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Sales at Auction To-Day.

By O. Lequinot, Bisbee & Co., at 10 o'clock, boots, shoes, fur caps, shirts and drawers.

By N. Viguie, at 10½ o'clock, at the corner of Conti street and Exchange alley, household furniture.

The Sheriff sells at auction this day, at noon, at the City Hall, Union street, slot of ground in the Third District. See advertisement.

THE INAUGURAL AND THE BORDER STATES.

The definite position of hostility towards the Confederate States of the South assumed in Mr. LINCOLN'S inaugural address has induced the people everywhere to await with some anxiety the opinions of the border States touching that document. The telegraph is beginning to transmit them, and right glad are we to perceive that they sound of a spirit very different from that by which those States appeared previously to be governed. From Virginia the universal outcry of dissatisfaction is more than we dare. From the most steady Union district—that from Richmond, from Alexandria, Petersburg and Staunton—are heard the accents of discontent and the preparations for resistance. Cold and sluggish North Carolina begins to be warmed with indignation and resentment. Arkansas, which had inclined towards the Union, has been converted by it into an advocate of secession. Even Tennessee, which of late had seemed to have lost all sympathy with her sisters of the South, has cast aside her frigid indifference, and proclaims against the policy inaugurated by the new President. Missouri declares she will not tolerate coercion, while Maryland, so long and so obstinately insensible to the portents of the hour, exhibits her disgust at the conduct of the Administration.

These are omens of coming events which every truth-hearted friend of the South will hail with unfeigned delight. How, indeed, could it be otherwise! It is true that the border States had faltered, that they had failed to co-operate in hearty and cordial union with the extreme South, which, from the first, had taken special regard for principle, had taken the initiative for secession. True that the record of Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and other States seemed to indicate a disposition to submit in tame obedience to the sway of a Black Republican Government. Perhaps these apparent manifestations operated as encouragements to LINCOLN. He thought, perchance, that the border States could not be suckled out of the Union, and would patiently tolerate any indignity whatever. If this was the secret of the covert measures contained in his inaugural, we can only say he reckoned too much upon the nationality of these commonwealths. The time that unless they were curiously willing to brook ineffable disgrace to secure comparative and temporary safety at the price of every impulse of honor and manhood, to consent to remain in the Union on sufferance and as thralls of a slavery hating and slavery persecuting Administration—unless indeed they had descended to that depth of degradation which, in order to enjoy tranquility, they would unhesitatingly barter all that gives his its dignity and value—we knew they would receive Mr. LINCOLN'S menaces with indignant contempt and unqualified repudiation. We rejoice in what we have seen of their impulsiveness, and trust it will display itself not alone in brave words, but in corresponding deeds.

To Virginia especially will the South direct her gaze in the earnest hope that the mother of the States will prove herself equal to the crisis. That she are numerous potent reasons why the address of Virginia would profoundly gratify the Confederate South. The Old Dominion has been the fruitful parent of great men. The most ardent patriots, the wisest sages of the revolution spring from her loins. We are indebted to Virginia for the feathless name of GEORGE WASHINGTON, for MADISON, JEFFERSON, MONROE, CLAY, HARRISON, TAYLOR, and a host of worthies who have gained immortal honor as soldiers or civilians. Virginia has contributed far more than any other State to the roll of heroes and statesmen who will live in the annals of history. Virginia wields immense influence on public opinion. Her course will in all probability decide the ultimate policy of the commonwealths of the South. Of high reputation for sagacity, prudence and patriotism her position as the host of the Southern States in wealth and population her proverbial reverence for the doctrines of State rights, the invariable dignity with which she has conducted herself, the gravity and deliberation which have characterized her movements since the Presidential election all point to the Old Dominion as the proper head and front of a Southern Confederacy. To that government she would import much additional strength, and an incalculable amount of moral force. It is scarcely too much to say that the secession of Virginia would paralyze the administration of LINCOLN, and compel it to change its belligerent into a pacific policy. Where Virginia leads, the rest will follow. We truly believe that the withdrawal from the Union of that Commonwealth would inevitably be succeeded by the secession of every slaveholding State, except Delaware. So much it be.

