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THE NEW YORK MESSENGER.

It appears that at the great Union demonstration in New York city General SCOTT was not nominated, as the Telegraph reported. His name, for President, and that of General BUCHANAN, for Vice-President, were, however, suggested at one of the outside meetings, and were received with considerable enthusiasm and applause. Out of this somewhat slender fabric the New York *Herald*, which has recently become an enormous advocate of Old Chapultepec after deriding and reviling him when he ran against PIERCE, now erects a most imposing structure. That eccentric but influential journal says that this is a first-rate beginning, and declares that Scott-Union meetings will be held all over the land, and that the veteran warrior is the only savior of the Republic in the present crisis.

We attach very little importance to the *Herald's* recent outburst in favor of General SCOTT, as nothing can be more unlikely than the nomination of the Old Hero. With all his claims to public admiration, General SCOTT is not the man to win popular suffrage, as we Whigs have learned to our cost. Besides, he is now exceedingly aged—too much so to take upon himself the arduous cares and labors of the Presidency. But, in connection with this subject, the *Herald* offers one or two observations which are well worthy the attention of the people of New York, and which we believe to be absolutely and literally true. Speaking of the meeting, it says:

But the duty of the New York merchants is not ended. They must keep up what they have so well begun. The call demanded of them by their relations to the Empire City, whose continued prosperity or whose ruin now hangs by a single hair, like the sword suspended over the head of DAMOCLES, amidst the wealth and splendor which surrounded him. Let the revolutionary party at the North cut that hair, or let the revolutionary party at the South anticipate them by cutting it first, and what becomes of our merchant princes, their goodly palaces, their luxury and their wealth? All will vanish like the baseless fabric of a vision, and the modern Tyre, which now sits the queen of commerce on the waters of the Atlantic, will soon become like her Phœnician prototype, and like Carthage, Athens and Venice, which, when they were free and the centres of empire, rolled far and wide the world of commerce. What are these once great commercial cities now?

True as Holy Writ! New York with the South is mighty, wealthy and prosperous—without her, her decay would be swift, sudden and total. *There is no city in the* Union so completely dependent upon political stability for continued progress. It is therefore clearly the most vital interest of New York to crush Abolitionism, if it would escape ruin. Let the South break up the Confederacy, and half of the great city of Gotham would be without employment. Her merchants would be overtaken by inevitable ruin, and her trade would at one fell swoop be diminished by more than one-half. If the New York merchants desire to preserve the Union, and protect themselves, they must do something more than shout themselves hoarse at public meetings. They must act and work, and vote as well as talk. They must cast aside their apathy, and proceed to make every possible exertion to wrest power from the hands of the Black Republicans. This is the only admissible condition on which the Union will be surely preserved. Kill the Anti slavery party by the ballot box: there is no other effective method of attaining that blessed consummation.

Loss of the Ship Silas Holmes.

We learn from a dispatch to Aaron Cohen, Esq., dated at Pass a Loutre, 4 P. M., that the Bremen bark Dorette arrived at the Pass, having picked up a boat at sea at 5 P. M., on the 19th instant, five women and three men, passengers of the ship Silas Holmes; also the second mate of the ship, who reports that the ship Silas Holmes, Captain Griffith, from New York for this port, previously reported ashore near Garden Island Key, left the Key on the 11th instant, leaking, and on the 16th, at 2 o'clock, the water was up to the deck. Captain Griffith put five women, being all the ladies that were on board, with three male passengers and the second mate in a small boat, the best one they had; left the ship sinking. There were two other boats on board; they were also constructing a raft, and the mate supposed that Captain Griffith, crew and balance of his passengers, fully thirty souls, took to the raft and boats before the ship went down. The Silas Holmes left New York with twenty one steerage passengers, and with Captain Griffith, officers and crew would make forty-two souls. The bark Dorette will be up to-morrow, with the mate on board, when full particulars will be got. The Silas Holmes had a valuable cargo, and is partly insured in this city.

