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THE MAILS.

This chronic and abominably intractable disease, mail irregularities, has, after a short but delusive interval of suspension, broken out afresh with increased malignity. The mail failed on Wednesday, after the Bee had published on Tuesday—that is at 9 o'clock a. m., on Friday; the hour at which we are writing, no mail had arrived, nor was there any intimation that we would receive one from any quarter, for the public accommodation. Whether one should or will see day New York, Washington or foreign news in to-day's paper, depends entirely on a contingency which, at the present hour, is highly uncertain.

These failures and irregularities are most serious; strange to say they occur in any latitude precisely at the period of the year when the annoyance is most severely felt. For example: during the dusty summer, when every body that can possibly leaves New Orleans, at the season when business is at a dead stand; when people are lacrimose and unfortunate, and much more anxious to keep cool, and guard against sickness, than to join the progress of the Turco-Russian quarrel, or the price of stocks in New York—at that precise time when mail-misery would be received, if not with supreme indifference, at least, with stoical equanimity, patched to the hour the mails come; daily landmarks, always depositing through the capacious throat of the Post Office, enormous leather bags slunder betrayed with the bulk of letters and newspapers. This continues from June to October, with commendable and nearly unfailing regularity. But no sooner does New Orleans wake from her summer's torpor, than sooner does circumstance back to the ears and exasperating and shaky old business; no sooner has the uninterrupted arrival of the mail become an object of parsimonious necessity; no sooner does Congress meet, and the sayings and doings of the assembled wisdom of the nation evoke intense and anxious discussion; in short, no sooner is the mail freighted with hopes, and fears, and anxieties, and terrible legends, than it suddenly wastes away, and becomes a bulle in her teens, and seems inspired by the very genius of disorder. Winter, which in New Orleans, is a synonym of life, energy, activity and vast mercantile operations, is exactly the season when we are most dependant on postal punctuality, and most frequently and cruelly outraged by this capricious irregularity and malice which characterizes the service.

We are well aware that these complaints are of long standing. The same has for years and years afflicted and irritated the body politic, but should it necessarily follow that this cancer must be suffered to eat its way into the system, without an effort at a remedy? To-day every Administration of the Government since the days of Aaron Burr all the only efficient Postmaster General we ever had), this abominable nuisance has been permitted to exist. The murmurs of the citizens have swelled not: the memorials of the Chamber of Commerce have created no amusement; the volley of universal reprobation roused by the press has been unheeded. The evil still rages, unmixed, and will, we presume, continue unchecked, until the Postoffice Department at Washington is filled by a man of sagacity, unwavering honesty, ripe intelligence and inflexible firmness. Other cities may be subjected to a similar grievance, but its disastrous effects are far slighter than with us. The sufferers of the South are small in New York in a comparative trifle, for the West and the North none is a shock of news, while the Telegraph, rarely out of order, supplies copious abstracts to fill the blanks occasioned by the default. Here in New Orleans, if we are cut off from communication with the North, we are almost without another channel of intelligence. We have no South, except Southern Florida, and the Western mail is a muffin and a shadow, being even more out of tune, a week older than that received from Washington and New York.

Such is our condition during probably one third of the business season. Is it not a blessing that this vile Experiment should be thus systematically neglected, and that no strenuous effort at reformation should be attempted?

The Postmaster General talks of shrinking the time required to transport the mails from New York to New Orleans. We will venture to say, that every merchant in the city would infinitely prefer regularity to occasional punctuality. When the Northern mail required two days to reach New Orleans, it seldom failed. Now, that it ought to come in seven, it is frequently three or four days in arrear.

SOUTHERN SABBATH SCHOOL JOURNAL.—This is the date of a paper, of which the first number will be issued on the 15th January, and thereafter every month at the same date. This is the first attempt at publishing a Sabbath School Journal in Louisiana, and we trust it will prove successful. A number of talented citizens have promised the aid of their pens. The price of subscription is exceedingly moderate, being only fifty cents per annum.

NATCHEZ MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—The election on Monday terminated as follows: For Mayor, W. Wood has 385, S. H. Dixon 49, J. Dirks 72. Messrs. Walker, Dougherty, Archer, Fox, and Stewart were elected City Selectmen; Mr. Walker was chosen City Assessor; Mr. Patterson, Tax Collector, and Mr. Stockman, Treasurer.

IMPORTANT TO TAX PAYERS.—We invite attention to the announcement of the Treasurer, stating that the licenses of 1854 are now due, and payable at the Treasury, and that the ordinances will be strictly enforced against all persons exercising licences who neglect to take out the same.

MISS ASTOR FOR DESTITUTE ORPHAN BOYS.—It will be perceived by reference to our advertising columns, that the Directors of the Institution lately organized, have secured a lot of buildings on a lot situated on the Lake shore at Milneburg, to be used as an Asylum for destitute Orphan Boys, in conformity to the provisions of the late Alexander Miles.

The Directors have specified, not unsuccessfully to the benevolence of the citizens, but a good deal more is still needed to enable them to fulfill the wishes of the testator, and to provide a suitable shelter for the destitute about to be committed to their charge. We trust that those who are well able to give from their superfluities, will contribute the necessary amount, so that the Asylum may be at once erected, and destined to be a noble effect.

