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New Orleans, 1st April, 1849.

Monday morning, May 14, 1849.

The Whig Convention.—About one hundred and fifty delegates left yesterday on the steamer *Edna* for Baton Rouge, where they will meet their brother Whigs from all parts of the State in convention to-day. They marched to the boat in procession, preceded by a fine band of music, and appeared to be in excellent spirits at the prospect of performing the patriotic duty imposed on them.

Custom-house.

The New Collector.—We understand that Mr. Samuel J. Peters, the newly appointed Collector for the Port of New Orleans, will enter on the discharge of his official duties to-day.

Custom-house.

We learn that the following appointments have been made by the Collector:

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Riots in New York—Great Loss of Life.

The New York Herald yesterday contains several columns of yesterday's proceedings which we subjoin, anticipating the news of a terrible riot in New York, as announced by great loss of life. No definite information as to the origin of these disgraceful proceedings, though it is evident, from the facts above given, that the professional rivalry between actors—Forest and Macready—was at the case—more the more of pretence than we shall have something more to say on the subject, as soon as we receive full evidence to guess a solution of the public peace. A despatch in the Delta says that the mob was headed by Judson, editor of a paper called "Ned Buntline's Own."

Baltimore, Friday, May 11

The Astor Place Opera House was besieged last night by a mob several thousand strong, when Mr. Macready was playing. A collision took place and more. The house is completely gutted and is now set to the theatre. The military were ordered out, and a large number are said to have been killed and wounded. Mr. Macready left for his city.

More of the Theatrical Riot.

Baltimore, May 11.

The theatre was fired, but extinguished.

Thirty or Forty Killed and Wounded.

The fight between the military and the mob was desperate, and the number of killed and wounded is estimated at from thirty to forty.

The military and police finally obtained possession of the ground, and cannon loaded with grape were planted in front of the theatre.

The city was in an uproar all night, and engine houses are being thrown up by the mob. Every one is preparing to resist any renewal of attack.

The firing is continuing almost in great excitement.

There were rumors that Macready was hoarded and escaped unhurt.

A number were killed and wounded who were not engaged in the riot.

Baltimore, May 11—5 P. M.

The contest is still in New York is twenty-seven hours, and nearly one hundred have been wounded. From 3 o'clock, P. M., the excitement is intense and more military have been ordered out.

The divergence of the Mayor and Major General Sandford was, it is expected, be sacked to-night. The feeling against the military is intense, and additional doubts are anticipated to-night.

Later.—At 6 o'clock the excitement in New York was increasing. Six military companies were ordered out. More bloodshed is anticipated to-night.

Canadian Affairs.

A despatch, dated Montreal, May 9, 5 P. M., says:

In the Assembly to-day, Mr. Holmes gave notice that he would incorporate the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Canal Company, stating positively that the necessary funds were all ready. The petition in favor of the Governor, Lord Elgin, has been numerously signed, and it is expected will have a report to this effect will pass the present session. Navigation to this point having opened on the first ship of the season arrived to-day. There is nothing else important worth mentioning. Things remain perfectly quiet.

Gen. Taylor and the Bible.—On the 30th ult. a report of an address from the American Bible Society had an interview with the President, the Rev. S. S. Palmer, Secretary of the Society, was the spokesman on this occasion. He remarked that the circulation of the Bible had been greatly increased during the General Taylor, held in high esteem the word of God, that he had publicly expressed for it the deepest reverence, and he trusted that the government of the country would always be administered according to the principles.

The President replied that he considered the Bible the best book in the world, and he wished it to be in the hands of every one. It is undoubtedly the best security to our institutions, for no free government can stand without religion and morality, and there can be no morals without religion, and no religion without the Bible. Especially would the Bible be in the hands of the young. It is the best school book; and so much better did he remember what he learned in childhood than what he reads now, that he earnestly desired that all the youth of the country should make themselves acquainted with the Bible. "Gentlemen," said he, "you are engaged in a good work, and I wish you great success."

Sudden Death.—Dr. Roberts, of Syracuse, a young man of much promise, came to his death recently from a very slight cause—the mere touch of a pimple on his forehead with matter from a vaccine scab which he had just removed from a child's arm. In a few hours after the contact he was delirious.

Suicide in Philadelphia.—Jacob B Taylor, living on Second street, Kensington, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, committed suicide on the 8th inst by shooting himself—caused by pecuniary difficulties.

FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE HIBERNIA.

By the Southern Telegraph.

TRANSMITTED TO THE BEE.

On Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, we received from our correspondent at Baltimore, the following telegraphic despatch announcing the arrival of the steamship Hibernia, with one week's later intelligence from England.

BALTIMORE, May 11, 1849.

The steamship Hibernia arrived at Halifax on Thursday evening, having sailed from Liverpool on the 26th ult. She brings £65,000 sterling in specie. The market for Breadstuffs is dull and drooping. Wheat has declined from two to three pence per bushel, and Flour from six to nine pence per bbl—The Liverpool Cotton market is without any material change. Upland, 3¾ @ 3¾, Orleans 3¼ @ 3⅝, Mobile 3¾@4¼. Shall send more news shortly.

The expectations afforded by the latter sentence have not been realized, as, up to a late hour last evening, we had received no further communications from our correspondent. In their absence we have recourse therefore to the despatches in yesterday's Picayune.

Political News.

France is tranquil. The expedition on behalf of the Pope sailed on the 23d of April. It had arrived at Civita Vecchia. The Pope was still at Gaeta.

Sardinia rejects the terms offered by Austria.—Preparations for war are making in Piedmont.

Austria is still unsuccessful in Hungary.

The news of Soto in Sicily surrendered to Neapolitan [we are totally unable to conjecture what this means.]

The war between Denmark and Russia still continues. The German troops have entered Jutland in considerable numbers.

The Navigation bill [bill repealing the navigation laws] passed in the House of Commons by a majority of 61.

Trade in Liverpool is dull. The funds are steady. Consols closed at 91¾ to 92. The French funds have continued firm.

American Steamers.

Information has reached Liverpool that the Hermann and Washington steamers have obtained permission from the Danish Government to carry passengers and goods to and from Bremen without search or detention.

Germany continues in a distracted condition.

The America's News.

FULL AND AMPLE DETAILS.

The New York papers received by yesterday's mail contain full particulars of the political intelligence by the America, transmitted from St. John, N. B., by Telegraph. The steamer probably reached New York on the evening of the 5th inst., and should the mail come through to-day, our merchants will be placed in possession of their private correspondence.

The principal items of news are—The intervention of France for the restoration of the Pope—continued success of the Hungarians—suppression of Republican rule in Genoa and Tuscany—defeat of the Sicilians by the Neapolitan troops—capture and sacking of Catania by the latter—surrender of Syracuse—more fighting between the Danes and Germans—passage of the Navigation Bill in the British House of Commons, with an amendment empowering the Crown, on application of any colony, to sanction a conveyance of goods and passengers by foreign vessels, from one part of such colony to another.

The America brings about $1,000,000 in specie.

The affairs of the Continent are still in a very distracted state, though there are some bright spots in the general gloom.

France.

In the National Assembly on Monday the President of the Council of Ministers made a communication relative to the intervention of France in Italy. He stated, in substance, that the influence and the victories gained by the Austrians over the Piedmontese would be felt throughout the whole of Central Italy; that crisis appeared to be imminent in the Roman States, and that France would not remain indifferent to such a state of things. He added, that the protection of the banner of France, resident in Italy, the necessity of maintaining the legitimate influence which France must ever possess in Italy, and the desire which the French government felt to contribute towards obtaining for the Roman people a good government, based upon liberal institutions, rendered it a duty of the Cabinet to make use of the liberty which the Assembly had granted to it by its vote of the 20th of March, to occupy temporarily the territory of that peninsula. The Minister said that it was impossible for him to enter upon further details, but of the intervention of France would arise guarantees for the interest of their the French policy and for the cause of liberty. On finishing his speech M. Odilon Barrot read a project of law granting a credit to the government of 1,200,000 francs to meet the additional expenses required for the support, on a war footing, during three months, of the troops forming the expedition.—At the request of the Minister the Assembly immediately met in its bureaux to appoint a committee to make a report on the urgency of the project of law in question. The communication of the council was then declared to by the Assembly with profound silence.

M. Jules Favre presented the report of the committee, which was unanimous, on the urgency demanded by the Government. A debate ensued on the *project* on law proposed by M. Odilon Barrot. The first clause of 1,200,000 francs, to enable the Government to meet the expenses attending the expedition to Civita Vecchia on a war footing, was passed by a vote of 395 to 283, making a majority in favor of the Government of 112.

