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New Orleans, 3d April, 1849.

Monday morning, April 23, 1849.

POST OFFICE.—Michel Musson has been appointed Postmaster of the city of New Orleans

The Europa's News.

Telegraphic advices were received on Saturday announcing the arrival, on the 18th instant, of the steamship *Europa*. The following is a summary of her intelligence:

NEW YORK, April 19.—The steamer Europa has arrived from Liverpool with two weeks' later news. She reached Halifax yesterday, and her advices were conveyed to St John by Express, which travelled over three hundred and eighty-six miles in *nine hours and nine minutes!* This is so astonishing that we are inclined to think there is some error in the figures.] The steamer America reached Liverpool on the 3d April, making her trip from this side in nine days and a half.

ENGLAND.—Under the influence of more favorable advices from India and an existing lull in continental politics, trade in nearly every department had assumed a more cheering aspect. There is still, however, an uneasy feeling in regard to the threatening and hostile aspect of affairs in Northern Europe; but since the abrupt and decisive termination of hostilities between Sardinia and Austria, and the complete prostration and consequent abdication of Charles Albert, one of the most serious difficulties is satisfactorily adjusted. Continental difficulties seem overcome, and could the Danish quarrel be settled, which unfortunately appears doubtful, nothing material would stand in the way of permanent prosperity.

English funds have again advanced. Consols rose eighths, having fluctuated from 93 1-8 on the 3d inst. to 93 1-2 on the 5th, at which they closed, for money. The latest London and Liverpool papers to the 6th in addition to American stocks. Though money was abundant, it has slightly increased in value. The lowest Bank rate was 2 per cent; private bankers 2 1-2 per cent. In the Bank of England the amount of bullion was nine millions five hundred and thirty thousand pounds sterling, (probably 47,650,000 dollars,) so that the drain from the United States in connection with the inequality of Exchanges, will be met without difficulty or the least fear of renewing the panic of 1845.

The French funds were well maintained. The closing prices of the three per cents were 56f. 50c. for the five per cents 89f. 80c.

The importations of breadstuffs into Great Britain continued to be immense, and the same may be said of all kinds of provisions. In the grain markets there was no important change, though they had been rather firmer for a few days previous to the European advices.

Nothing in relation to cotton has been received up to the present hour.

ITALY.—Charles Albert has been conquered, and then he abdicated. He is now over at Madrid or Lisbon. The Austrian forces crossed the Ticino, and at the same time the Piedmontese crossed and continued to retreat before the Imperial General. Three battles ensued, in all of which the Austrians were victorious. The last and main battle was fought on the 24th March. The Austrian army was fifty thousand strong, and the Italians were led by Charles Albert. After this battle Charles Albert abdicated in favor of his son, Victor Emanuel. The abdication took place at Navara. Radetzky consented to an armistice. The new King pledges himself to keep faith with the Hungarians and Polish Lombard companies in his service, and concluded a treaty of peace with the Austrians.

At Rome it is generally believed that the Pope will return.

The King of Prussia has been elected Emperor of Germany.

France is tranquil, with the exceptions of some disturbances in the provinces. Napoleon maintains his position by distants supplies—and disorder and by avoiding armed interference in the affairs of surrounding nations.

The Hungarian war continues to be waged with fierceness. The Emperor of Russia seems to be awaiting a pretext for interfering further, and for bringing down a large army to crush the Hungarians.

In India there has been a great battle between the Britons and the Sikhs. On the 13th February there were over 40 thousand men engaged, and the Sikhs retreated to Gujerat. Their further retreat was cut off by the British forces, under General Whish. This action effected a junction with General Gough, and a great battle ensued. The Sikhs were completely routed, and many guns and a standard of Lahore, as well as a great deal of ammunition, were taken possession of by the British.