IMPORTANT TO SMOKERS.—It will be seen by our advertising columns that J. P. SARRAZIN, corner Conti and Chartres streets, has received a magnificent collection of pipes, stems, cigar cases, cigar holders of amber, enamelled, &c., snuff-boxes, &c., &c. Persons desirous of making holiday presents would do well to examine SARRAZIN'S fine assortment of fancy articles.

WHEELER & WILSON'S SEWING MACHINES.—Read the certificates in favor of these machines published by the agent, S. H. PECK, No. 120 Canal street. They certainly carry with them great weight.

UNRIVALED ASSORTMENT OF CLOTHING.—At ALFRED MUNROE & Co.'s magnificent store, corner Camp and Common streets, will be found a superb stock of clothing and furnishing goods, at very reasonable prices. Persons who desire superior goods, made up in the finest styles, would do well to apply at MUNROE'S.

BOYS' CLOTHING.—We hardly know of a more suitable gift than a warm, comfortable suit of clothes, adapted to the season. Parents and relatives who are disposed to make presents of this sort are referred to the advertisement of ALFRED MUNROE & Co., in another column, headed "Boys, Boys, Boys."

We are indebted to Mr. J. H. Wheeler, Secretary of the Board of Underwriters, for favors.

The attention of buyers is called to the sale of French Cloths, Shawls, Ribbons, Dry Goods, Watches and Jewelry, to take place THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock, at S. Hope & Co.'s auction room, No. 3 Old Levee street.

The steamship Cahawba, Capt. J. W. Smith, sails at 9 o'clock this morning, for New York, with the mails for Havana and the following passengers:

FOR NEW YORK—F Negrey, R Porter.
FOR HAVANA—J Ayala, lady, 2 children and 1 servt; Miss V Dupeaut; J P Chaverri and lady, Chas Turak; Mr. R F Ledesma; Mr. Gregory; A Alvarez; M Rodriguez; S B Robinson; J Sterling, W Barnes; J Parde; G Rue; L F Loublieres; L Pienaire, C U Hensler.

The body of John E. Cook, executed at Charlestown, Virginia, on Friday week, arrived at Williamsburg on Saturday night. On examining the body it was found that decomposition had commenced, and that the face and neck were much discolored. The process of embalming the body was gone through, and the discoloration had been removed.

GEN. MIRABEAU B. LAMAR died at Richmond, Texas, on the 19th, from an attack of apoplexy.

Capt. Arey, of the brig Fannie, arrived at New York on Monday week, from Sierra Leone, Africa, reports that a few days previous to his sailing the British steamer Spitfire had captured, November 1, a brig, supposed to be the John Harris, of New York, with 500 negroes on board. She was lying at Freetown when Capt. A. sailed.

FALLING OF A BUILDING.—New York, December 20.—The building, Nos. 54 and 56 Broad street, occupied by Messrs. Kent & Lawber, grocers, and heavily loaded with flour, &c., fell this evening, with a terrible crash. There had been a slight fire in the building, which was promptly extinguished, but the firemen and police had hardly time to emerge from the building when the wall fell.

Four or five persons were buried in the ruins. A fireman named Steward was shockingly mangled, and is beyond recovery. A laboring man, name unknown, was dreadfully injured, and others were taken out badly wounded.

The firemen are engaged removing the ruins in search for other victims.

REVENGE OF A FUGITIVE SLAVE.—A letter from Washington says:

Mr. Goddings, a gentleman from Texas, who is now stopping at the National Hotel, was surprised yesterday at the return of his servant Jake, who was taken away from him by force while he was making a visit at Niagara Falls last July. The girl gives a deplorable account of her ill-treatment by the Canadian free negroes. The marks upon her body show that she has received severe whippings. Finding her captors also treated the American side of the river, where she procured the means necessary to reach her master. She expresses great joy at her return home.

MEXICO.