The second clause was passed without a division of the Assembly. On the final division, for the bill 393; against it, 106—making a majority of 287: but on this occasion, the "Mountain," having abstained from voting, the total number of votes was only 499, which is one less than the number required by the regulations. A vote was consequently full. A second vote was taken on the question on Tuesday, when the measure was carried by a majority of 388 to 131. It appears by the accounts from Paris that the Government has determined to send an army of 14,000 to Rome, to assist the Pope, Odilon to command. The President of the Council says that care will be taken to form a free and liberal Government to the Roman people. Rumors were in circulation in Paris, on the 19th inst., of the modification of the Ministry. Gen. Lamoriciere is spoken of for the Ministry of War, and Gen. Bedeau for that of Foreign Affairs.

The cholera is largely on the increase in Paris, and many persons of opulence have gone into the country. Up to the 19th instant, there have been 1762 cases, of which 1022 had proved fatal.

The closing prices of the Three per Cents was 56 10 francs, the Five per Cents 88 15.

Germany

Is still in a state of great confusion. The Prussian Government is said to have obtained the assent of a few of the smaller States, such as those Case Hanover, Brunswick and Weimar, to the assumption of the Imperial dignity by the King, but these form only a small part of the States of Germany.

Austria is, of course, violently opposed to a plan which would transfer the Imperial dignity from the house of Hapsburgh to that of Brandenburgh; and Bavaria, the third State of Germany for population and influence, is scarcely less so. Both France and Russia are strongly opposed to the change. As these difficulties may perhaps be got over, if the smaller States of Germany were unanimous in favor of the measure, with Prussia. But this is not the fact. Hanover, whose assent is essential to the carrying out of the scheme, is not likely to give it; and Saxony has too strong a sense of what interests it has in the way of re-constituting the German Empire on the basis proposed at Frankfort, and even if they could be overcome, it is doubtful if she would assent. The following significant paragraph appears in the second edition of the Cologne Gazette of the 18th:

"A new Prussian note bearing date April 13th, and intended as an answer to the Austrian one of the 8th, has in the clearest and most unequivocal manner declared to the Olmutz Cabinet that the Prussian Government will not be deterred by the Austrian Ministry from assisting with all its power in a speedy formation of a union confederate State, and it is firmly resolved to uphold and protect the work. This will be accomplished with the concurrence of the German Princes. In a word, the relations of Austria are assuming a more warlike appearance, and however desirous the German Court may be to keep on good terms with the Olmutz Cabinet, public opinion is too unanimous and strong in this case, to allow of the popular demands being disregarded.

Hungary.

The Austrian Empire is in as great difficulty as ever, for it is clear, from the retreat of all the divisions of the Austrian army towards Pesth, that they have been repulsed by the Hungarians. The great struggle now is for the possession of the Hungarians' fortress of Comorn on the Danube, which the Austrians have besieged for several weeks, and which the Hungarians are endeavoring to deliver. If they should succeed, the cause of Austria will be desperate in Hungary.

Charles Albert, though he could not resist Radetzky, inflicted a great injury on Austria, by compelling the Austrian government to detach an army of 30,000 men from Croatia to Italy, at the breaking out of the Sardinian war, and may perhaps arrive in time to check the Hungarians. The imperial army besieging Comorn is now exposed to a threefold attack, son of the fortress itself. The country surrounding Comorn is all but in the hands of the Magyars, and Comorn is but twenty leagues distant from Vienna. The imperial party amongst the inhabitants of Pesth are quitting the Hungarian capital and flying to Graw, and then to Raap and Presburg. Vienna papers of the 14th furnish positive information of the occupation of the important position taken by the Hungarians. The details of this action are given by the German papers, and are to the effect that Windischgraetz, at the head of his best regiments, opposed the progress of the Hungarians in the direction of Comorn. A fierce engagement ensued, in which the superior tactics of the Magyars proved irresistible.

Italy.

Italy is still in indescribable confusion. The republicans have been put down in Genoa, after having had the command of that beautiful city for nine days. In Tuscany there had been a general rising in favor of the Grand Duke, and the man who was recently dictator is now a prisoner. The landing of the French at Civita Vecchia will doubtless put an end to the Roman republic, and be followed by the restoration of the Pope. Venice is besieged by the Austrians, by sea and land, and must surrender. In Sicily the struggle has commenced with dreadful ferocity, and a desperate battle took place on Good Friday between the Neapolitan and Swiss troops and the people of Catania, which continued all night, and ended in the defeat of the Catanians. A great number of them were killed, and the city was afterwards sacked and plundered. The terror of this defeat has caused the city of Syracuse to surrender without resort to arms. Palermo is now the only place of much strength in the hands of the Sicilians. A desperate resistance is expected there, but with very little chance of success. Information has been received by the Oberon steamer, that on its leaving Catania on Saturday evening, the city was in flames in three places. The most beautiful edifices were a heap of ruins, and the renowned Library and Museum of Natural History entirely destroyed.

