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☞ The Northern Mail came through yesterday with the latest dates.

THE CASE OF ESTRAMPES.

The *True Delta* of yesterday publishes the following important piece of information:

Yesterday Secretary Marcy sent a telegraphic despatch from Washington to this city, making enquiries as to whether Estrampes, who was recently pardoned at Havana, was really a citizen of the United States or not. A search of the records of the Fourth District Court shows that Francois (Francisco) Estrampes, a native of Cuba, arrived in New Orleans in 1844. He was then a minor, and under the age of 18 years, and the proper steps being taken, he acquired the rights of citizenship when he became of age. These facts were also when he became of age. These facts were immediately transmitted to Washington by telegraph, and a certified copy from the minutes of the Court, with the names of the witnesses, &c., was at once prepared and sent on to the Secretary of State by mail.

The *True Delta* likewise reproduces a passage from its Havana correspondent's letter of the 8th instant, in which it is stated that Gen. Concha has prepared testimony to show conclusively that Francisco Estrampes was not a citizen of the United States, and that his papers, so representing, were forged, or procured by fraudulent representation.

Whatever may be the upshot of the difficulties existing between the United States and Spain, however other questions may be solved, it appears to us that the execution of Estrampes can scarcely be included in the list of those "outrages," which the Cuban authorities are so frequently accused of perpetrating. Estrampes may have been a naturalized citizen of the United States, having taken advantage of the act of amnesty of last year, and returned to Cuba, he placed himself voluntarily under the jurisdiction of her laws. But the real point at issue is this: Estrampes goes back to Cuba, engages in revolutionary enterprises, is discovered, arrested, tried, and convicted, makes a full confession of his designs, glories in them, announces them boldly and aloud even at the foot of the scaffold, and suffers the punishment of death. Have we a right to quarrel with Spain on the ground that Estrampes was a citizen of the United States, in the teeth of the facts showing that he left his adopted and repaired to his native country for the express purpose of executing purposes which, by the laws of every power, are considered treasonable and punished severely? Place ourselves in the position of Spain: Suppose here in New Orleans, we were in continual fear and dread of a popular outbreak and foreign invasion, that our vigilance was aroused to the highest degree, that every precautionary measure had been taken to avert the peril, and that in the midst of our apprehensions we were to detect a conspirator, professing to hail from the very country from which a lawless descent on our shores was expected, engaged in the work of stirring up insubordination, and exciting the people to revolt. What would be the course of the authorities? Would they not seize the suspected individual and try him by our own laws, regardless of his nature or acquired allegiance? And suppose that having been convicted of the offence of treason, he should make ample acknowledgment of the same, and should suffer the penalty prescribed for his crimes, would we not stand justified in the eyes of the civilized world for the deed? Would we not laugh to scorn the idea of the power which claimed the conspirator as a citizen or subject, considering itself as outraged and insulted, and demanding satisfaction? This is the true way to illustrate the proposition.

It need not be said that we are no apologists for Spain. There are difficulties enough between her and us, which will have to be settled, and which may possibly require the arbitrament of the sword. But honestly and frankly we do not regard the execution of Estrampes as a legitimate cause of quarrel. It has not the guage of a contemporary, a treaty, no form of government, not even our Federal Constitution ever contemplated any other than a domestic trial, in a domestic Court, of persons or parties plotting the destruction of society, and consequent civil war. The highest duty of all Governments, and from that of a family up to that of a nation, is to protect itself, in its own way, by its own domestic laws. The courts of Cuba, especially its military courts, are harsh and hard courts, in our Anglo-Saxon estimation; but Estrampes had such a court and just such a trial as Pinto had, or as Concha himself would have if arrested for treason.

CITY PRINTING.

