared at the shortest notice to assemble to arms on the Place d'Armes.

A salute of 21 guns shall be fired from the Place d'Armes on the arrival of the ex-President in our city.

The Officers of the Legion will then immediately assemble in full uniform at the City Hall.

Col. J. Dimitt, commanding the Infantry; Lieut. Col. Vignie, commanding the Cavalry; and Major Gaily, commanding the Artillery, are charged with, in their respective commands, with the execution of the present order.

D. AUGUSTIN, Brig. General.
E. P Dimitt, Aid-de Camp. mi9

☞ NOTICE—The power of Attorney left to Mr. Boucherau, to serve during my absence, becomes null by my presence in New Orleans.

mi9 D CASSOU, 99 Chartres st.

Succession of Frederick Jordy.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of the late Frederick Jordy, to present them properly authenticated to the undersigned No. 82 Conti street, and also all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment.

A. VERLOIN DE GRUY,
Executor of the last will and testament.
mi2—3t

Kopenhagen Cherry Cordial.

FIFTY boxes (quarts and pints) of superior quality Cherry Cordial, for sale by

A. B RINGGOLD,
mi2—6t No. 20 Bank Place.

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AT No. 14 Camp street.—THE CALIFORNIA GUIDE BOOK, containing Colonel Fremont's Geographical Account of Upper California; Major Emory's Overland Journey from Fort Leavenworth, in Missouri, to San Diego, in California, including parts of the Arkansas, Del Norte and Gila rivers; and Lieut. Abert's Narrative of the Exploring Expedition in the Rocky Mountains, and Oregon and North California—accompanied with a Map of the various routes, &c., and a Map of the Gold Regions—one vol., 8vo. Price, 50 cents.

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Just received and for sale at the New Orleans Sabbath School Depository.

mi2 J. B STEEL, 14 Camp st.

LANDING ex ship Oscar, from Bordeaux—
94 casks good ordinary Wine,
120 do do white do
20 quarter pipes real Cognac Brandy, 4th proof,
PO. GET FILS,
mi9 19 Casks, between Chartres and Levee.

GREEN PEAS—17 cases of 24 cans each,
4 do do 30 ℔ do,
1 do do 100 ℔ do do,
For sale by ELG. ROUHERAU & CO.,
mi12 17 and 19 St. Louis st.

LANDING ex ship Oscar, from Bordeaux—Brandy, containing 900 brls., half and quarter, assorted 1st, 2d and 3d marks, 4 casks containing 600 brls., half and qr. Mushrooms in oil, for sale by

FERDIN FERRIS,
mi12 corner Royal and Dauna n's

SARDINES—10 cases, of 30 boxes each, 15 do do half do, 5 do 100 half do, for sale by
ELG. ROUHERAU & CO.,
mi12 17 and 19 St. Louis st.

BRANDY—15 quarts 4th proof, and 10 hhds 1st proof, entitled to debenture, for sale by
FERDIN FERRIS,
mi12 corner Royal and Dauna nts.

BLANKETS.—6 dozen French Blankets, for sale by
mi12 EUG. ROUHERAU & CO.,
17 and 19 St. Louis st.

ABSYNTH—100 boxes Bourgeat & Brunetton's brand, for sale by
mi12 corner Royal and Dauna

WHITE WINE—20 pieces Haut Sauterne white Wine, for sale by FERDIN FERRIS,
mi12 corner Royal and Dauna

CORONER'S INQUEST.—An inquest was held on, Saturday, on the body of a mulatto man, name unknown, aged about 25 years, found drowned in the New Canal, two squares below the warehouse—Verdict accordingly.

FIRE.—A fire broke out yesterday afternoon, on the New Basin, which destroyed some ten or twelve wooden tenements before the flames could be subdued. We could not learn the amount of loss.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—John Jones, arrested yesterday, at the request of Christopher Rush, who charges him with assault and battery, was committed by Recorder Genois for trial before the First District Court.

STABBING.—Robert Howes was arrested on Saturday, on the charge of stabbing, charged with stabbing severely a man named Bowers, at a house. The accused gave bail to appear in the sum of $1,500.

LARGE ROBBERY.—Augustus Richards *alias* Belger was arrested in the Second Municipality on Saturday, charged by Joseph Newton with having stolen from him at various times about $600 in money. A revolver was found in the premises of the accused, and also a pair of boots, the property of Newton.

FORGERY.—A man named Thompson was arrested on Saturday in the Second Municipality, for attempting to pass off a forged note for $250, purporting to have been drawn by C. P. Simpson, to Mr. M. Judson, who keeps an exchange office on the corner of Camp and Canal streets. Another individual called Hughes, from whom was also locked up for being an accessory to the fact. The latter will both be brought before Recorder Baldwin this morning.

GRAND ASCENSION AND EXTRAORDINARY DESCENSION OF MONSIEUR VICTOR VERDALLE.—The Citizens of New Orleans yesterday witnessed one of the most wonderful of *aerial feats* ever performed in the world. Monsieur Victor Verdalle, a professional made a beautiful ascension from the corner of Poydras and St. Charles streets, after going through various "*slack rope*" revolutions, he ascended about a *mile*, and on reaching the current of air he was conveyed in a Northern direction. On arriving over the Pontchartrain Railroad, Third Municipality, for ribbe to relate, the *balloon exploded*, and precipitated him to the earth from a distance of 7000 FEET and was in more astonishing he was not the least injured. He owes his miraculous escape of death from a b