The latest accounts from Florence leave no reason to doubt that the Grand Duke of Tuscany has returned to his capital. It is reported that the revolutionary Government of Leghorn has been overturned by the people themselves, as that of Florence had been before it.

Denmark and Germany.

On the 8th, the Danish Minister of War published the following order of the day:

"Kings and Sovereigns are daily sending troops into the Duchies to second the efforts of the rebels against their legitimate sovereign. The combats which daily take place against superior forces, produce only an effusion of blood without decisive results. The army has, in consequence, received orders to quit the Sonderberw and return to the Island of Alsen, to await there the moment when it will be possible to attack the enemy man to man."

The Danish entrenchments next to Dupell have been attacked and carried by the Saxon and Bavarian troops. The loss of the Germans in this affair is calculated at 150 to 200 men. Several additional captures have been made by the Danish vessels, and it is stated that German emigrant ships will not be exempted.

England.

In the House of Commons on the 19th ult., the Navigation Laws Bill being under consideration, Mr. Gladstone moved a clause empowering the crown, on application of any colony, to sanction a conveyance of goods and passengers from one port of such colony to another in other than British vessels. The proposition was put and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

On Monday, in the House of Lords, in reply to a question, Lord Lansdowne said that the British government, though aware of the intended French intervention in Rome for the restoration of the Pope, had taken no part in suggesting or promoting it, though he acknowledged that they did not disapprove of it.

From Ireland we have the usual quantity of misery and crime, but there is nothing of special importance. The jury in the case of Mr. Duffy, of the *Nation*, have again disagreed, and he has been set at liberty on bail for his appearance at the next Commission.

Jenny Lind has been married at Bath to Mr. Harris, and has retired from the stage.

It is stated that a commercial treaty is about to be formed between England and France, the leading features of which will be the free admission of barley, wine and fruit from France; coal, iron and wool from England. Whatever advantages may be conferred upon French vessels by the alteration of the Navigation Laws, are to be liberally reciprocated by the Government of the Republic.

India.

The details of the battle of Goojerat confirm the report by the India mail of the 17th March, of the victory gained by Lord Gough. The British captured 53 of the 59 guns which the Sikhs brought into action, together with all their camp, magazine, ammunition, etc. The loss on the part of the British was 5 officers and 96 men killed. The war of the Punjab is considered as at an end.

China.

The news from Hong Kong is to the 27th of February. The dispute about opening the city gates at Canton was going on, but there was a confidence that the stipulations of the treaty of Nankin would be enforced. Two British officers were missing, and it was feared that some catastrophe had happened to them. Trade in India and China was in a satisfactory state.

Shipping Intelligence.

There is but one vessel reported from Boston, and but a very few from New York, and none of the names are familiar, we do not think it worth our attempt to send them.

The Pagoda, Capt. Dayton, American whaler, has been wrecked on the coast of Japan; crew kept prisoners by the natives.

The Washington arrived at Southampton on the 17th from Bremen, and would sail on the 20th.

Later from St. Thomas and Venezuela.

The schooner *Turn O'Shanter* has arrived at this port from St. Thomas, having picked up on her passage Captain Shedd and the crew of the brig Sarah C. Huse, of Philadelphia, which vessel sprung a leak and was abandoned on her voyage from Charleston to Boston.

Late letters received here from Venezuela state that the Government had passed two laws, one that a creditor shall not proceed by legal process under six years, and if the debtor resist, the creditor is to wait three years more. Another law enforces that all vessels entering a port shall discharge all cargo. This is done with a view to help the coasting trade of the country. Against the first law all the foreign Consuls have protested, as conflicting with the law of nations.

Guzman was intriguing to supplant Monagas and the latter was making an attempt to be declared Dictator.

From St. Domingo.

The *Courrier de St. Domingue* has received the official "Bulletin" of the progress of President Soulouque in his late warlike expedition through the island. To judge from the magniloquence of these outgivings, the President must be a second Cæsar or Napoleon. We have no space for a recital of these magniloquent efforts, but the following order of the day is too rich to escape notice. We give it *pour faire rire.*

SOLDIERS!

The flag of the Republic floats upon the walls of Azua. This new success is due to your heroic efforts, aided by that divine Providence who defends our cause—the cause of justice!