The act of the 20th March, 1850, published by us on Saturday morning, appears to have elicited general attention. It will be remarked that while the law has no bearing whatever upon the selection of an official paper, upon the privilege of such journal to publish the proceedings of the Council and the ordinances, it distinctly specifies that all advertisements which are required to be published in the Parish of Orleans, by virtue of any law, order of Court, or *municipal ordinance*, shall be published in French and English, &c., "provided, that all advertisements in the French language shall be inserted in a newspaper published in Eng lish and French." Under the head of advertisements to be published by virtue of municipal ordinances, is included a mass of advertising such as notices of contracts to be adjudicated, opening of streets and the like, which, as a matter of public interest, should as well as English language, and in like emphatically declares that in all French advertisements shall be inserted in a paper published in English and French. This law was well understood, and faithfully observed by the predecessor of Gen. Lewis in the Mayoralty, and all advertisements of a municipal character were published in both of the several papers printed in both languages. We presume the law has been overlooked by the present incumbent and by the late Council—Nevertheless, it is all important that it should be scrupulously obeyed, for many pecuniary transactions seriously involving the interests of the City might be invalidated, or at least disputed on the very ground that the act of the Legislature relative to advertisements had not been complied with.

The City Charter has nothing in reference to this subject. The 19th section makes it the duty of the Mayor to publish the ordinances and resolutions passed by the Common Council in a newspaper to be selected by the Council. It does not restrict that officer to such paper alone, nor it it did, would such restriction prove operative, while the act of the 20th March, 1850, remained upon the statute-book. That act has never been repealed. In 1853 an act was passed relative to the City Charter in the country, which, by an inadvertence, included the Parish of Orleans, and provided that advertisements of such sales should thereafter be published in English only. To this extent was the law of 1850 modified, but at the next meeting of the Legislature in 1854, the error was rectified and the law restored to its full force and effect. With this temporary exception the act of 1850 has remained in full force from the period when it first went into effect.

Report of the Jackson Railroad.—We invite attention to the report of the President and Directors of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad, which appears in our columns.

☞ The Stockholders of the New Orleans Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company are reminded that the annual election for Directors will take place THIS DAY, between the hours of 10 and 2 o'clock, at the office of the Company.

De Bow's Review.—Our thanks are due E. W. Johnson & Co., 68 Camp street, for a copy of the April number of De Bow's Review.

Another Gun from Virginia.—On Saturday the 7th, an election for municipal officers took place in Portsmouth, Va., and resulted in the success of the American party by a decisive majority. The vote stood, Fiske, American, 586; White, Democrat, 424; Fiske's majority, 162; one hundred and fifty. The Norfolk Beacon, commenting on the result, says:

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☞ The joint committee of the Massachusetts Legislature, appointed to investigate the matter of the late visit of a committee of the Legislature to the Roxbury Mussel, held a session on the 7th inst. The editor of the Advertiser appeared before the committee and offered to the truth of their published statement that it was finally assisted by the committee to examine the inmates of the institution, and also the members of the committee who made the visit.

By Telegraph!

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From Havana and Mexico.

CONTRARY ACCOUNTS.

THE REVOLUTIONISTS SUCCESSFUL.

Charleston, April 15.—The steamship Isabel has arrived at this port, with dates from Havana to the 10th inst., being the same as received by the Philadelphia at New Orleans.

Many conversations had occurred during the last days, between Estrampes, the manager on the railway, and lawyer Cotes, and the sentence passed by Concha and are allowed to travel in Europe.

The British steamer Clyde arrived at Havana on the 8th inst., in six days' passage from Vera Cruz. By her, the Courier has advices from the revolution, and to the 4th inst. Alvarez had not left the City, but the balance, consisting of the Captain and the crew above mentioned, on board the Lucy L. Sperry, for Philadelphia, under sail.

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Bloody Affray at Elizabethtown.—We learn, says the Louisville *Journal*, that on Saturday Thomas B. Bowyer, Esq., clerk of the county of Elizabethtown, was shot and killed by Mr. W. S. English, merchant of that place. Some angry words had passed between the parties in the street, and Mr. Bowyer went into his office and Mr. English into his store. Both came out shortly afterwards, and Mr. English shot Mr. Bowyer with a gun, killing him we understand on the spot. We are not informed whether Mr. Brown displayed a weapon or whether he had one upon his person.

