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In an article on our railroads, which we wrote some days ago, we took occasion to remark that the great system which links the West with the North has diverted from our city an immense amount of business, which in the ordinary course of travel would have been ours. It is true, we observed, that we have endeavored to repair this loss by creating new channels of trade, such as the Jackson Railroad and the Opelousas Railroad present. It must be remembered, however, that both these modes of communication accomplish little more than the draining of the country through which they pass. The one opens to our market a considerable part of central Mississippi; the other renders the Lafourche and Attakapas regions with their products accessible at all seasons of the year. But though in this way they are important additions to commerce, they cannot possibly be of material benefit in restoring to us the vast and valuable trade which is now carried on by railway between the Western States and leading commercial cities of the North. This is in a great measure forfeited forever. The wonderful growth of the West prevents us from perceiving an absolute decrease in the products received thence, but the only difference is that were there no railways binding the North to the West, the quantity sent to New Orleans would be decupled.

The annual commercial statements which appeared in the different papers yesterday corroborate most remarkably, though not unexpectedly, these conclusions. Nay, they prove that we did not go far enough, for, as will be seen in a moment, there is no difficulty whatever in perceiving an absolute decrease in the products received from the West. A comparison of the amount of domestic produce received at New Orleans during the year 1858-59, with the amount received during the year previous, will show indisputably that in many leading articles our commerce is diminishing. In sugar, molasses and cotton—staples which are either the product of our own soil, or which are brought hither by our local railways—there is an increase, and likewise in a small number of Western products, such as beef, whisky, hides, star candles and lime. But in most of the receipts of Western produce there has been a marked decrease. This will be evident from a glance at the following statement, where the figures exhibit the falling off for 1858-59, as compared with 1857-58:

Tobacco, hogsheads	11,638
Flour, barrels	443,360
Wheat, sacks	385,886
Corn, sacks	503,241
Pork, barrels	12,736
Lard, barrels and tierces	36,580
Lard, kegs	26,734
Hemp, bales	1,420
Dead hogs	57,398
Hides, sacks	34,503
Apples, barrels	36,706
Butter, kegs and firkins	10,052
Lard Oil, barrels	2,015
Whiskey, barrels	81,115

This is conclusive evidence that a very considerable portion of our trade has suffered diversion, not merely by the transportation to the North of products which formerly reached us by the river, but by the supply of the Southwest directly from the West, instead of, as formerly, indirectly from New Orleans. It is, therefore, palpable as the sun at noonday that our commerce cannot, as heretofore, rely exclusively on the receipts of the agricultural wealth of the great West. That channel has been tapped in fifty directions. The facilities of railroad communication with the Atlantic States, and with those of the Southwest, have cut off, and will continue to carry off, an immense share of Western trade. It is useless to attempt to regain it. We must bear with the loss, and seek by freer and fresher avenues of commerce to replace it. This policy has been wisely inaugurated in the encouragement accorded to the Jackson and Opelousas Railroads—the first of which brings us into speedy communication with a rich and fertile section of country, which had previously been almost debarred a market for its produce, while the second enables our planters to send their sugar and cotton by an expeditious and comparatively inexpensive route, thus diminishing the price of the article, by curtailing the cost of conveyance. The same policy, if applied to the speedy completion of a railroad through central Texas, will ensure us a rich reward. Texas is the young giant of the South. Her vast and rapidly augmenting trade naturally seeks to us. We can forfeit it only by the most culpable supineness. Let us then profit by the lessons we have already received, and instead of foolishly wasting our energies in efforts to restore the past, look forward, conceive, and secure our certain prosperity and greatness by providing in time for the future.

STATISTICAL TABLE.—We are much obliged to Messrs. MARTIN CORR & Co. for a tabular statement showing the variations in the receipts of Middling Cotton, Lard, Bacon, Sugar, Mess Pork and Ohio Flour in the New Orleans market during the season of 1858-59. It is a highly useful publication.