Contrary to my expectation, soldiers, I have been opposed by the inhabitants of the East, whom we came to protect and not to combat.

At our approach, Manuel Ximenes, chief of the insurgents, has fled from this city, and after the terrible conflict of the 6th, the rebels have been disbanded, following the examples of the Generals whom they followed.

Behold, soldiers, the rich rewards of our capture of Azua! The insurgents in their flight have left in our possession eleven pieces of artillery, immense quantities of powder, muskets, cartridges, balls, etc.

Soldiers! you have met my expectations; you are all dear to my heart; your country will remember all that you have done for her grandeur and glory.

We must carry our standards further; a few efforts more and we shall see them shade the spires of St. Domingo.

Long live Liberty and Equality!

Long live the Republic of Hayti, one and indivisible!

Given at head-quarters at Azua, April 8th, 1849, in the 46th year of Haytien Independence.

By the President,
L. Dupeyre, Secretary. SOLOUQUE.

The Boston papers have accounts from Cape Haytien to the 20th ult. After recounting the affair at Azua, the *Traveler* says:

"The expedition, however, do not represent that there was any general plunder of the town or indiscriminate slaughter of its inhabitants, as might have been feared from the undisciplined state of the conquering army. A large quantity of provisions, five thousand stand of arms and many prisoners fell into the hands of the Haytiens.

From Azua Soloque continued his march for the city of St. Domingo, which would probably fall into his hands, together with Santiago, and the whole of the Spanish part of the island. A passenger from the Cape gives a curious account of that portion of the Haytien army which started from that quarter. He says that they were barefoot, without sleeves or tails to their coats, not a cent in their pockets, nor a mouthful to eat. Of course, on their march they were obliged to live by forced contribution upon their own countrymen until they reached the frontier. It is generally reported that the commanding General, before starting, sent on board one of the vessels in port to beg a few biscuits to put in his knapsack."

The following extract of a letter is from the Boston Journal:

Cape Haytien, April 18.

Very bad state of feeling to exist there and in the South, against the foreign whites, which appears to be constantly increasing. This arises in a great degree from their opposition to the to sell their goods at the public sales. The government, unless they can obtain coffee at the monopoly prices. Both there and at Gonaives the greater part of the receipts of coffee are clandestinely shipped, by connivance between the Commissioners of the monopoly and the Custom House, so that the government proper is defrauded of the whole export duty, which goes into the pockets of the officers.

Should the reunion of the two parts of the island take place, the Cape will derive more benefit from it than any other part, as its declines has been principally from its loss of trade with the Spanish part.

Doubloons have advanced to $180, and $300 in Port au Prince, and are continually advancing. The monopoly law will hold and is likely to do so, although I think some change will soon be made in the prices of foreign goods.

Later from Rio De Janeiro.

The bark *E. Corning* arrived at New York on the 5th inst., bringing accounts from Rio de Janeiro down to the 31st March. It will be perceived from the extracts below, which we copy from the *Commercial Advertiser*, that the ship *Architect* hence, has safely arrived at Rio:

The Pacific mail steamship Panama, Porter, was still in port when the E. C. sailed. A subsequent letter from her captain, received in this city, said that he would sail on the 25th of March, but no doubt he was prevented from getting away by the dilatory habits and customs of the place. The Panama had been visited by many of the public officers; her engine attracted much attention, and was in beautiful order, although it had been working constantly for twenty-six days. Four hundred dollars had been offered for a passage to San Francisco and refused, on account of the number of passengers being limited.

Some difficulty having taken place between Captain Tibbitts, of the ship Pacific, from this port, and his passengers, the matter was understanding an investigation before the American consul. We understand that Captain Tibbitts has returned in the Erastus Corning.

The ship Architect, from New Orleans, for California, is reported in port, and an investigation going on in regard to her. It will be remembered that this is the vessel on board which the cholera broke out shortly after she left New Orleans.

Several vessels from the United States, for California, had put into St. Catharines, a small island a short distance from Rio Grande, where good water and fruits of all kinds are abundant.

The U. S. revenue brig C. W. Lawrence, Frazer, sailed from Rio on the 26th of March for the Pacific, after completing her repairs.

The U. S. surveying schooner Ewing, Lieut. Commandant W. A. Bartlett, arrived at Rio de Janeiro on Feb. 25th, in forty-five days from New York. Having suffered internally from the badness of her iron work and running gear, she was compelled to repair, which detained her till the 23d March; when she put to sea, but the same day parted her chain bobstay, and was compelled to put back for another. The Ewing sailed again on the 23d P. M., for her destination on the coast of California. All well.