We learn from *our* VERA CRUZ correspondent that Señor BENITO LEMBO, Minister of Foreign Affairs for MIRAMON, has addressed an energetic protest against the treaty lately ratified by the Juarez Government. His prohibition is, of course, an unprecedentory act as it is insolent, and will elicit no attention from our Government, which does not recognize that of which Señor LEMBO is the Minister. The Reactionist Journals are furious at the treaty, and in their Americanophobia are almost willing to declare war against the United States.

MARQUEZ, the former right-hand man of MIRAMON, was thrown into prison on his return to the city of Mexico. He is to be tried for insubordination. In the meanwhile MIRAMON is rapidly losing his popularity, and is particularly distrusted by the clergy, who accuse him of leaning towards the Liberals, and of deserting to effect a compromise with them. The fact is, MIRAMON proves less pliable than was expected. The ecclesiastical power would prefer the elevation of MARQUEZ, who would unscrupulously obey all its dictates. There is reason to believe that plots and conspiracies are now forming in Mexico, having for their object the restoration of the ignoble ZULOAGA, to whom a few thousand dollars would be thrown as a reward for appointing MARQUEZ as his substitute.

The Juarez cabinet is once more complete. MELCHOR OCAMPO is Minister of Foreign Affairs; LERDO DE TEJADA, of Finance; LALLAVA, of the Interior; BLAS, of Justice and Public Instruction; ESPERAN, of Public Works; and PORTO-ARROYO, of War. The latter is General-in-Chief of the Liberal army, and his arrival at Vera Cruz was looked for daily. No definite plan of action will be adopted until he assumes the command. It is thought then an active and energetic policy will be adopted.

DEGOLLADO, the Liberal chief, is at Vera Cruz, and has had several consultations with JUAREZ and his Cabinet relative to the course to be pursued. He is clearly of opinion that the war, as now conducted, will prove interminable, and that the only way of bringing it to a speedy and successful conclusion is to invoke foreign aid.

MR. MCLANE, our Minister, is still at Vera Cruz. His popularity is represented as universal.

No grave political event has occurred in Mexico since our previous advices. No new battle had been fought. Both parties seem to be somewhat exhausted, and are willing to avail themselves of temporary leisure to recruit and consolidate their strength. Commerce is seriously depressed, and the general aspect of affairs such as may be expected in a country which has been long torn by civil war.

DR. LORD ON SLAVERY.—Rev. Nathan Lord, D.D., President of Dartmouth (N. H.) College, has written a letter on the Harper's Ferry affair to a Virginian, who has published it in the Richmond (Va.) *Whig*. Dr. Lord is now a man in advanced years—his age is about 75—but he reiterates to-day the same principles which he has taught for the thirty years during which he has presided over Dartmouth College. He has heretofore published letters upon the slavery question, which obtained a wide circulation from the ability and force which characterized them. Few men surpass him in the cogency of his thoughts, his vigorous expression of them, and the fearlessness and courage with which he maintains the right. He concludes this last letter, to the Virginian, as follows:

But whether we have democracy, anarchy, or despotism, we shall not be rid of slavery till the day of the Lord. Its existence depends not on forms of government, or philosophical speculations, or political manœuvers, or legislative enactments or judicial decisions, except as these may contribute to change its name, aspects or conditions, or vary its locations. The world must live on to its appointed period. It can live, as things are, only as it has lived, more or less, in all varieties of race, character and condition. These will find their appropriate spheres and places, not according to mere human judgments, but by God's providential ordering of Shem, Ham and Japhet, agreeably to physical laws and the plan of moral government, in reference to the ends of the present probationary state. Wherever there is a place and work for slaves, there they will be found. All things are fitted to all other things, and generally will have their course. Our only wisdom is to obey them, and live under them and by them, in subserviency to their mixed righteous and benevolent design. Without a miracle, I think, but that slaves will yet be called for in New England, and by New Eng and men—slaves having the attributes, if not the name of slaves, as happy in as true condition as when we now complain of in reference to the south. Why not, if our present government should last another eighty years? For Yankees will not perform the menial work of life. They are above it now. The imported free servants of Ireland and other countries will soon be used to their independence, and have the means of living, where service, work, on their own freeholds! Then who will be our servants? Shall we have Coolies or Africans? Saw our wood and draw our water? And what form of government shall be over them but that which is adapted to their comparative rudeness and imbecility, and under the relative of the general system? The children and grandchildren of our present Abolitionists may yet be first to institute a harder serfdom than has yet been known, unless, indeed, they themselves be compelled to sell themselves for bread, and suffer the proper chastisement of their fathers' sins for their rebellion against the government of God.