COMMISSION AND PRODUCE MERCHANTS.—Messrs. Daniel A Nicaud have formed a copartnership for the purpose of transacting a general Commission and Western produce business. Their place of business is No. 83 Tchoupitoulas street. See advertisement.

WINES, LIQUORS, &c.—We invite attention to the advertisement of F. Sancho, No. 129 Chartres street. Mr. Sancho has on hand and is receiving a large supply of superior French and Spanish wines, liquors, &c.

WESTERN PRODUCE.—We invite attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Drouet & Gaudinat, dealers in produce, at No. 86, Poydras street, between Camp and Magazine. The members of this firm possess experience, integrity and every guarantee of success.

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.—We are indebted to the editors for the September number of this valuable and interesting periodical.

PIANOS.—By reference to the advertisement of P. Dural, No. 37 Chartres street, it will be seen that he has just received a magnificent assortment of Chartres [illegible] street; also a well selected stock of music, sampling and wrapping paper, blank books, fancy stationery, and every article pertaining to his line of business. Persons in search of purchasing would do well to give Mr. Dural a call.

We call attention to the card in another column the friends of Messrs. Edward Durrive & Co., who are glad to perceive that he is now a partner in the firm of Edward Durrive & Co.

ACCOUNTANTS AND APPRAISERS.—It will be seen by reference to our advertising columns that Messrs. McCarren, Landry & Co., office of St. Charles and Perdido streets, are prepared to give their entire attention to the auction and appraising business.

HOWDY PUBLISHED.—At Baltimore, on the 1st instant, Henry M. Fitzhugh, Esq., one of the proprietors of the *Daily Exchange*, was assaulted in an omnibus by a notorious desperado named or called Paul Placido. Mr. Fitzhugh drew and fired his revolver, three balls taking effect in the hand and arm of the assailant. The affair has produced considerable excitement. The respectable portion of the citizens fear that the present disorders have not reached their acme, and that a resort to some combined system for self-protection may yet become necessary.

LITERARY TASTE IN THIS COUNTRY.—The people of the United States show a strong predilection for a light and fictitious literature. Of the thousand odd and new volumes issued in this country in a year it is said that about one-half were works of fiction or imagination. In France only about one-ninth are works of fiction, and in England works of fiction constitute one-seventh of the whole number published.

RAILWAY TELEGRAPH.—An improvement has recently been made in railway telegraphs, by which, wherever an accident occurs, or a bridge takes fire, or any thing becomes deranged on the road, the trains approaching in either direction can be notified of it at whatever speed they may be moving. By this means one accident need be the cause of another, and it is no secret that any watchman at any station on the road can give the alarm ten miles in either direction, and communicate the last to the principal office at the same time.

The Baton Rouge *Gazette and Comet* says:

On going to press yesterday evening, there was a report in town to the effect that the town of Port Hudson was entirely consumed by fire on Sunday night.

On Thursday last Henry Clay Irwin, grandson of the late Henry Clay, was found at the Galt House, Louisville, Ky., in the agonies of death. He died soon afterward. No explanation of the cause of the decease.

By Telegraph.

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FURTHER NEWS FROM EUROPE.

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The Africa's commercial advices have been mostly anticipated. Her mails, however, contain some items of interest which were not comprised in the telegraphic summary from St. Johns.

FRANCE.

It is reported that a duel had taken place between Marshal Canrobert and Marshal Neil, growing out of the criticisms passed upon Marshal Canrobert's conduct in Italy by Marshal Neil in the latter's report to the Emperor.

It is also reported that Marshal Neil was mortally wounded in the combat.

A previous account of their movements stated that Marshal Neil had left Paris for Toulouse, and that Marshal Canrobert had left Vichy, the well known French watering-place.

The Emperor Napoleon has ordered two war steamers to proceed to Algeria for the purpose of bringing back a number of political exiles from the penal colony of Lambessa. These exiles are among those included in the late political amnesty.

The Paris correspondent of the London *News* asserts that the impossibility of carrying out the conditions of the peace of Villafranca in accordance with the views of Austria led the Emperor Napoleon to grant a political amnesty, by which he hoped to rally the influential men of all parties about his standard.