THE DISTRICT APPOINTMENT.—We learn from last evening's *Delta* that Gen. BRAXTON BRAGG, of the army of Louisiana, has been appointed Brigadier General of the army of the Confederate States, and has been ordered to proceed to Pensacola and take command of all the troops of the Republic there assembled, and conduct the operations against Fort Pickens.

ELECTION OF JUDGES.—Sheriff PARKER gives official notice, under the proper head, of the election of 4 Judges of the District Courts on Monday, the 1st April next.

SIGNIFICANT CONDUCT.—The New York *Herald* of the 1st instant announced the *personnel* of the Lincoln Cabinet precisely as it has turned out.

SON OF GEN. JOSEPH LANE.—The Montgomery *Advertiser* of the 2d inst. says: Mr. John Lane, late a cadet at the Military Academy at West Point, and a son of the "Old Hero," arrived in this city on Tuesday night, and is stopping at the Exchange. He tendered his resignation for the purpose of coming South and offering his services to the Confederate States, which, we understand, he has already done. He is said to very much resemble his father in appearance.

SHIPMENT OF ARMS FOR NEW ORLEANS.—The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia *Ledger* writes:

The State police have been so absorbed with the ceremonies of the Lincoln reception that Superintendent Kennedy has permitted at least some $300,000 worth of arms and ammunition to slip off in a steamer which sailed on Thursday for New Orleans. Rifled cannon, rifles, revolvers, percussion caps, howitzers and camp equipage constituted the shipment. These goods, it is understood, are on Texas account, but the purchase is supposed to be by a house in New Orleans. A portion of these are destined for Galveston, some for Indianola, and some for Austin. There is also good reason for the belief that the last installment of the 10,000 worth of like merchandise, which was manufactured at an establishment not far from Newark, N. J., on account of three Ellis, of South Carolina, was seized up and forwarded to Baltimore, via Philadelphia, on the very train which left and that on which was the President elect, Mr. Lincoln.

INDIGNANT CARE FROM MR. VANCE, OF NORTH CAROLINA.—Hon. Z. B. Vance, the anti-secession bitterest member of Congress from the Eighth District of North Carolina, has published the following card:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 22, 1861.

Messrs. Editors: I see that I am announced in your paper this morning as one of the managers, on the part of the House, of Mr. Lincoln's Inauguration Ball, on the 4th prox. My name was placed there without my knowledge or consent, and I have no desire to participate in any manner by whose authority it was done. Whilst under ordinary circumstances I should feel flattered by the supposition that I was willing to extend any and all courtesies to the new official appointed, I beg leave to decline any part in tendering an ovation even to the first magistrate of the nation, when he comes with the wrath of war and subjugation against my section upon his lips. Very respectfully,

Z. B. VANCE.

AN ADMISSION.—The New York *World*, a strong Black Republican paper, says in the last issue received here, referring to private intelligence, sent it by a party friend in the South:

The legitimate conclusion to be drawn from his facts—some of which have just received fresh confirmation in the new issue of the eight million loan and the failure of Tyler—is that *there is simply no chance left to the Republican party, except by some conciliation and compromise, or its own destruction.*

THE CONFEDERATE STATES' LOAN.—The rate of interest, eight per cent. per annum, of the Confederate States loan ought to command a preference in the market over those not so well sustained by the security of a pledge of duties for the payment of the interest and principal, by a duty on an agricultural staple of such general demand as cotton. The amount of this tax will be at least $2,000,000. The amount of interest on a loan of $15,000,000 will be $120,000 per annum. This will leave a large margin for a sinking fund to redeem the principal. It would have made the loan more acceptable to takers if the period of payment had been extended to twenty years instead of ten years. The security of such a loan by applying the proceeds of a duty on the export of cotton is so simple that capitalists would, we presume, not hesitate in making such an investment in preference to one of a similar character, for which there is only the general pledge of good credit, and not the specific pledge of a duty, of which the certainty of its collection is not the least of its recommendations.—*Charleston News.*

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THE JUDICIARY.