We know Mr. Brown quite well. He seemed to us an amiable and kind-hearted man, but he sometimes indulged a little too freely in the use of ardent spirits. We believe he had but recently recovered from a severe wound received by him in his last encounter with one of his friends with a bowie knife. He leaves a son who has talent enough to win a distinguished reputation.

Another Victory.—An election for municipal officers in Indianapolis, Indiana, resulted in the success of the whole Know-Nothing ticket over that of the Sag Nichts by about 300 majority.

A Fair Proposition.—Emile Girardin, the editor of *La Presse*, has published a pamphlet called *La Paix*, in which he proposes that in order to spare the susceptibilities of Alexander II, and to enable him to make peace without disgracing the beginning of his reign, Erance should call upon England to destroy Gibraltar, by way of setting an example to Russia to consent to the destruction of Sebastopol!

☞ Letters from Paris by the Baltic mention the anticipated death of Martin Van Buren, Jr., in a very sudden manner. Although he had for a long time been visibly approaching his end, under the fatal influence of consumption, still his death was unexpectedly announced in the position for, as he was seated at the dinner table, it is stated that his head fell forward on his breast and he expired without a word or a groan. Every manifestation of sympathy was shown for his distinguished father, and a large number of Americans and others accompanied the remains to the last mortuary resting place in the cemetery of Montmartre.

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☞ The street sweeping machines in New York city, with 14 machines and 23 tenders, have since Monday removed to upwards of 4000 loads of street dirt from 4 wards.

☞ Sufficient returns have been received from the late election, to show that the whig State officers have been elected by a larger majority than was received last August.

☞ The Halifax Chronicle of April 1st, says: "Yesterday morning the brig America arrived from Boston with her complement of the new troops, amounting to about 90 in all. They were landed in the course of the forenoon at the Queen's wharf, and marched up to the quarters in the Military Hospital. They are principally Germans, healthy looking men, but of considerable degree of stature."

The strike at Manchester, N. H., has proved a complete failure. The factories are now a sin in operation, having procured hands from Lawrence, Nashua, Lowell and Blackstone, and made no concession whatever.

The English papers tell us of the recent promotion of Wm. Nichol Barns to a colonelcy, and of his brother Jas. Burnes, Esq., clerk of the Privy Council, to a lieutenant colonelcy, in the British army.

Orders have been received at the Navy Yard at Philadelphia, that the steamer Bear Lieut. Jas. Alden selected as the flag ship of the Gulf Squadron, and she will probably leave to-morrow for Havana. The steamer Susquehanna has been ordered to be held in readiness for sailing.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Race of Saturday.—There perhaps has never been a greater concourse of people at the race track than that which assembled on Saturday to witness the contest between the world renowned champions Lexington and Lecomte. Bets were made very freely, the odds being in favor of Lexington, and a large amount of money was exchanged hands on the occasion. Everything betokened a race of great interest, but the multitude was doomed to be very sadly disappointed.—The first heat of four miles was run in 7:30, Lecomte passing the whole crew on as allowance of water. Soon after, three of the men were taken off by the ship Bombay, for Boston, four others by the Isabel City, for Delaware, and the balance, consisting of the Captain and the crew above mentioned, on board the Lucy L. Sperry, for Philadelphia, under sail.

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Election in Louisville.—The *Journal* of the 9th says:—The average majority of the American party in the election of the four gubernatorial districts in 1851, was 1,200. The largest vote ever cast in the city of Louisville was given in 1844 when the friends of Mr. Clay obtained a majority of 1,800. But not more than the present American majority, but more than remembered that, in the Presidential election, many voters were lastly cast here by persons living elsewhere. The Democratic majority in Louisville, in 1851, when the whig candidate, he obtained a very heavy majority, in the same district, was 1,500. The largest vote ever cast in the city of Louisville was 6,000. The present majority is unquestionably underrated to be at least of the strength of prudent.