THE FREMONT DISASTER.—*The Fate of Kingsley and others.*—The Glasgow Mo. *Times*, has from Oliver P. Hovey, editor of the Santa Fe *Republican*, who has just arrived there after a harrowing winter journey across the plains, some further particulars of the trip and misfortunes of Fremont's party across the Rocky Mountains. The manner of the death of that heroic young man, Henry King, of the District of Columbia, who was of the party that went out for succor, is involved in some mystery. In the former account from the St. Louis *Republican*, of Col. Fremont and one or two others having overtaken this advanced party, we were attack with the following:

"They overtook Williams and one of his companions. The other Mr. King, of the District of Columbia, was *represented* to have died of the exposure and of hunger, and in the extremities to which they were driven, the survivors were forced to eat a part of his body."

Mr Hovey's account, which he assures the Glasgow Times may be relied on, is as follows:

"Upon leaving Bent's Fort, Col. Fremont started upon a new route. The winter was unusually cold, and after travelling some time, as severe became the weather, that he lost every animal, those eight. It was supposed they were three or four hundred miles from the Mexican settlements at the time the accident occurred. He selected twenty of his best men, gave them fifteen days rations and started them for the Spanish settlements, with instructions to procure animals and return. They had been gone twenty days, with Col. F. and one man at out, to see what had become of them; after nine days' travel, he found the party encamped, having given up, and determined to make that the 'camp of death.' The leader of the party was dead, supposed to have been shot by old Bill Williams, who acknowledged having eaten a portion of him. The party was in a perishing condition, from cold and hunger, the snow being three feet deep, and they out of provisions. Col F. and one man started next day and were fortunate enough to reach Taos settlement in time to send back provisions for the remainder of the party. Before they all got together again, from eleven to fifteen of them had perished."

The same paper gives the following, which is as after:

Messrs Austin and Webb left Santa Fe, on the 1st of March. Previous to their leaving, about the 23d of February, Col. Fremont had reached Santa Fe. He remained but one day, Washington, the Acting Governor of New Mexico.

We understand that the family of Mr. King have been of opinion from the first, that if dead at all, he had died in some such manner as is intimated by Mr. Hovey—perhaps been the unfortunate man to whom death had fallen in casting lots. He was young, athletic, well-judging and hardy, had accompanied Col. Fremont all through the last expedition—and it is thought he was physically able to bear suffering as long as any of his comrades. His family, however, do not yet give up all hope of his safety. Mr. King was married only a few weeks previous to setting out from Washington.

AN IMPORTANT INVENTION.—We learn from the Scientific American, that Mr. W. Frothingham, engineer in the navy-yard, at Washington, has invented an apparatus, which is *evidently calculated*, to prevent railroad collisions. He has executed an operative model, which demonstrates that even in the event of two trains meeting at full speed, it will operate without the help of engineer and firemen, and prevent a dangerous collision. He has taken measures to secure a patent, and is now ready, we are informed, to enter upon negotiations with railroad companies on reasonable terms.

☞ The charter election in Columbus, Ohio, took place last Monday, and resulted in the total defeat of the Locofocos by an unprecedented majority. The whigs have elected their mayor, marshal, and five out of the six councilmen. The vote was unusually large, and the most strenuous secret exertions had been made by the Locofocos to bring out their entire vote, with the full anticipation of a victory. The whig majority for mayor is 179!

The Weather—and the Crops.

The severe cold experienced here about a week ago, extended in every direction so far as heard from, and has occasioned immense damage to the cotton and corn crops. We extract freely on the subject, as it is very important that our readers should be well informed in relation to the amount of injury which the agricultural interests may have sustained.

The Charleston *Courier* of the 16th and 17th has the following:

On Saturday last, we had a warm and pleasant April day; the thermometer standing at 9 A. M., 73 at 12 M., and 70 at 4 P. M. In the course of the night of Saturday, however, the wind came on to blow, and the mercury to fall. At 9 A. M. yesterday, it stood at 53, a change of *seventeen degrees* from the same hour the preceding day—at 12 M. 55, a change of *twenty-three degrees*, and at 4 P. M. it was down to 40 a fall of *thirty degrees* in twenty-four hours.

About the middle of the day, it commenced raining slightly, and great hopes were entertained that we were to be blessed with a timely fall of rain, now much needed by the thirsty earth, and reduced cisterns. The weather, however, proved too cold for the continuance of the rain, and it took the form of snow, and fell in small, and sleet, which fell in such quantity as in many places to cover the earth with a sheet of white; that wore any thing but a reasonable appearance.