Important from Buenos Ayres.—The *Journal of Commerce* is informed by the annexed extract of a letter from a highly respectable source at Buenos Ayres, that the vexed question of the intervention of the English and French Governments in the affairs of the Republic of the River La Plate, is at last on the point of being settled, after nearly four years interruption to commerce:

Correspondence of the Journal of Commerce.

Buenos Ayres 9th March, 1849.

Gov. Rosas has at last made a convention with the English and French agents here, subject to the approval of their Government; and as it is known that they are very anxious to get out of the business, there is no doubt but that it will be ratified.

Business for all kinds of Imports is very bad, and all kinds of American imports selling considerably under prime cost. Freights are nominally ten dollars per ton to the U. S., but so little offering that many vessels are leaving in ballast.

Great Conflagration.—$250,000 worth of property destroyed.—On Wednesday morning last, a fire, originating in the carelessness of some charcoal burners, broke out in the woods about forty miles from Brooklyn, on the Long Island Railroad, and notwithstanding the exertions of all the men that could be collected, it spread with the greatest rapidity. The wind varied many times, and as the fire was conquered at one point, it broke forth with renewed violence at another. Retreating in a number of places from cultivated farms, it destroyed all the timber and shrubs between Deer Park and Thompson.

The width of the burnt district is six or seven miles, and it extends from a half to three quarters of a mile north and from two to three miles south of the railroad.

11,000 acres of land have been burnt over, the timber destroyed being some of the finest on Long Island. The loss, amounting to over $250,000, will fall on fifty or sixty persons. At one time the fire caught on a farmer's grain, but was speedily extinguished, whether in any other case it has destroyed houses or barns, is as yet unknown. In several places it has made a threatening attack on Babylon.

The scene is said to have been grand yet terrible. Dense volumes of smoke, which could be seen at Bedford, darkened the sky, while the crackling and roaring of the flames, as they curled about the lofty pines, or darted up towards Heaven, were not soon be forgotten by those who labored in the burning district, and also the greatest exertions, only checked the conflagration yesterday afternoon.—*N. Y. Sun, May 4th.*

The fire at Charleston.—The Charleston *Courier* gives full particulars of the destructive fire which took place in that city on Monday night last, by which about 120 or 130 tenements, mostly small frame dwellings, were consumed. Many of the buildings were in a dilapidated condition, so that the loss of property, though it falls with great hardship on a poorer class of the community, is fortunately not extensive. The amount of insurance on the burnt district is stated to be $20,000. As regards the origin of this conflagration, the *Courier* says:

From all the information we have been able to gather on the subject, there is no doubt but that this conflagration, which has laid waste a larger area of ground, and been more disastrous in its results to property than any that has occurred since the memorable fire of 1838, was the work of an incendiary. Several attempts were made yesterday, of persons said to have been concerned in some way or other with this nefarious act, as well as in the several attempts recently made to set fire to property on the Neck, who were examined before the Board of Commissioners of Cross Roads, but nothing was elicited at the examination to fasten suspicion on any individual. The Board, however, we have been assured, will continue the investigation, and we sincerely hope that the scoundrel author of the incendiary acts may yet be brought to justice.

Connecticut.—Gov. Trumbull, of Connecticut, delivered his inaugural message on Thursday afternoon. Among other topics which he touched upon, is the question of the extension of slavery into the new territories. He says it becomes New Englanders to approach this delicate subject in the spirit of forbearance and regret, rather than that of animosity or complaint ever keeping it in mind, that though their ancestors were among the first to discover, and apply the remedy for slavery, they were also among the most active in its introduction into our country.

The Governor commends to public care the interests of the State military, and suggests for consideration whether some facilities may not be granted to its officers in the organization of that military science and practical skill, indispensable in modern warfare. The interests of education and the various institutions of learning are also alluded to.

The capital of the school fund is equal to $2,077,641 19; and the sum divided during the year among the school districts, is $133 366 50; and the number of children between the ages of four and sixteen attending the schools, is 88,911.

The balance of money in the State Treasury on the 1st of April, 1849, including $13,000 borrowed within the year from the School fund was $20,241 96. The whole amount of indebtedness from the State to the School Fund, for the sum borrowed at various times, is equal to $46,218 43.