THINGS IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, April 7.—A fresh rumor if now started from this city, to the effect that a new and formidable expedition against Cuba is on foot, —and that the Government is in favor of it, and will wink at it,—and that Mr. Marcy personally to hold Cuba responsible for the execution of naturalized citizens of the United States. Estrampes is to be in part the price to be paid for this treason. There is no truth in any of these reports; and it is well known that they are manufactured and circulated by persons of interesting money from the Cuban fund. When that fund, said to have been "augmented" to a million last year, shall be exhausted, we shall probably hear no more either of natural or supposed filibusterism.

Commodore McCauley, on superintendent and discreet officer, and only by name to be the best sailor in the Navy, has been ordered to the command of the Pacific squadron, and he will probably proceed in the fine *Lancaster*, as his station, which is on the Cuba coast.

☞ The Legislature has granted the city of New Orleans power to substitute a direct subscription, to be paid immediately in bonds, in place of her subscription, payable in annual sums for six years.—Under this wise policy, which met the cordial approbation both of the Legislature and the people, the Commissioners were released from great embarrassment, and placed in a firm and solvent position. Other and still greater advantages will follow. The Clinton and Port Hudson railroad has been completed to a point within ten miles of the State line, and the cars will be running through to Jackson in a few days. Contracts have been made for the completion of the road to the State line, and it is confidently expected that it will be finished by the 1st of July next. The Jackson railroad is also progressing rapidly, and will be completed to Brandon in the course of the present year. Thus, in a few months, the Mississippi State line, has been completed. The first train for the transportation of passengers and freight will pass over the road on the 6th of August next, and daily trains to and from New Orleans have been running since that date. When this division is completed from Nashville to the Mississippi river, the travel and traffic are greater than was anticipated, and that the income exceeds the expenditure by a large amount. Engineers, however, differ as to the best route for the remainder of the road and the machinery.

Under all the circumstances, the road may be regarded in the good order for transportation. The roughest portion is from the city depot to the edge of the Second District, a distance of about seven miles. A suitable gang of men, working with an engine and train of dirt cars, are employed in bringing material from the first mile out of the city, the roadway formation in the edge of the trembling prairie to the lake.

Near the fourteenth mile commences the trembling prairie, which is a marshy bog, composed of layers of vegetable matter and earth, occasionally separated by a stratum of river clay from one to six inches thick, and from eighteen inches to forty feet deep, being several feet below the bottom of the average depth of the lake. The prairie is from two and a half to four miles wide, and from Bayou Labranche, by the shore of Lake Pontchartrain, to within two miles of the mouth of the new Canal, a distance of twelve miles. The rear of the prairie is bounded by an irregular line of wood swamp, nearly parallel with the opposite shore of the Mississippi river, the river being from two to two and a half miles distant. The road passes by a straight line, four and three quarter miles long, obliquely across the prairie to Bayou Labranche. The roadway formation over the prairie is of crib work, four feet high, resting upon a plank foundation. It must be fresh in the memory of most of the stockholders that it was originally the property of a few citizens, supported by engineers of liberal attainments, that the route across the prairie was practicable. It now appears by the decision to report that no portion of our line preserves its ad interest better; and though heavy engines and trains of cars have run over it daily, it was on the opening of the road, the portion over which we travel with the greatest speed and comfort.

From Bayou Labranche we reach the lake shore, passing one mile over a firm and comparatively high marsh. Here the road is constructed for nine and one-half miles along a ridge nearly parallel with the lake shore, and from one to two miles distant therefrom. The ridge is composed of sand and clay, with an admixture of vegetable matter. Its width is 30 feet, permanent, requiring some; by any repairs, and is equal in quality to any similar length of road in the country. Near the Metairie ridge, the line diverges from the northwestern shore of Lake Pontchartrain, passing diagonally across the Metairie ridge, and divides Lake Maurepas from Pontchartrain, crossing the north and south branches of the Amite river, within a mile of the point where both unite with Lake Maurepas. The passes are crossed by substantial pile bridges, one 1900 feet in length, and the other 1200 feet. Between the two bridges for the convenience of the lake trade. The bridges across the passes are perfectly firm, not the slightest motion of the cars being perceptible. The original adjustment after eight months rest under heavy locomotive trains. Leaving the pass bridges, the road continues in a direct line to the pine lands which are reached near the forty-sixth mile.