The recent measures of the Belgian Government, and especially the projected additions to the fortifications of Antwerp, have excited much attention and considerable uneasiness at Paris.

A French corps d'armée was to remain on the Rhine, with its headquarters at Nancy.

The Three Per Cent. Rentes closed at 69 francs 15 centimes.

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LIVERPOOL, August 20.—The Cunard steamship Europa, from New York, arrived at this port to day.

Dr. Smithhurst has been convicted of the murder of his wife, and has been sentenced to be hung.

The builders' strike at London continued.

Edward Butler, of the firm of Butler & Smart, solicitors, has absconded, and an examination of his affairs proves him to be a defaulter to the amount of £100,000.

AUSTRIA.

Advices from Vienna report that the Emperor Francis Joseph was getting impatient at the delay exhibited in the restoration of the fugitive Grand Dukes to their respective countries.

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The Etna brings dates from Liverpool to the 19th ult.

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TURKEY.—Advices from Constantinople are to the 2d inst.

The Constantinople papers announce that the last earthquake completely destroyed the town of Redjouna, and has even demolished the ramparts of the town.

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That the captain of the vessel pay the sum of forty cents a day for every day that said free person of color shall have been in custody, without any other charges whatever.

That should the captain of such vessel fail or refuse to pay the amount of jail fees, or allow more than sixty days to elapse without caution to withdraw the said free person of color from the jail, settling the jail fees, the said free person of color, for the first time that he or she shall have thus been lodged in jail, shall, after a summary examination before the Recorder of the Second District of New Orleans, if the offence has been committed in the parish of Orleans, or before any Justice of the Peace of the parish, if out of the parish of Orleans, be set free and notified to remove from the State within five days from said notification, under the penalty hereinafter provided.

That if any free person of color, so notified, fail to leave the State, he shall, upon conviction, be sold to work on the roads three and not more than twelve months in the penitentiary. Any person or police officer arresting such person of color shall receive a reward of ten dollars, if the arrest be made in the parish of Orleans.

That any free person of color convicted a second time of the offense, shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

That the captain of any sea-going vessel shall give to the Harbor Master and Chief of Police a written statement, on oath, of the number, name, and place of residence of any free person of color brought by him into the State, under a penalty of $250.

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SCUFFLE IN PHILADELPHIA.—*A City Railroad Car Conductor Fired at.*—On Tuesday a well-known ruffian was riding upon one of the cars on the Tenth and Eleventh street line, smoking a cigar. The conductor told him it was against the rules of the company, and requested him to put it out. The fellow refused, and the conductor knocked it out of his mouth. Last night the conductor received an intimation that he would be attacked at the lower part of the line, and at the depot another conductor named Small took charge of the car. Mr. Small took the precaution of supplying himself with paving stones. When at a very dark spot near the Moyamensing Prison, a man jumped upon the platform of the car and seized Mr. Small by the throat. Mr. Small succeeded in throwing his assailant off the car, and followed him up with one of his paving stones. The man replied to with a pistol shot. Mr. Small heard the ball whiz past his ear, but fortunately without hitting him.

A gang of rowdies afterwards attempted to stop the same car, but the driver pushed his horses forward and escaped them. This kind of terrorism should not be tolerated. The conductors upon the line have all been supplied, since this occurrence, with the means to defend themselves in the event of any more attacks.—*Philadelphia Bulletin, 30th August.*

Since writing the above we have learned definitely that the [illegible] formed from Wm. Corry, who is the chief of the [illegible] of [illegible] Asia to the mouth of the Amoor, on the Pacific Ocean. The whole length will exceed 3000 leagues.

A project has been drawn up for continuing the line to the coast of America, which would afford great facilities for laying the cable to connect the two continents.

TURKEY.—Advices from Constantinople are to the 2d inst.

The Constantinople papers announces that the last earthquake completely destroyed the town of Redjouna, and has even demolished the ramparts of the town.