I noticed in the newspapers to day that in the city of Boston, where a short time ago a great Union meeting was held, the Republicans succeeded in electing their Mayor by a large majority.

The above extract from the late speech of Senator GWIN, says the New York *Journal of Commerce*, shows that he is mistaken respecting the late election in Boston. Mayor LINCOLN was first elected as a citizens' candidate, and this year re-elected as such, the old Whigs and Conservatives supporting, and we believe in fact first nominating him. He was the candidate of the Boston *Courier*, and, although supported by the Republicans to defeat the Democratic candidate, is not, we believe, a Republican in anything like the present acceptation of that term.

CARCASSILLA CREAM.—This preparation is destined to supersede *cold cream*. It revives the capillary sanguineous circulation and preserves the elasticity of the derma. In plain words, it keeps the complexion florid and the skin smooth. Nothing in its composition is calculated to injure the tissues, for it is only made of calcined egg-shells.

NEW YORK, December 20.—A dispatch from Washington states that Mr. CONWAY, Congressman elect from Kansas, had arrived there with the official copy of the Kansas Wyandotte Constitution, and will urge the immediate admission of that Territory into the Union.

A police sergeant, named Abraham Brower, fell dead last night, while ascending the steps of the Academy of Music.

The influence of internal improvements in increasing the value of real estate is strikingly exemplified by some statistics which Secretary GUTHRIE, in his report, introduced in his late Message to the Legislature of that State. At the close of the war with Great Britain in 1815, the assessed valuation of the real and personal property in New York city amounted to $90,638,013, and in 1834, after a lapse of nine years, it was $93,975,676; then the Erie canal was completed, and from 1825, in the next nine years, the value had doubled, and in 1839 it had increased to $266,789 320. At that time the Western Railroad of Massachusetts was completed, which diverted a portion of the trade from New York, and, as a consequence, during the next four years, the assessment decreased to $227,997,091 when the New York Central Railroad was completed to Buffalo, upon which it again advanced, reaching $286,083,643, in 1856, and $290,166,336 in 1858. When the Hudson river and the New York and Erie railroads were completed. Since then numerous other lines of road have been brought into active use, over one thousand miles of which have their influence upon New York, so that the assessed value of the property in 1856 was $511,744,491—an increase as wonderful as it is certainly the result of internal improvements.

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By Telegraph.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

STEAMBOAT DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The passenger packet steamer VIXEN, while on her trip from Pittsburg to St. Louis, accidentally caught fire, and was burnt down to the water's edge. The loss is estimated at about $30,000. Messrs. James McElhenny, of Brownsville, Pa., J. George, and M. Ott, passengers on the VIXEN, were burnt to death.

CONGRESSIONAL—TWENTY-FIRST BALLOT.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—After some animated speeches and several discussions, which continued to a late hour Saturday night, the House proceeded to the twenty-first ballot for Speaker, which resulted as follows: Total ballot consisted of 209 votes, of which Sherman received 100; Boocock, 30; Gilmer, 17; Houston, 17; McKay, 9; Davis, 11. The missing votes amounted to 25, which was distributed among nineteen candidates.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—A large number of mail contractors, from many parts of the country, are continually informing the Post Office Department that unless Congress comes to their relief soon, their mail contracts will have to be discontinued.

MEXICAN ADVICES.

Advices received from Mexico say that the recent loss of the Constitutionalists is not so great as represented in the newspapers.

