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WHAT WE WANT.

One of the greatest wants of New Orleans—a want that must be fulfilled ere she can expect to attain the apogee of her destiny—is a resident population. At present our city is thronged with strangers, who come hither from every part of the country, partly in pursuit of pleasure, and partly with a view to business. A few short months will elapse, and this swarm of visitors will disappear. Were this the be-all and end-all of the sale fortune, its influence would be neither desirable nor permanent. But, unhappily, the same period that witnesses the departure of the thousands who visit us in winter, is considered the fitting moment for the absence of a host of denizens who claim to be citizens of New Orleans; who transact their commercial affairs here; who reside amongst us half the year, and yet have no real interest in our progress and prosperity. The consequence of this anomaly in our position, is a limitation of trade to the cold season, an utter suspension of activity the instant the summer, the absence of all public elements to capitalists to invest their money in public improvements, and an almost unconscionable apathy and indisposition to undertake either of pith and moment on the part of those who may be regarded as a resident population. For years and years the people of New Orleans witnessed, with special apathy, the efforts of rival cities successfully to wrest from them a portion of the increasing inland trade; to divert it into new channels; to create other *debouchés* for the vast products of the West. The press, faithful sentinels, by dint of wearisome yet constant iteration, at length awoke New Orleans to a sense of the danger that menaced her. But even then, how faint and feeble were the efforts made to restore her decaying fortunes. The millionaires amongst us, upon whom public expectation relied, to come forward in the crisis, and by munificent liberality, by their means to render New Orleans all that she should be, were precisely those whose wealth, activity and calm indifference were the greatest appeal. The property holders have been the most fatal of our foes—the men, of whom it has been forcibly remarked, that their loftiest ambition was to have leases for $3000 and loans them at four per centum, have stood idly by, and viewed the little that has been accomplished for us done by the middle and humble classes of society, who live but for their daily bread.

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We find in the *National Intelligencer* the annual report of Lieut. Gen. WINFIELD SCOTT, in a brief abstract. He thus refers to the part, views and recommendations contained in his former reports:

1. It has been gratifying to observe, within the past year, that the recommendations from the head of the army, in favor of increasing the rank with the office of commissary, pursuers, sergeants, &c.—has been granted with the great addition acknowledged to be important in the cheapness of the road, and the additional benefit of the same kind would, it is believed, result from a change in the system of recruiting, by authorizing the enlistment for each regiment to keep two of its companies (assigned, alternately) on depot services, for filling the ranks as they thin.

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In my last report I presented a plan of moderate relief for the future. Its features were an addition to the monthly pay, an increase of the commutation price of rations, and a bounty on re-enlistment for five years, of, as now, every five years on duty. Except in the last point, this scheme is approximated by the plan of the House bill No. 381, 2d session, which was before the last session of Congress at its first session, and which, if it pass, would no doubt afford very material relief to all its contemplation.

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Southern Commercial Convention.

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The Hon. Judge Bayne, Senator Toombs was read. It is in favor of the Fremont candidate, and after a long debate, by practice. His Majesty never will be brought to deny the convictions and change the policy of 25 years' growth. From this quarter, therefore, nothing is to be hoped.—The Montreal Herald was steamer, which came in on Saturday, is likely to remain here, as all agents await further orders, a fact which gives satisfaction, for though we are in a state of the most perfect tranquility, and the Liberals are resolved not to disturb it, all contingencies should be provided for.

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MARSEILLES, Nov. 24.—By accounts of the 14th, from Constantinople, it appears that 600 wooden houses had been destroyed by a fire at Pera.

The authorities and the Sisters of Charity had taken charge of the families who were left without an asylum.

Another very extensive fire had broken out at Adrianople.

The steamer of the Rhodes, consigned by the Ephesian having struck the immense store of gunpowder which was placed in the vaults belonging to the Ancient Knights, destroyed the whole of the quarter so completely that only three children were saved. One thousand persons are said to have perished.

The *Journal de Constantinople* states that a Russian company in the Black Sea have purchased the steamer Vesta.

The assessment of the Turco-Asiatic frontier has been postponed till next May.

Advices from Bagdad, of the 15th of October, say that the cholera was committing great ravages there.

VIENNA, Nov. 23.—Two persons, who know exactly how matters stand, do not state that the Roumanian frontier question can be considered settled, "in so far as Belgrade is concerned." It was not said whether Austria and Turkey had come to an understanding with Prussia; but the positive assurance that Servia would not be allowed to annex Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Old Servia was positively confided to Moldavia. The same may be said as regards the Isle of Serpents.