Fires were again blazing in our houses. Stoves, that had been stored away were brought into requisition. Overcoats, and winter clothing were necessarily resorted to, to protect our citizens from the chilling blasts that whistled through the streets, and altogether, the wintry aspect of the 15th of April may be considered as the most extraordinary occurrence that has taken place in the memory of the "oldest inhabitant," if that respected individual is still in the land of the living.

Several years ago, it snowed for two or three successive seasons, on the 4th of March, but this year has thrown this feat into the shade by some six weeks. We have much fear that this extreme cold will seriously affect vegetation. At the same time we write—11 o'clock A. M.,—the thermometer stand at 35 degrees, the rain has ceased falling and the weather is perfectly clear.

The *Snow Storm* of Sunday was experienced, it will be seen, at Augusta and Columbia—at the latter place with longer continuance than in this city. It it has extended into the South Western States, and been accompanied with a like degree of cold, the cotton crop, which must be generally up, will have been destroyed by the frost, and must be re-planted—this will very much retard it, and render a good crop much more uncertain.

We learn from of the neighboring parishes that ice of considerable thickness was to be seen there yesterday morning, and that all the sweet potatoe vines above ground have been cut down.

The Columbia (S. C.) *Telegraph* notices the storm as follows:

A Snow Storm the 15th of April.—We certainly enjoy a peculiar privilege in having snow and strawberries, both fresh at the same time. For two weeks past the favored ones have been luxuriating on early strawberries, and yesterday the severest snow storm we have had this winter put the house-tops and the streets in the purest white livery. From 12 until near 5 o'clock, the feathery flakes fell thick and fast, and the cold was severe. The storm ceased, however, before dark, yet not only enough did it do to prevent its doing great damage to the tender young cotton plants, now only about one or two inches above the ground, in this vicinity.

In the Northern portion of our State the fall of snow must have been heavy, as we only received the tail of it. Many years ago there was a slight fall of snow on the 6th of April; but we have never heard of one so late in the season as this.

From the Augusta *Sentinel* of the 16th, we extract the following notice of the weather:

FROST—A KILLING FROST.—Yesterday we were visited with a heavy frost, which has destroyed all tender vegetation. What the extent of the damage may be we have not been able to ascertain, but we have very little doubt that the cotton and wheat crops are very much, if not materially injured, if not entirely destroyed. The corn, as far as heard from, is all cut down, and the fruit is generally killed. We therefore fear the most disastrous consequences to the agricultural interests.

The Savannah *Republican* has the following letter, which shows that the severe cold had agged most perniciously upon the fruit trees and cotton plants:

MILLVILLE, April 16.—*Messrs. Editors:* We have had the most unexpected and extraordinary weather in the last twenty-four hours I have ever witnessed. On yesterday, at 11 o'clock, it commenced sleeting, and continued three hours, followed by a heavy fall of snow, which continued until near 6 o'clock. About 5 o'clock it cleared off, and this morning we have a *killing white frost*.

Every vegetable is killed—half the cotton in this neighborhood is up and entirely killed. Some planters have the entire crop up. I have two hundred acres killed, and 7 am as blue as indigo.

Yours, &c.

Speaking of the same unexpected spell of cold weather, the Columbus (Ga.) *Enquirer* says:

Yesterday morning the whole surrounding country was visited by a killing frost. The damage will be immense. Cotton, corn, fruit, vegetables of every description, and we fear the small grain are all entirely destroyed. Such destruction has not been witnessed within the memory of the oldest inhabitants. The severe freeze of 1823 did much less injury, from the fact that it occurred much earlier. This one, so far as we can see or hear from it, has made a clean sweep. Has spared indeed that many of the planters will be unable to again cotton or to replant, the corn will sprout up again, but the wheat, &c., if killed, as we suppose it is, will not receive sufficient to make much of a crop. Take it altogether, this calamity is an awful one.