Degollado seems to have retreated in order to fortify his position.

HENRY CLAY'S STATUE ARRIVED.

PARK A LOVERS, December 26.—The ship Fanny Fern, Captain Jordan, from Havre, has arrived this morning, having on board Henry Clay's statue.

STEAMBOATS PASSING VICKSBURG.

VICKSBURG, December 26.—The steamer Decatur passed down at midnight, Saturday, the John Walsh at 10 o'clock, and the Col. E. Judson at noon, yesterday morning; the Belfast at 5 and the Quapaw at 9 o'clock, yesterday evening; the Republic and the Diana at 1 this morning.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

LOUISVILLE, December 26.—The Ohio river at this point continues to fall at a very slow rate, with 7 feet of water in the Canal, and 5 feet on the Falls.

(From the New York Times.)
Pen and Ink Portraits.

Mr. Crawford is a man of middle height and middle age, thin, red-bearded, with small, deep-set eyes, and broad but retreating forehead. His features are prominent, though not regularly aquiline, and his voice is of that coarse, uneven texture, which breaks into huskiness whenever strained to the extreme point. Politically he acts with Senators Iverson, Clay, Slidell, Jefferson Davis, and all the Secession school.

Senator CLAY, Jr., of Alabama, is certainly the most industrious, though not perhaps the most gifted, of the Southern men who have embarked in this enterprise. He is to a great extent a type man of his class—thin, wiry, large-headed, with dark curly ringlets pushed back behind his ears, dark and small eyes closely set on each side of a sharp hooked nose, hollow and haggard cheeks, a full dark beard, great concentration of expression, and the capacity in his whole appearance to indicate intense and active brain-working persistently forward to a settled point. He cannot be regarded as a great man, nor as one possessing the elements of greatness; but he is laborious, cultivated, eloquent, historical—an infinitely tual wasp, treasuring up bitterness for months, and having the art to make the most studied efforts of his library appear the free, fierce flashes struck out in an impromptu debate.

The appearance of Senator SLIDELL suggests the high order of conspirator in every lineament. He is a handsome and florid-colored old man, with snow-white hair hanging in disordered profusion round a prominent bald head, not conspicuously broad. His eyes are weakened by long exposure to his cause, and they have a quick, surreptitious way of glancing from under their drooping lids—much as if seeking to watch weakness of all other men, while concealing their own purpose.

In the same ranks, though on the floor of the lower House, is Roger A. Pryor, who would seem to be desirous of losing, as a Congressman, all the reputation which he has gained as a journalist. Except that Mr. Pryor is about two inches taller than Henry Ward Beecher, and not so stout, he might pass for the Brooklyn preacher's twin brother. The likeness in their cast of heads is unmistakable. Both have precisely the same style of features, and both dress from crown to boot in the same fashion of black clothing.

Thomas S. Bocock, of Virginia, the Democratic candidate for Speaker, is a man of thoroughly national and moderate views, a member of the greatest experience in the House, and one who is universally esteemed for the possession of sound judgment, good temper, great courtesy of manner and very decided abilities. He is tall and rather graceful man, of some 48 or 50 years of age, with aquiline features, a long face, brown eyes and whiskers and imperial, mild gray eyes and a plentiful supply of dark chestnut colored hair, arranged on his head with considerable adroitness.

The chief of Judge John Sharman, of Ohio, is a man some ten years his junior, of middle height and nervous figure, with a fine square forehead, light brown hair, light beard shaven on the upper lip, large blue eyes, prominent perceptive faculties, and features of the ordinary New England mould, with a touch in them of firmness, resolute will and subtlety. During each ballot, Mr. Sherman appears agitated, and attempts to conceal his nervousness by taking up a newspaper, which trembles in his hands as he holds it.

John A. Gilmer, of North Carolina, the South American candidate, is a large and robust-looking man—much such a man as Senator TOOMBS in style—with dark thick hair bushing out on all sides of his head, full dark whiskers, curling up round his chin and cheeks, deep set and laughing dark eyes, features irregular, and defying all classic models, but full of strength, and with a general air of good humor and slyness, good breeding and peace of mind, such as it does the eye good to rest upon in this hurried and agitated city.