From near the forty-sixth to the fifty-fifth mile, the road—except the bridges over the Passes Manchac—is supported upon cypress crib-work, about four feet high, covered with a plank roadway, and is in good order. The whole of this division, sixteen and one-third miles long, is low, swampy and heavily timbered. Through the fifty-fifth mile, a mile of fine prairie next to the pine lands, is similar to the swamp land in rear of the city. The road is constructed over the first mile at the depot on Calliope street; and causeway as firm and durable as either of the short roads leading out of the city. The lake may be made on very portion of the line from New Orleans to the Mississippi State line, with the exception of the highlands. An engine and two cars passed over the road on Saturday evening from the highland to flit up its swamp from the 30th to the 36th mile, which we found in excellent order. Hands are employed in filling up and ballasting the road between the city and Bayou Labranche. Within two years the whole of the line will be completed, at comparatively small expense, and without inconvenience, when the travel and the capacity of the road will be increased impracticable, will not be surpassed by mechanical efficiency by any road in the country.

The sharpest curves on this division are segments of a circle many four miles in diameter, so that the line is almost straight. The road is built over the trembling prairie of heart pine; over the swamps of cypress.

Before any of these structures decay, they will have been substituted by embankment. Already we have the best material to embank, and but little labor is required in repairs. A speed of from 20 to 30 miles an hour over the crib-work is both safe and agreeable.

At the time of commencing the railroad, public opinion was much divided as to the merits of several projected routes for the line.

After a series of very thorough instrumental surveys, the present route was selected from its decided superiority over all others.

The line of location from the city to the 46th mile on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain, is straight the entire, while the line of location from the 46th mile, on the shore, 137 miles, exceeds the length of a straight line 36 miles, or about one-fifth. Tedious we have ventured to be this particular in describing that portion of the line of road in full operation, and that if the prairies and swamps to the pine lands in the parish of Livingston.

If there are still those among us who doubt the feasibility of building a safe and substantial railroad along the line of our selection, let them examine the road for the first mile out of Northern railroads, we would respectfully invite them to enter our morning train any day at 9 o'clock, and will afford an opportunity of inspecting the whole swamp division in two hours.

From the 46th mile to the State line, or Oyaka 49 miles, the road passes over a flat country, well wooded with pine. The soil is generally sandy and dry, and the line, therefore has an average inclination towards the Gulf of Mexico of about four feet to a mile. The road is constructed from the State line to the pine lands, a distance of 36 miles, in a manner similar to that of the Mississippi division. Seventeen miles of this distance are now ready for receiving the rails, and the grading will be completed by the 1st of June next. Grant & Co. are prepared to commence vigorous operations on the remainder of the line, and the Board of Directors may issue the order. By mutual consent, a number of several citizens, Mr. Greenwood has concluded to keep the Banyan Tableaux on exhibition here for two days longer. The proceeds of this evening will be appropriated for the benefit of the Collegiate Institute for Girls.

The Balloon Ascension.—The balloon ascension which Mr. Godard proposed to make yesterday did not come off, owing to the bursting of the balloon after it was about two-thirds filled, by a gush of wind driving it against one of the spars of the square rigger which was moored at the side of the square.

Board of Health.—The members of the Board of Health are requested to meet at the Mayor's office, City Hall, to day at 12 o'clock.

Benefit of Mr. F. N. Thayer.—The compliment bestowed to Mr. F. N. Thayer, which has been talked of for some time past, comes off to-night at the St. Charles Theatre. Mr. Thomas Placide, Mr. James Browne, Mr. George Holland, Mr. Barras and Mr. Charles Pope have volunteered and will appear on the occasion, besides several other popular performers. The performances will consist of the comedy of "Toe Poor Gentleman," and the burlesque of "Bombastes Furioso," in each of which many eminent