From these extracts, our readers may readily conceive that the recent cold has inflicted irreparable injury upon the chief products of Southern agricultural labor. It may be assumed as a settled fact, to which there can be but few exceptions, that the entire cotton crop north of 31 degrees, has been destroyed by the frost. It is time, that the comparative earliness of the season will enable the planters, with some slight hope of success, to accomplish the business of re-planting, and that hence the damage effected by the late cold weather may be measurably repaired. But it must not be forgotten, that replanting, at so advanced a stage of the crop, is a dangerous expedient, and one of which the success, from various causes, is likely to be so partial that it is only resorted to at periods like the present, of great and unexpected emergency. During the present season, the difficulties that will accompany and follow the process of replanting are more numerous than usual. In the first place, seed is scarce; secondly, the interest of the season will offer various impediments to the maturation of the plant; and should a long continued drought prevail, its germination will be nearly effectually prevented. Lastly, the tender shoots of the plant will be exposed to the numerous vicissitudes that are wont to overtake them during the whole of the season, and more particularly in the Autumn. These changes would be more vigorously resisted, were the plant undergoing its natural and normal growth, but we may safely presume that when re-planted at so late a period, it must lose much of its natural vigor, and be less able to overcome adverse elements.

These data had inevitably to the conclusion that the crop of the coming year will prove far less abundant that the extraordinary yield which is now approaching its termination. These considerations have apparently impressed themselves upon the minds of others, since we have not failed to perceive and even to allude to the fact that our cotton market has been strengthened within the last few days, by the impression that the injury to be apprehended will eventually prove of a serious character; and we have no doubt whatever that the remarkably extensive operations of the latter part of the week are to be ascribed to these considerations.

A SENATOR IN CONGRESS INSTRUCTED OUT OF HIS SEAT.—Both Houses of the Legislature of Wisconsin, the Senate by a vote of ten to six, and the House by a vote of forty-two to nine, have passed the following resolutions. Mr. Walker has just been re-elected to the Senate for six years, but gave the vote complained of after his re-election was secured.—Mr. Walker is also Southern born.

Resolved, By the Senate and Assembly of the State of Wisconsin, That the course of Hon. I. P. Walker, one of the Senators of this State in the Congress of the United States in presenting an Appropriation bill providing for a Government in California and New Mexico, west of Rio Grande, which did not contain a provision forever prohibiting the introduction of slavery or involuntary servitude in said Territories, has violated his oft-repeated as well as his solemn written pledges given before his election on that subject, and outraged the feelings, and misrepresented those who elected him to that station and has openly violated the instructions contained in the resolutions passed by this body on the subject of slavery, at its present session: Therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Walker is hereby instructed immediately to resign his seat in the U. S. Senate.

Resolved, That Hon. Henry Dodge, our other Senator, in voting against the proposition of Mr. Walker, as he did on the 26th of February last, has misrepresented the views and wishes of his constituents on that subject, for which we express to him our most candid disapproval of his course.

FROM CALIFORNIA.—Intelligence has been received at N. York of the arrival at San Francisco, of the steamship *California*, with Governor [illegible] F. Smith on board.

☞ Concerning *Spanish Lead*, we find the following paragraphs in the *Courier*, a Spanish paper published in New York:

"We learn, by our letters from Malaga, quoted in the Paris papers, that large purchases of lead were making for the United States. These, it is added, were owing to the scarcity of that metal in North America, caused by the flooding of the mines, and emigration of the miners to California.

"We do not know [illegible] these causes may have had effect in [illegible] with lead-markup; but we do know that [illegible] of Anglo-American speculators was long since formed for the purpose of importing lead from Spain. According to their calculation, in spite of the expense of freight, and the duty of twenty per cent. ad valorem, paid in the Custom House of the United States, Spanish lead would yield a net profit of forty per cent. Truly an inviting prospect, which could not fail to employ the money of intelligent merchants in that direction.

"We may add, on the faith of the letters from Malaga, that, although about 6,000,000 has been expended for lead in that city, by a single purchaser, large sums have also been laid out in Adra and Almeria. A member of the Cortes' not long since, said, in a speech before that body, that Spanish lead could not compete, in foreign markets, with that of North America: but these facts tell a different story."

Appointments, &c.

NATIONAL WHIG OFFICE,
Washington, April 12—P. M.