LIQUOR LICENSE.—The liquor license question was tested in Shreveport a few days ago, and resulted as follows:

For License	74
No License	108
Majority against	34

Shreveport has set an excellent example to the other towns in the State.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

At the Orleans Theatre Signobree's magnificent opera of the "Orphan" will be repeated.

St. Charles.—Rowe's celebrated tragedy of Jane Shore will be performed to-night and doubtless attract a large audience. Miss Julia Dean represents the character of Jane Shore, and Mr. Jamison that of Gloster. Mr. Duffield will also be seen; other talented artists are on the boards, in which Miss Vallee, Miss Schmidt and Miss Thomas will take new parts, to great advantage. The performance will conclude with the farce of "Statistics in India."

Spalding's Varieties.—The "Soldier's Daughter" will be performed to night for the first time, and the amusing farce of "La Sonnette" by Miss Vokland, and probably a repetition of "Rip Van Winkle."

MISS A. SMITH'S ESTABLISHMENT.—This establishment continues to attract numerous visitors. The celebrated French equestrian, Madame Desmarres fully realizes her gorgeous representations.

RACES—METAIRIE COURSE.—The spot on day promises to be interesting. There is first a sweepstake for 7 year olds—one mile heats; $300 subscription; $100 forfeit, for which six horses have been entered. The second is a sweepstake for 3 year olds—Two mile heats; $300 subscription; $200 forfeit; three entered by the Jockey Club. Five horses entered.

THE CHOCTAW TRACE AND WEST BATON ROUGE PLANK ROAD.—The directors of the Choctaw Trace and West Baton Rouge Plank Road held a meeting yesterday, at the Commercial Exchange, present Messrs. W. Wood (pres.), Jones, Irwin, Johnson, Robertson, Hird and Longe. The business called upon by the board, was the appointment of Mr. Lafayette Caldwell, the former engineer, and Mr. Pirsch, also present engineer, to the chief, to examine the work done on the line. The chief engineer, who executed the estimate of the value of the work done. A demand for $400 was made upon the board by the contractor, Mr. Wm. Kelly, which was referred to a committee. The board resolved to advertise for proposals for the grading and macadamizing of the Plank road from the corporate limits of Baton Rouge to the Choctaw Trace, to be let to responsible contractors on the 15th of next month. The board also authorized the President to procure subscriptions to the amount of $100,000 to complete the road, and to call a meeting of the stockholders on the 15th of next month, to take such action as may be deemed necessary to secure the completion of the road.

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THE FOURTH OF JANUARY.

To-morrow is the anniversary of a day justly commemorated in the annals of our country, and which Louisianians have peculiar and especially appointed upon to commemorate. It is unnecessary for us to more than to refer to the victory of the 8th January, 1815. The American people know its history by heart. The chronicle of the then war with Great Britain is appropriately closed by the circumstance of this grand and brilliant triumph of American valor, gained and directed by the military genius, daughter celebrity, and professional sagacity of Andrew Jackson. The world hangs with amazement and admiration upon the record of that memorable action, in which the British veterans who had been victorious in the battle of the Peninsula, with what recently defeated, but signally routed and dispirited troops, were cut down and slain in such numbers, and so rapidly, that they were not even allowed to re-embark in the boats which had brought them to the shore. Their General, Packenham, was killed, wounded, or prisoner, the entire force on our side scarcely exceeding three hundred, part of that suffered by the enemy.

The effect of that victory was prodigious. It restored universal confidence in the prowess of American skill and bravery. It preserved New Orleans from occupation by a hostile force, and opened the conduct might have been avoided but the boastfulness of a society of pirate reached its consummation, and the fulness of the triumph in extorting the respect of the foe, and in shedding imperishable radiance on our country's arms, cannot be exaggerated. One of the results of the engagement on the plains of Chalmette, has been to establish a long and lasting peace between the United States and England. Peace is the interest, the object of both countries, and having to do it with, it ought to be sacred. Such was the disinclination of the other statesmen had left Anglo-Saxon all to the ordinary trade of the country, as well as the many pounds for the demand.

Sandwich Islands.

News from the Sandwich Islands to the 19th November have been received at San Francisco. The Mandel Labor School at Hilo with all the appearance, thereby, &c., has been destroyed by fire.

The theatrical prison at Honolulu had just closed.

Much discontent appears to exist among the seamen and laborers at the Islands, on the subject of the price of labor.

WEATHER, CROPS, &c.—We learn from East Mead, that the weather has been fine for several weeks, and that they are beginning put their wheat in. In some places the wheat is well up. In Lower Calcasieu, and Opelousas, there will be a large crop of corn this year. Cotton is not generally planted in those parts, the farmers finding it more profitable to raise corn and stock. The health of the country is generally good.

The Mobile Register says that the season has been unusually favorable for the growth of wheat, and that the crop will be large. The health of the city is good.

The Natchez Courier says that the weather has been very favorable for the growth of wheat, and that the crop will be large. The health of the city is good.

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