It is now ascertained that an attempt will be made in the Convention to remodel the judiciary department. It is not our purpose to deny the plenary power of this body to alter or subvert the present Constitution. Their right in this respect will be readily conceded.

One thing, however, should not be kept out of view. The delegates were elected with reference to the existing troubles with the Federal Government; and, although they should not be restricted in their action to that main object of their trust, yet they ought, in our opinion, to be careful in not making too radical changes in the Government. When once an amendment of this character is passed, there is no telling to what other innovations it may lead.

In the year 1852 the outcry was against the appointment of judges. Their election was a *sine qua non*. To-day we are told that the elective judiciary is an evil, and that there must be a radical change in that department. We need not express any opinion upon the merits of the system of appointment or election of judges; but if the Convention decides in favor of the former mode, then we contend that the ordinance be submitted to the people for ratification. This course should be pursued for the plain reason that the delegates were not elected with reference to this radical change in the government, and that it would be injudicious to withdraw from the people such important powers without taking their sense upon the propriety of the change.

If the change is adopted, it must be upon principle. As a natural consequence, it would be but absurd justice that the appointments should be made only when the commissions of the incumbents shall respectively expire. By pursuing such a course the principle will be vindicated; and whenever, under the present Constitution, judicial elections would occur, the offices would be filled at once by Executive appointment.

The advantage of such a course would be that it would require but a slight amendment of the Constitution; whilst a radical change, having for its object to oust the incumbents, who have been duly elected by the people, would require the whole judicial department to be remodeled.

LOUISIANA CONVENTION.

NEW ORLEANS, Thursday, March 7.

The Convention was called to order at eleven o'clock A. M., President MOUTON in the chair, and 76 members present.

Mr. DEBLANC, of St. Martin, offered the following resolution, which was laid over under the rules: "Be it resolved, That while disclaiming the intention to dictate any course to the delegates of the Confederate States, the Representatives of Louisiana in this Convention are of opinion that the pride and dignity of the Southern people now command that the Commissioners sent to Washington should be recalled."

Mr. BERMUDEZ, of Orleans, offered a resolution providing for the payment of $1914 45 to John Vose, for rooms occupied by the Federal Courts, which, on his own motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. WALKER, of Orleans, offered a resolution which, on his motion, was referred to the same committee without reading.

Mr. SHAW, of Orleans, offered a memorial from Mr. Poindexter showing that the petitioner had contracted, in 1840, with Major Bean regard, representing the United States, to furnish lumber for Fort St. Philip at $25 per 1000 feet. He had not received on account $1700 which still left due $2589 50, and he had delivered the last lumber under his contract on the day the fort was taken possession of by the volunteer State troops. He did not wish to embarrass the treasury of the State, and would be willing to make a sacrifice if for the benefit of the South, but deemed the case to be considered. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. ELGEE, of Rapides, offered a resolution changing the hour of meeting of the Convention at twelve. This was carried and then reconsidered. A motion to lay it on the table was lost by 30 ayes to 60 noes. An amendment by Mr. THOMAS, of Claiborne, making the hour 11 o'clock was lost by 11 ayes to 47 noes. Mr. CANNON, of Avoyelles, offered the following substitute: Resolved, That we, the honorable members of the Convention, sitting every day at 12 o'clock, precisely, for the transaction of the people's business. This caused some quiet laughter, and on motion of Mr. PUGH, of Orleans, it was laid on the table. The original resolution of Mr. ELGEE, with the addition of making one o'clock the order of the day for regular business, was then adopted.

Mr. HOUGH, of Caldwell, offered an ordinance amending articles 58 and 80 of the State Constitution, so as to make the State Treasurer, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs and Coroners elected for terms of **four years**. Referred on his own motion to the Committee on Constitution.