There is still much conversation and speculation afloat with regard to removals and appointments. The following, however, comprise all the officials appointments made to-day, which have been furnished me by the editor of the National Whig.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT, APRIL 12TH.—United States District Attorneys, Stephen Whicher, Iowa District, Iowa; Peter Hamilton, Alabama, Southern District Alabama. Land Officers—Benjamin A Putnam, Florida, Surveyor General, Florida; Small wood Noel, of Indiana, Receiver at Fort Wayne, Indiana; John Dale, of Missouri, Register at Springfield, Missouri; Horace Morey, of Michigan, Receiver at Kalamazoo, Mich; Isaac Moffatt, of Michigan, Register at Kalamazoo, Mich; Francis Cattin, of Wisconsin, Register, Willow River, Wisconsin; John S Floyd, Iowa, Receiver, Willow River, Wisconsin; John H Kenzie, Illinois, Receiver, Chicago, Illinois; Robert Griffith, Missouri, Receiver, Palmyra, Missouri; Charles P. Babcock, Michigan, Superintendent Indian Affairs, Detroit, Mich.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—Indian Sub-Agents—Samuel C. Spencer, Florida, Seminole Indians, Florida; William Hatten, Tennessee, Upper Missouri Sub Agency; Washington Barrow, Tennessee, Sub-Agency, Council Bluff Sub-Agency; Adam Johnston, Ohio, Sub-Agent, Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, California. Pension Agents—Jas Swan, Maryland, Baltimore, Md.; Thomas Reed, Vermont, Montpelier, Vt; John H Peck, Vermont, Burlington, Vt., to which agency heretofore, Poultney, removed; James Hall, Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Robert Mills, of the District of Columbia, has been appointed Architect for the erection of the two wings of the Patent Building.

Mr. Meredith arrived here last night with his family, and has taken the whole of Matthew St. Clair Clarke's house, and gone into it.

☞ The Monigomery (Ala.) *Journal* very sensibly remarks that the Cass party and their presses, throughout the country, are actually enraged at O'd Zach for not being willing to be a *partizan* President after he had promised he would not be. He said he would be the President of the whole country. He went into power, and found all the offices of honor and profit in the hands of *one party, the locofocos*. And now, because he is not willing to be the President alone of *that party, and keep them all in office*, and thereby exclude the Taylor men entirely, these conscientious souls are actually "riled" about it.

The old hero will do no such thing. He will be the President of the whole country, and not of a mere party, and he will go on turning out these loco officials till he has brought about somewhat of an equality between the parties in the enjoyment of office. He will be certain to let in the *proscribed* Taylor men in their places. It will take him some time to do it, but he'll do it.

Our brother of the *Journal* must understand that the locofoco notion of a "President of the whole country," is, that he must remove nobody—or, in other words, suffer one hundred thousand Locofocos to enjoy a monopoly of government patronage. They make such an outcry at removals, that one would imagine they positively held office by a life-tenure. This is not Old Zach's opinion at all events, and he proves it, too.

RICH MEN OF BOSTON.—The Boston *Post* publishes a list of the men of Boston who are taxed on over $100,000. In the first class, that is there are 116 who are taxed on $100,000 and less than $300,000, 28 who are taxed on $300,000 and under $300,000; 12 on $300,000 and less than $400,000. We give the list of the others:

Taxed on $400,000 and under $500,000.	
Samuel Appleton,	Harrison G. Otis,
Nathan Appleton,	James Parker,
William Appleton,	Josiah Quincy, Jr.
Elisha Baker.	
Taxed on $500,000 and under $600,000.	
John Bryant,	John Welles.
William Lawrence,	Thomas Wigglesworth.
Taxed on over $600,000.	
Peter C. Brooks,	$1,324,000
Abbott Lawrence,	950,000
Jonathan Phillips,	633,000
Robert G. Shaw,	716,500
John D. Williams,	750,000

Boston, for its population, is, without doubt one of the wealthiest cities in the Union. Fifty years ago there probably was not one of its inhabitants worth $100,000.

Verdict in the Hinchman case.

PHILADELPHIA, April 14, 2 P. M.