Diabolical attempt to destroy a Family.—About 10 o'clock on Thursday night, a man disguised as a negro called at the house of the lawyer Warner, and handed a package to a servant, at the same time stating that it was for Mr. Warner, addressed to Thomas Warner, Esq., (*confidential*.) Mr. W. being absent from the city at the time, the package remained untouched by the members of the family until yesterday, when Mr. Warner returned from Philadelphia, and while the family were at dinner in the basement, he ordered his son to bring the package to him. Mrs. Warner having described the appearance of the man and his manner to her husband, led Mr. Warner to open the package, which was wrapped in a copy of the N. Y. *Herald* of March 26th, with some care. The newspaper enclosed a strong mahogany box with a slide lid. Mr. Warner proceeded to draw off the lid with great caution and very slowly, and discovered a faint blue light, and immediately warned his family to fly for their lives. All instantly left the room and closed the door, and they had but just passed into the hall leading into the rear yard, when a tremendous explosion took place, after which they passed around the house and discovered the front basement to be on fire and the windows shattered to pieces and blown out of place.—Mr. Warner, with some persons in the hall stopped at the house then entered the room and extinguished the flames, and as soon as the smoke had subsided, it was discovered that the basement door was completely shattered, the partition wall broken and very much displaced, the dining-table at which they were a few minutes before sitting very much broken, and a picture of Gen. Washington and the door perforated with evil shots. The box in question was about the size of a small cigar box, and contained a canister filled with powder and slugs, and several bundles of friction matches, which were so placed that on withdrawing the lid, on the inside of which a piece of sand paper was glued, they would instantly take fire and cause the immediate explosion. Mr. Warner's cousin in withdrawing the lid is the cause of the wonderful escape he and his family experienced.—*N. Y. Tribune, 5th inst.*

Appointments.—A telegraphic despatch states that Robert W. Boyd has been appointed Surveyor of Public Lands in Louisiana.

The following appointments have been made for Philadelphia: Wm B Lewis, Collector of the Port; P. C. Elmaker, Naval Officer; P. J. White, Postmaster; J. W. Ashmead, District Attorney.

A Rot for the Abolitionists.—Mr. Solon Robinson, of New York, the agricultural writer who has been making a tour through the south, in a late letter to the Muscogee Democrat, give the following undoubted fact as to the result of his extensive observation: "As I progress, I continue to be still stronger impressed with the belief that no laboring population are so well off as the negroes of the entire south."

City Intelligence.

Complimentary Benefit to Mr. Davis

We trust it is nearly superfluous to remind our readers that the complimentary Benefit tendered to Mr. P. Davis, the able, zealous and efficient manager of the Orleans Theatre, will take place to-morrow evening, on which occasion, we understand, Meyerbeers magnificent production of "The Huguenots," will be reproduced with all the splendor and effect peculiar to the excellent company of the establishment. The chance of Mr. Davis upon public respect and kindness are of no ordinary magnitude. For years he has out of his own resources and with almost incredible effort, succeeded in maintaining a theatre, where not only the polished idiom of France is heard in its highest purity, but where the most fascinating and splendid compositions of every school of music are executed by artists of distinguished merit. He has toiled to sustain the high reputation of New Orleans for musical taste and its discrimination, by presenting us with vocalists and orchestra of talent commensurate with the reputation of our city. Previous to the season which has just closed, the exertions of Mr. Davis were not to be crowned by the public; but the committee which visited New Orleans during the past winter, crippling commerce and causing universal embarrassment and distress as well as disease and death everywhere, have exerted a disastrous influence upon the prosperity of the French Theatre. With a view of endeavoring to reimburse Mr. Davis in some slight measure for his losses, and more especially to proffer him a token of generous appreciation and sympathy—always most welcome to the liberal mind—a number of public spirited citizens resolved to tender him a complimentary benefit. The offer has been accepted, and at only remains for the patrons of music and the drama to evince by their active participation in the movement, the full extent of their kindness towards the worth and enterprising gentleman, who has labored so long and so faithfully to provide for their entertainment.

We are requested to state that the committee appointed by the subscribers to the benefit of Mr. Davis have fixed the price at $2 each ticket, whether for boxes, parquette or gallery. Subscriptions are requested to apply at the box office for the tickets to which they may be entitled.