Trieste, Thursday, August 11.—Advices have been received from Constantinople to the 6th inst. The Sultan had returned from his journey. The half mentioned the double election of Prince Couza, with the condition that he is to come to Constantinople to render homage to the Sultan. M. de Thouvenal has arrived here. It is considered that the Count de Cavour, with the assisting Austria, has been shot, and the great bulk of the force has been sent home to avoid further inconveniences. The most alarming discontent has shown itself among the Hungarians, who are daily deserting from Verona and from Mantua. These poor fellows do not yet know what fate is in store for them, but they have decided on emigrating to America rather than trust to any amnesty which Austria can grant.

It is officially announced in the London papers that the Great Eastern will leave this country for Portland, United States, early in the coming month, after having made a short trial trip."

The English port of departure does not seem to have been yet determined upon. More money is wanted; a special meeting of the shareholders is called for the 26th inst., to authorize the issue of the 30,000 shares held in reserve, and to consider the propriety of insuring the ship.

The Latest Italian News.

The news from Italy is contradictory. The Liverpool *Post* of the 19th gives the following: "The rumors published yesterday that the Red Republicans had obtained the advantage over the friends of order in Parma, and that the Piedmontese had been driven from that city, is confirmed partially by news received from Austrian official sources.

On the other hand, we learn that Count Reisset, the French Emperor's Special Envoy to Central Italy, had at Parma hand-bills thrown into his carriage expressing a wish for annexation to Sardinia.

The Provisional Government of Tuscany issued a proclamation to the people before the elections took place, calling upon them to enable by their conduct the Emperor Napoleon to do for Italy what he intends for their good, and it is stated besides that they have sent a special Envoy to Berlin to obtain the consent of the Prussian Government to the removal of the Grand Dynasty. With regard to the question as to who is to take the place of that dynasty, the Paris correspondent of the *Star* returns to a project already mentioned, namely, a marriage between the Grand Duchess of Parma and the nephew of Victor Emmanuel, the Prince of Carignan, to be followed by other marriages destined to cement the union between the Houses of Savoy and the Imperial Family of France and the Bourbons of Parma, and at the same time to promote the cause of Italian unity under Sardinian supremacy.

In the Duchy of Modena every thing seems in favor of Piedmont. The people ran in crowds, we are told, to vote the dethronement of Francis Fifth. The Duke, it is added, is in the environs of Reggio, where he endeavors, though in vain, to rouse to his cause, and the cities of Ferrara and Modena.

Besides this, several regiments of the Austrian army of Italy, which have lately returned to the interior of Austria, have received counter orders to remain in Italy.

An important modification of the Cabinet of Vienna has taken place.

Baron Bach, the most influential member of the Ministry, has retired, notwithstanding the Emperor's wishes to the contrary, and is to be appointed Ambassador at Rome. His successor has not yet been named.

ITALY.

Chevalier Farini, after a short stay at Paris, and several consultations with Count Walewski, has returned to Italy to resume the Dictatorship of the Duchy of Parma.

The Government of Parma has purchased 1000 Minnie rifles, and invited the disbanded corps of gendarmes of the Alps who served in the recent campaign under Garibaldi to take service under the direction of Parma.

A decree has been issued at Bologna declaring all citizens of that city free to act politically and legally, without distinction of religion.

Father Gavazzi, the popular Catholic orator, has been preaching at Bologna with immense success.

At last accounts Garibaldi was at Modena.

A dispatch from Genoa announces the suspension of *Il Cal'Aria*, of that city, for its reactionary tendencies.

THE PARIS BOURSE.

The *Moniteur* contains a decree which provides that foreign shares securities may be negotiated on the Bourse when two fifths of their value shall have been paid up, instead of limiting the sale as heretofore to shares upon which seven-tenths have been paid.

THE GREAT EASTERN FOR NEW YORK.

The steamship Great Eastern is to sail about the middle of September.

The directors have finally determined that her first trip across the Atlantic shall be to New York direct, touching at Cape Foundland and landing the mails off St. Johns.

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