The jury in the Hinchman case rendered a verdict this morning against seven of the defendants, and estimating the damages at $10,000. The parties were sued by Hinchman for a conspiracy to get him confined in the Asylum as insane, which they succeeded in doing, and kept him confined there for a long time.

The case had occupied the Court for many days.

BREVET APPOINTMENTS.—The *National Intelligencer* says:—Our brethren of the press, here and there, have been quite severe upon the voluminous list of Brevet appointments lately confirmed by the Senate, and officially announced. It seems to be supposed that these Brevets, or at least some of them, were conferred by Gen. Taylor since his accession to the Presidency. Not so. The nominations were all made by his predecessor in office.

GEN. BROOKE.—This gallant officer has received orders from Head Quarters to assume the command of the army in New Mexico, lately detached from Gen. Worth's command and to proceed forthwith to his destination.

THE BIRTH-DAY OF HENRY CLAY was celebrated on the 12th, in New York, by a large company of the admirers of that illustrious statesman. Letters in reply to invitations were received from Gen. Taylor, Mr. Van Buren and other distinguished personages.

SNAKE-BITES AND IODINE.—Dr. Whitmire (in the New York *West Medical and Surgical Journal for January*,) recommends the tincture of Iodine as a cure for the bites of venemous reptiles in man and beast, which he says he has used with success in the bites of rattlesnakes, copperheads, &c. It puts an end to the swelling and pain in from twelve to sixteen hours. He paints the bitten part over the whole swelling with three or four coats of the tincture twice a day, renewing the application when the swelling extends, which it often does at the first application, if made while the wound is fresh.

THE GOLD SEEKER'S MANUAL.—A King's College Professor having come forward with a seasonable work under the above title, Punch begs leave to enter, as per the learned Professor's volume, his own directions for the "Digging" *What Class ought to start for the Diggings.*—Person who have nothing to lose, except their lives; and it would be well they should start without these, if it were possible, as they are not unlikely to lose them in California.

Things one should not take with one to the Diggings.—A love of comforts, tame for civilization, an appetite; a conscience; a respect for other people's throats, and a value for your own.

Things that you will find useful at the Diggings.—A revolving pistol, some knowledge of treating gun shot wounds, a toleration of hard fellows, a determination to hold your own, and grab at everything else's, and the power of eating, drinking, and sleeping any time and any where.

The best of Smiths you will meet with at the Diggings.—Those for whom the United States Government pays a thousand dollars per annum, and how those who wanna to sleep out the gold-finger.

What is the best thing to do when you get to the Diggings?—Go back again.

Your Gold may best be acquired.—By emptying, or elsewhere prices, the women of those who gather it.

What will be the ultimate effect of the Discovery of the Diggings.—To raise prices, to raise flesh, to encourage [illegible] a new country like, and finally to [illegible] of the tribe, who are a carrying on their depredations amongst the pile of coals, &c., &c., and thus, make room for the more civilized.

The ship will give them a hearing this morning.

THE GROWTH AT THE FIRE.—We have rarely seen such an immense crowd in New Orleans as was present last evening at the fire. The Levee presented a vast panorama of heads, numbering at least three fro or six thousand who had been attracted thither by the brightness of the flames, which served to light up the steamboats, the dismal stripping and the flourishing town of Algiers. The effect, although most beautiful, was a sorry offset indeed to the large destruction of property.

ORLEANS THEATER.—Our readers must not forget that to-night has been set apart for the benefit of Mr. E. Prével, the talented leader of the Orchestra, on which occasion will be produced the beautiful opera of *Lampe*, or the "Marble Bride." We expect to see the house crowded from pit to dress.

SENTENCED.—FIRST DISTRICT COURT.—Judge Merrick presiding. The following sentences on Saturday: John Welsh, convicted of the murder of Mr. Peter Smith, was sentenced to be hanged on the 29th of June next, in the presence of the Sheriff, Coroner, Grand Jury and Clerk of this Court.

The only testimony introduced to the conviction that the letters identified by Blaney and Kenmore as the handwriting of prisoner were not in his hand.