GOVERNOR WISE ON THE UNION.—A Richmond (Va.) correspondent of the New York *Herald* says:

I was present to-day at a conversation between Governor WISE and several members of the Legislature on subjects relating to the Harper's Ferry outbreak. One of the members asked the Governor what he thought of the Union now. The Governor's reply was that *he believed it to be as strong as ever.* The member, in utter surprise, asked him to state his reasons for this strange belief. The Governor said that there were elements enough still existing to hold the Union together; that the relations of these elements to each other were of a character so strong and abiding as to render their severance next to impossible. The Union was, he said, growing too fast, and a temporary check or difficulty, such as the present agitation seems to present, was inevitable; but he believed that in ten years the Union would be stronger and more consolidated than it ever has been.

Every man present looked intently one at the other, exhibiting evident tokens of satisfaction at this unexpected prediction. But, continued the Governor, these results rest in a great measure with you; and then he proceeded to point out the necessity of carrying out the various recommendations made in his message. He condemned as the supreme folly *the possibility of the putting of this agitation in Congress upon the stalk*, contemptible cases of *Hinton's* book, and intimated that Congress should enact more stringent legislation that may now be resorted to by the Virginia. As a commerce between the States, which this legislation was designed to affect, this, he said, was a subject for Congress to deal with. The imposition of heavy imposts upon goods imported from the North would avail but little to check importations from that source, in the absence of facilities for carrying on a foreign trade and home manufactures. The result which he (Governor WISE) considered would be to increase the price of articles upon the consumer. He seemed to regard all resorts of this character as fruitless. This kind of direct trade he looked upon as needing many preliminaries which Virginia still lacked. Her internal improvements would first be finished, and then there was need of ships and material. He presented the disadvantages under which Virginia now labors, in the absence of those means, to give efficacy and force to the counter-selling measures now contemplated, and regarded these deficiencies and their effects now as arguments in favor of the speedy completion of the public works of the State.

A MINER.—Michael Baird, (or Bear, as he was sometimes called) who lived near Little York, Pennsylvania, was a miserable miner. His father left a valuable farm of 300 hundred acres in the vicinity of York, well stocked in farming and household articles. He kept a tavern for a number of years—married, and had the four children. He accumulated an immense estate, which he reserved on his decease was as wonderful as it is certainly the result of internal improvements.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

AMUSEMENTS AND BUSINESS.—At the Opera, The Fashionable.

At the St. Charles, The Nervous Man, The Irish Post, and My Son Dismal.

At the Varieties, the domestic play, in a single scene, called Dot, and the farce of The Limerick Boy.

At the Amphitheatre, Spalding & Rogers's combined Shropean and American Circuses.

MAGISTRATES' CHANGES.—We understand that the Church of Saint Alphonsus has just received his splendid new pastoral lamp, which is described as one of the richest, most massive and elaborate thing of the kind ever made. It is of silver, more than a chandelier than a lamp, the arms being incorporated and forming a portion of the chains by which it is suspended. The lamp itself is embellished with cherubims, lambs, doves, and other ornaments of highly artistic design and workmanship.

CHRISTMAS ACCIDENTS.—It was not every one who had a merry Christmas, day before yesterday. Besides the fires there were a number of accidents reported. It is presumed that one of gunpowder, &c. Michael Hoon's little child, two years of age, was accidentally burned to death by its clothes taking fire. Pius Schoepp, a boy fourteen years of age, residing on St. Thomas street, blew off the top of his thumb with a pistol. Louis Stevens, of Carrollton, shot off one of his fingers. Pierre Crouzat sheltered his hand badly by the discharge of a pistol. Frederick Gildersman was thrown out of a wagon by his horse taking fright. His wife was badly bruised but had no bones broken. Philip Sullivan, boarding at Pat Sullivan's house, on Girod street, fell from the second story back gallery into the yard, injuring his spine and breaking his ankle.