The crevasse at Faure's plantation.—During the forty-eight hours that have elapsed since our last publication, we regret to say that no material progress has been made in arresting the crevasse. On Saturday the labors of the workmen under the direction of Mr. Dunbar were unremitting, and while we were there on the spot, the bull of the old ship Burwah was towed to the opening of the break and served as a last resort, we may almost say, to stop the fearful cascade of the river. But we are sorry to add that from all accounts yesterday, this undertaking even has proved futile. The rush of the terrible element is as great as ever, and in front of the ship the water has attained a depth of twenty feet, above and evidently that the soil is rapidly undermining, and that the water is determined to seek a more dangerous and destructive outlet. Some of the planters in the neighborhood have exerted all their hands, in the belief that it will be useless to continue their endeavors until the river has fallen. Mr. Faure, however, still perseveres in his disinterested labors, having already sustained all the damage that can possibly be done to his plantation, and so ably seconded by Mr. Dunbar, who, to use a vulgar saying, has been working like a beaver, but we greatly fear that their united endeavors are of no avail. When it is remembered that the water, which at the first outbreak was only from two to three feet high, has now deepened to four feet, with a clear fall of eight feet, our readers can form some idea of the almost impregnable obstacles that are in the way of arresting its further progress. So much for the breach above Carrollton, and now for:

The crevasses below.—In regard to the progress of the works here we can speak with more confidence, and although recent experience has made us somewhat shy in giving utterance to encouraging remarks, yet we are induced to believe that this break at least may be stopped within forty eight hours.—The crevasse has attained a width of 125 feet, but of the fall of water is only four feet there is no difficulty in completing the necessary works. In the meanwhile, however, the water having extended to several plantations below and effected a junction with the overflow from Forster's crevasse, is doing a vast deal of damage, and unless speedily stopped must ruin, for this season at least, a vast quantity of sugar culture.

The Fourth District Crevasse.—As our readers are aware, the works on this break have been altogether abandoned. The water rushes through a breadth of about 600 feet with the force of a cataract, covering all the inland plantations with water to the depth of two to five feet, and presenting the appearance of a vast inland sea. The roar of the stream can be heard at a distance of three miles, and such is the impetuosity of this immense body of water, that at a distance of half to three quarters of a mile inland, the waves rise to the height of three or four feet.

The visitors to the crevasses.—The weather was beautiful yesterday, and thousands of our citizens availed themselves of a leisure day to visit the scene of wonderful destruction both above and below the city. Several steamboats made excursions in both directions and were completely crowded with passengers. The Carrollton railroad must have, likewise, brought any quantity of dollars into the treasury of the Company; each train was crowded to its utmost capacity, and extra cars were in requisition. Altogether, it was a gala day, and the spectacle presented by the crevasses must have afforded much food for reflection to many a thoughtful mind.

Connecticut.—The Legislature of Connecticut adjourned till Monday, the 21st inst., at 6 o'clock P. M.

JOSEPH REYNES, Secretary.

COMMERCIAL.

Saturday Evening, May 12, 1849.

The sales of Cotton to day reached 2,500 bales at steady prices. Middling to Good Middling 6¾ @ 7c. The news by the *Hibernia* from Liverpool to the 26th ult., mentions that the market was firm at former rates.

No change in Sugar and Molasses. Demand fair.

The Flour and Grain market remains as last quoted, with moderate transactions.

There is no new feature to notice in the Provision market. Prices of all kinds are unchanged.

Whiskey is selling at 16½@17c per gallon for retailed.

Exchanges are firm. Sterling, 6¾@9 per cent. prem. France, 5f 27½ @ 5f 35. New York 60 days 1½@¾ per cent. discount. Checks par @ ¼ per cent. prem.

Freights continue extremely dull and depressed.

DIED

Last evening at 6 o'clock, at the age of 11 months and 8 days, Thomas John son of John Hart Hibbert, Esq., aged 11 months and 8 days. The friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the late place of residence, at half past three, from the corner of Hospital and Front Levee streets.

☞ Neither the Captain nor Consignee of the French ship Vaillant will be responsible for any debts contracted by her crew.

V. MAIGNAN, 57 St Louis st.

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Notice.—Passengers by the French ship La Lallade, bound to Boston, are requested to be on board the steamer Edna at 5 o'clock. The ship is to proceed to the Balize at 6 o'clock. The ship is to proceed to the Balize at 6 o'clock.

G. M. LUCAS, 36 Bienville st.

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Ship Vaillant.—The passengers by the French ship Vaillant will be transferred to the steamer Rotterdam, in mid stream, opposite Barracks street. Goods for which no permit will be granted before days from the 4th inst., will be sent to the Custom House Stores. Consignees will call on consignees, who are to attend to their delivery on the levee.

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Notice to Draymen.—We will pay to draymen for discharging cargo of the ship Rotterdam, who have a due written order.

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