The case having been ably summed up by Messrs. Rozelius and Carlisle on behalf of the accused, and Mr. Kay, District Attorney on behalf of the United States, was given to the jury at 7 o'clock, P. M.; but up to the hour of 10, no verdict had been agreed upon.

EXPANSION OF WATER ON A FREEZING STATE.—An experiment on the expansion of water in a freezing state, attended with singular success was tried by a correspondent of the Mechanics' Gazette, during the last winter. He filled a 24 lb shell, (about 3-4 of an inch in thickness,) with water, and plugging up the hole securely, exposed it to the action of the frost, during one of our keenest nights last winter. In the morning he found the mighty power had divided the iron mass into four sections, one of which, weighing 4 1-2 yards, and must have passed upwards, over a wheel, behind which it had been placed. The ice remaining in the section left behind, looked as it had been pounded.

City Intelligence.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.—JOSEPH MCILHENY.—On motion of Mr. Crawford, counsel of Michael Landy, it was ordered by the court, that the redirect of the jury be set aside, and the prisoner have a new trial. It will be recollected that he was convicted of manslaughter, having killed his brother-in-law Patrick Cole, and the motion was granted on the ground that the accused had not been arraigned previous to trial.

Case of Flores.—The court was occupied for two hours in listening to arguments of counsel for an arrest of judgment in the case of Flores, found guilty of murder. The ground assumed by the learned advocate, Mr. Randall Hunt, was that the indictment presented several informalities on its face, as for instance two interpolations were apparent in a different hand writing from that which drafted the body of the document. There were three other objections which the court also disposed to overrule, so that the discussion was confined entirely to the original ground of dispute. The District Attorney General requested to be sworn, and stated that the interpolations were made by himself, through the instrument as drawn up by a gentleman who is engaged in the office. The answers of Mr. Elmore to the cross-questioning of Mr. Hunt were all reduced to writing, but it is unnecessary to reproduce the evidence—suffice it to say, that the latter made a most ingenious and able argument, contending that no oral testimony could overthrow the solemn charge of the Court, such as he considered an indictment to be, and that it could only be altered by the Grand Jury acting on the subject at the time and with the consent of the Court. We omitted to mention, that at the bottom of the indictment the words "Approved, W. A. B., Attorney General," were evidently considered by the State as sanctioning the additions in question. Mr. Hunt cited numerous precedents to prove that such a departure from regularity ought to invalidate the whole affair—that while in civil cases errors of fact, errors of omission, or mere technical faults rendered a legal instrument fatal to, how far more important it became to apply the most rigid rules of accuracy to a question involving human life.—The Attorney General replied at length, and the Court will decide on the matter in the course of a day or two. The last proceeding entitled the view that his Honor will take of the oral testimony should it be admitted, of course, the motion for all arrest of judgment falls to the ground.

What on the charge of Lawyer's mistakes," we will enjoy the following interesting cases recounted by Sancho Panza, who will figure in our forthcoming Thousand a year." They go to show the extreme importance of complete accuracy in framing law records:

"I myself recollect a case in which an attorney's unpardonable omitted one single letter, in making the copy of a writ of replevin, to be served upon a defendant, who was claim-friendly owner of a horse, owning a watch-dog, a horse and a cow, which he had taken from the [illegible] property, deprived of which he was about, and seeking to replevy the same with her attorney, in such a state of alarm as may be easily conceived, began to attend an energetic practitioner, and without a word more than a capias issued against the dishonorable fugitive, and the constable who was charged with arresting the debtor just as he was about crossing into a state-line to go to a ship which was expected to sail from Boston in the course of the morning one. You may guess the consternation with which he received himself thus overtaken; but it sufficiently equalled that with which the attorney received only the next day, the copy of a writ, in a case in which he was retained by the defendant, calling on the plaintiff to show cause why the defendant should not be discharged out of custody, on a habeas corpus. On examination, on the ground of a variance between the writ and the copy caused by the discrepancy being between the words 'Sheriffs of London' in the one, and 'Sheriff of London' in the other. Counsel were instantly instructed to show cause, and struggled desperately to have the writ set aside, but without success. 'It is better, said the tranquil Chief Justice to the injury which the error has sustained by the late Sheriff, and to grant a rule absolute, the defendant discharged.' He went to India and I only hope that he has never made his appearance here again, as he has not yet paid me what has owed for; and which, set for the wretched mistake, they would in all human probability have recovered. This happened a few years ago, and coming under my personal notice, made a lasting impression on my mind. I have several recollection of the vexation and disappointment occasioned to the parties, both lay and professional. Only a year or two ago, a precisely similar decision was reluctantly pronounced in the Court of Exchequer, in respect to a similar blunder, the very same letter of the very same word; and can anything be imagined more serious in the client, and more mortifying and unpleasant to the practitioner than such inaccuracies? Why, alas, can make desperate slips of this sort. That eminent conveyancer, the late Mr. Butler, sedulously omitted a single word, 'Gloucester,' in drafting the will of Lord Kenyon, which deprived a lady, for the intended marriage, of estates worth about £15,000 a year!"