BURNED WHILE SLEEPING.—Wm. Clayton was coming down the river with a companion in a skiff, when a few miles above Carrollton they drew up on the bank for the night and lighted a fire. They then hired a man to a plantation to get some provisions. Clayton laid down and went to sleep when his clothes caught fire, and before he could extinguish the flame he was badly burned. His friend brought him down to the Charity Hospital in this city.

A DRY DOCK DAMAGED.—We understand that a few nights since Messrs. Hyde & Mantle's dry dock, at Algiers, which contained a ship undergoing repairs at the time, was boarded by some scoundrel who opened the flood-gates and caused it to sink. Messrs. H. & M. have offered two hundred dollars by this outrageous piece of malice.

EXTENSIVE BURGLARY.—Some time on Sunday night, or early yesterday morning, the jewelry store of Mr. MARCUS, on St. Ann street, between Chartres and Royal, was entered by burglars, and robbed of its entire contents. No article being left which was of any value whatever.

A FEMALE PICKPOCKET.—The Chief of Police had a call yesterday from a lady who complained that her pocket had been picked of a package of jewelry, while she was riding in a Magazine street omnibus. From certain circumstances it is supposed the theft was committed by a female pickpocket. Ladies cannot be too careful of their purses or jewelry while riding in public conveyances.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.—Robert Lemon, whose grocery store corner of Maysaes and Erato streets, was robbed on Monday night, has been arrested on the charge of assisting to rob it himself. He was insured for $1500, which amount, the Fire Wardens think, some deranged man has covers his loss. He saves that his stock of groceries was worth that much, while his furniture, and goods for *refurnishing* Masonic Hall, for which he has the contract, was worth $1,000.

GRAMMAR.—Lieutenant Dryden yesterday arrested Patrick Wolf, who is charged with being accessory to the late attempt to murder E. Berlin, in his own beer saloon, corner of Chartres and Bienville streets, by knocking him down with tumblers and stabbing him. We learn that Berlin is recovering from his wounds, a certificate having been given by his physician to the effect that he is out of danger. Max Frantzthal, charged as principal, and Wolf were each admitted to bail in $1,000, yesterday, to appear for examination on the 30th.

LARCENY.—Kate Domingo was sent to the Workhouse, yesterday, for thirty days, by Recorder Munroe, having stolen a ten dollar bill from Pat Maloney, when she should have kept but one dollar out of it.

Border Adventures.

Extraordinary strength and activity, with the most daring courage, and a thorough knowledge of life in the woods, won for Joshua Fleehart a high reputation among the first settlers of Western Virginia, Ohio. When the Ohio Company founded its settlement at Marietta, in April, 1778, Fleehart was employed as scout and a hunter. In this service he had no superior north of the Ohio. At periods of the greatest danger, when the Indians were known to be most incensed against the whites, he would start from the settlement with no companion but his dog, and ranging within about twenty miles of an Indian town, would build his cabin and live there for a long period in the whole season. On one occasion this reckless contempt of danger almost cost the hunter his life. Having become tired of the monotony of agricultural pursuits, for that freedom among the woods and hills to which he had always been accustomed, late in the fall of 1786 he took his canoe, rifle, traps and dog, and left his home for the wilderness. He descended his canoe in a large iron chest until it would hold no more. He then proceeded down the river about a mile, and concealed his canoe in the bushes. His strong constitution could not withstand the privations, so he could conceal the steep hill side of a ravine, by them his pursuers. The Indians seeing they could not overtake him, as a last effort stopped and fired; one of the balls cut away the handle of his hunting-knife, striking it violently against his side that for a moment he thought he was wounded. He was followed by returned to the river, and found his canoe where he had left it. Springing on board, he paddled down stream. Being greatly fatigued with the effort of the day, he lay down in the bottom of the canoe, and permitted the current to bear him past the Indians, who were watching the bank was past, he struck the Ohio river. Crossing over to the southern shore, he, in a few days, reached his canoe up to Farmer's Castle, without further adventure, where he secured the rich peltries of his winter's hunt, and a trifling but silver ornaments as the trophies of his victory, to the envy and admiration of his less venturous companions.