VIENNA, Nov. 22.—According to telegraphic advices from Constantinople, Ali Pacha was only twenty-four hours in office.

He and Mehemdjeli Pacha could not agree.

The first sitting of the European Commission entrusted with drawing up the regulations concerning the navigation of the Danube, took place at Galatz on the 8th. Omer Pacha, the Turkish commissioner, was appointed president. The Commission, on the proposition of the French representative, elaborated a French quadrupel and a Turkish and English duplicate, which by using the Ottoman or a Shakespeare dictionaries would not only render it correct, but leave the texts at the option of the parties.

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MARSEILLES, Nov. 24.—By accounts of the 14th, from Constantinople, it appears that 600 wooden houses had been destroyed by a fire at Pera.

The authorities and the Sisters of Charity had taken charge of the families who were left without an asylum.

Another very extensive fire had broken out at Adrianople.

The steamer of the Rhodes, consigned by the Ephesian having struck the immense store of gunpowder which was placed in the vaults belonging to the Ancient Knights, destroyed the whole of the quarter so completely that only three children were saved. One thousand persons are said to have perished.

The *Journal de Constantinople* states that a Russian company in the Black Sea have purchased the steamer Vesta.

The assessment of the Turco-Asiatic frontier has been postponed till next May.

Advices from Bagdad, of the 15th of October, say that the cholera was committing great ravages there.

VIENNA, Nov. 23.—Two persons, who know exactly how matters stand, do not state that the Roumanian frontier question can be considered settled, "in so far as Belgrade is concerned." It was not said whether Austria and Turkey had come to an understanding with Prussia; but the positive assurance that Servia would not be allowed to annex Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Old Servia was positively confided to Moldavia. The same may be said as regards the Isle of Serpents.

VIENNA, Nov. 22.—According to telegraphic advices from Constantinople, Ali Pacha was only twenty-four hours in office.

He and Mehemdjeli Pacha could not agree.

The first sitting of the European Commission entrusted with drawing up the regulations concerning the navigation of the Danube, took place at Galatz on the 8th. Omer Pacha, the Turkish commissioner, was appointed president. The Commission, on the proposition of the French representative, elaborated a French quadrupel and a Turkish and English duplicate, which by using the Ottoman or a Shakespeare dictionaries would not only render it correct, but leave the texts at the option of the parties.

The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

Alexander Hamilton, Jr., President; Alexander First District, Hardy, G. O. Bright, M. Second, Jerome Fitz and Leslie Bridges; Third District, Edward Hunter and Wm. Hunter; Fourth District, Jas. Hunter and C. A. Posey; Fourth District, J. A. Wade and J. Hanna.

Mr. Jas. Hunter was elected Director of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad.

The Finance Committee reported in favor of establishing a sinking fund, to which work done on the Public Road, by 110 Freemen in debt; with the exception of the 4th of the subdivisions, which is referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Streets and Landings have had under consideration the petition of Thomas Provisions, and such canvasses entered freely by all the other sundries.

The Parish Treasurer explains a significant announcement, in relation to the Persian expedition. In the course of a description of the intentions entertained by the English government, in which the Gulf, which separates Persia from the Peninsula of Arabia, is called "the key of the Empire," says that Bushire, belonging to France, is the only port in the Persian Gulf which belongs to France, by virtue of a treaty concluded in 1808, between M. Pyrault, Sur Consul at Bushire, and the Imaum of Muscat, the ruling chief of the Sovereigns who have reigned over Persia in modern times. This treaty, it is said, has been thrown, but that consideration does not diminish its importance, since no singular convention has abolished or modified it."

The Accident on the Pittsburg and Cleveland Railroad—Shocking Particulars.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 8.—The following are the additional particulars in regard to the dreadful accident on the Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad:

The 7 o'clock and 20 minutes Cleveland train left Pittsburg, and passed through the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago train at Allegheny, standing (no passenger car) of the Cleveland train.

One of the cars was thrown into the retaining of the station, and another through the public rooms, which accommodates a part of the depot. The rotunda of the station were sitting. The rotunda of the sitting room was torn down, by which eight persons were killed outright. The others were scalded to death, while others had no outside death on the spot. Others died on the way to the hospital. Others died at home. Others died at the hospital. Others died at home. Others died at the hospital. Others died at home. Others died at