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—A most destructive fire broke out last evening at half-past 7 o'clock on the Levee between Toulouse and Jefferson streets which at one time threatened to sweep away the entire block, but thanks to the admirable exertions of the Firemen, although we have to deplore the destruction of much valuable property, we are also spared the recital of the losses that would otherwise have ensued. The flames commenced in a house occupied as a clothing store by L. Bernard, and made such rapid progress that the whole building was enveloped in a blaze of fire before even the nearest engine could reach the ground. From thence the fire spread with extreme speedily, spread to the adjoining house, also occupied as a clothing and dry goods store by Mr. Philpher, and before the most direct efforts of the firemen could be aught to arrest the flames, the next building, situated at the corner of Toulouse street, previously rented by Santa Marina as a Coffeehouse, but closed up since his death, was also in a blaze, and the whole interior was completely destroyed. We learned that this property was purchased by another party on Saturday, but were unable to ascertain the fact. From the rear on Bernard's premises the fire travelled with great rapidity towards Jefferson st., and was not thoroughly subdued until the back part of the store occupied by John Frost, ship chandler, as the corner, was in flames. The spread of the fire at this point was difficult to arrest, and could only be accomplished by extraordinary exertions, which, by the bye, were not wanting on the occasion. The enemy was attacked with great precision and coolness, to judge from the volumes of water that gushed forth from a host of suction pipes, on the bank, rear and front, and finally surrounded in half past 8o'clock, being pissed quite *hors de combat*. In the meantime, however, the store occupied by Mr. Goodyear, as a grocery store; the adjoining building, tenanted by Madame Dupuy, who is engaged in the dry goods business; the clothing store of Shropshire; the dry goods store of Mr. Hawkins and up stairs by Mme. Blondi, all fronting on the Levee, became a prey to the flames, and the unfortunate owners were [illegible] to save but a very small portion of their property. Great apprehensions were entertained that the fire would extend to the store of Alderman Lassie, in Jefferson street, and our worthy friend was actively engaged in removing his extensive stock to a place of safety, but very fortunately, indeed, the flames were stopped just in time. Had they communicated to the premises, the fire would no doubt have proceeded to Chartres street. If we are rightly informed, the corner property, occupied by John Frost, belongs to Mr. Lemaire, but the building received only a setting in part, and is, we believe, fully insured. The remainder of the property consumed belongs to Dy Avegno and others, whose names it was impossible to ascertain during the "noise and confusion" that prevailed last night. From the steps could we are also unable to state the amount of insurance on merchandize and buildings, but were consider informed to any of the sufferers, that they are covered, though we do not know in what offices. The houses burnt were on three story buildings, and we are inclined to estimate the loss at [illegible] $60,000.

ACCIDENCE AT THE FIRE.—A young negro who was over by one of the fire engines last evening, and had both of his feet badly crushed. He was immediately removed to his house in Girod street, by request. It was rumored also that a child had been run over in the throng, but as we were unable to trace the report beyond its false authority, we are inclined to disbelieve it.

SCRAPING UP THE DEAD.—An arrest on such occasions, under ways many large crowds of thieving on hand at the fire increasing, but [illegible] to-day, was [illegible] numerous [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]