AMERICAN NOMINATION.

For State Senator, Fourth of Orleans,

RANDELL HUNT.

Election Monday, January 2, 1860.

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STATE NOMINATION.

WE are authorized to announce RANDELL HUNT as a candidate for the State Senate, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. H. ADAMS, at the election to take place on Monday, the 2d January, 1860.

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Metropolitan Police Division,
Office of Superintendent, 20th December, 1859.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 7.

1. The Volunteer State Troops of this Division will parade, fully equipped, on SUNDAY, the 8th of January, 1860, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in front of the Cabildo, to celebrate the anniversary of the glorious victory achieved by Jackson and his gallant troops over the British army, on the plains of Chalmette, on that day, the Eighth of January, 1815, forty-five years ago.

2. The troops of the Division will form on Canal street at 10 o'clock, A. M., the right resting on Bienville.

3. The Artillery will fire general salutes on the gun, and at sunrise, noon and sunset on the battery in the rear of the Cabildo, in front of the Levee.

4. The officers of the Division are charged with the execution of this order, which they commands, and will hold themselves responsible for further orders from head quarters.

5. All my officers, both Federal and State, present on the occasion, are invited to participate in the celebration.

By order of
JOHN L. LEWIS,
Major-General Commanding.
ARTHUR BOSWELL, Aid de-Camp. dec27 10

Important Notice.

THE house of J. P. SARRAZIN, corner Conti and Chartres streets, has just received a large and richly assorted collection of FANCY ARTICLES from Vienna and Paris, such as: Pipes, Cigar Cases, Cigar Holders, Amber, Meerschaum and Ivory Mouthpieces, Tobacco Pouches, and a number of other Articles for Smokers' use.

Persons desirous of presenting New Year's Gifts are respectfully invited to call and examine the same, at the above store.

dec 27 1m J. P. SARRAZIN.

Sheriff's Sale.

On Monday night, December 26, 1859, HIS HONOR JOSHUA LE BARRON DUPLESSIS, aged 68 years, a native of Martinique, and for many years a resident of this city. His funeral will take place TO-MORROW, at 10 o'clock, A. M., from the residence No. 878 Dryades street between the Rues Terpsichore and Valence.

The friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.

Funeral Notice.

On THURSDAY, 29th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Church of St. Alphonsus, will take place the Funeral of the late THOMAS BAILEY. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully requested to attend without further notice.

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Since the above recommendation was given, Messrs. ALFRED MUNROE & CO. have taken the agency for the Wheeler & Lyon Sewing Machine, but after giving the Wheeler & Wilson machine a trial in their manufacturing establishment, where they want a machine to run and not to stop, can only be accounted for on the principle of certain classes of men who are never telling their own qualities. Worth would be of little avail in this world if we lived. The day before that which he had fixed on for his departure, as he was relating to a few friends his last act evening, Fleehart's mate car caught the report of a rifle in the direction of the Indian towns, but at so remote a distance that none but a backwoods man could be distinguished the sound. This heralded his preparations for departure. The next morning before the dawn, he was on his way to the mouth of Little Kanawha, leaving behind him all he had become quite attached. The sun had just risen, and he was sitting on the trunk of a fallen tree, examining the priming and lock of his rifle, and carefully handling a look up the river bank, he saw an Indian nearly approaching, with his eyes intently fixed on the ground, carefully inspecting the track of his companions. Fleehart's mate is he returned to his hut the evening before. He instantly cocked his gun, stepped behind a tree, and waited till the Indian came within the range of his rifle, when he shot and killed the Indian fell. Rushing from the cover on his prostrate foe, he was about to apply the scalping knife, but seeing the shining silver breeches and other ornaments on