The public land bill, left uncompleted on Wednesday, was then taken up. Mr. FAGAN'S additional section, giving the Legislature power to repeal or modify sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, was accepted by the committee and adopted. Mr. MCCOLLAM, of Terrebonne, moved a reconsideration so as to change the location from Baton Rouge to Mr. Brush's plantation in favor of the Commissioner receiving fees and accounting for them to the State. On motion of Mr. SAWYER the bill was laid on the table and the ordinance was then adopted as a whole.

The following resolution, offered Wednesday by Mr. THOMASSON, of Claiborne, then came up for consideration, the order of business:

"Resolved, That the people of Louisiana are opposed to the abolition of the tariff system, and equally so to its reduction below a revenue standard."

Immediately upon its reading Mr. TENNEY, of Rapides, moved to lay it on the table subject to call, and Mr. CHRISTIAN, of Rapides, moved to refer it to the Committee on State Affairs. Motion, then arose and called for the ayes and noes, that members might stand square upon the subject before the people. That brought out hasty motions of reference, and that of Mr. MARKS, of Caddo, referred to the Committee on Commerce, Revenue and Navigation, was carried.

Mr. THOMASSON'S resolution for a committee of nine to report what modifications of the ordinances are required to make them conform with the provisions of the Confederate Government, and what power the State Legislature has over them, was adopted.

The resolution of Mr. ANDERSON, of Terrebonne, "that the State of Louisiana, in resuming her sovereignty and asserting her rights to all the Federal property within her limits, intended that no election of President shown in the way of the formation of a Southern Confederacy," was now taken up, and on motion of Mr. MARKS, of Caddo, referred to the Committee on the formation of a Southern Confederacy.

Mr. VALENTINE, of Carroll, offered a resolution requesting the Committee on Constitution to report what amendments, if any, are necessary for the better government of the State, and moved a suspension of the rules to place it on its passage. Mr. FAGAN opposed the suspension of the rules, as it was opposed to all Government legislating on any subject but the main one for which it was called. The motion was lost, and the resolution then laid over under the rules.

Mr. ELGEE, of Rapides, inquired of the Committee on Public Lands what action they had taken upon the resolution referred to them in connection with the delegation from Louisiana in the State of Louisiana retained her right to the public lands obtained from the Federal Government by her sovereignty. Mr. SAWYER replied that the committee had not had time to consider it as yet. Mr. ELGEE then asked that the resolution be taken from the committee and placed before the Convention. Mr. TAPPAN moved to lay this motion on the table, which was carried by a vote of 42 to 37. A motion that the Convention then went into secret session at one o'clock, P. M.

SECRET SESSION.

Before the Convention adjourned out of secret session they removed the ban of secrecy from the following ordinance reported by the Finance Committee and adopted, and the secret proceedings ordered by Mr. NORTON, of Orleans, and also adopted:

AN ORDINANCE

To transfer certain funds to the Government of the Confederate States of America.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained, &c., That the sum of $299,267 46 now in the name of A. J. Osiret, Esq., State Depositary, and known as the bullion fund, be transferred to the Government of the Confederate States of America, and that the said State Depositary be and he hereby authorized and required to pay over the said sum on the order of the Secretary of the Treasury of the said Confederate States.

SEC. 2. It is further ordained that the sum of $146 66, being the balance received by the said State Depositary from sales since the 31st of January last, be transferred to the said Government and paid by said State Depositary.

Resolved, That the chairman of the Finance Committee be instructed to announce by telegraph, through our delegation to the Government at Montgomery, that this Convention have passed an ordinance placing at the command of the said Government the amount named in said ordinance.

The Galveston *Civilian* of the 4th instant says:

Some time during last night a row occurred at the Planter's House, kept by Mr. Henry Sydnor, in this city, the particulars of which we are unable to give to our readers, as it has not come before the proper authorities. Mr. Martin Ravelle was shot and badly wounded, and Mr. Sydnor badly cut in endeavoring to quell the disturbance. Burns, a pugilist, and a party with him, are charged with having caused the disturbance. One of the rioters was shot, though we believe not mortally wounded by officer Dierks, before he could be arrested. Mr. Ravelle is, we believe, the only person dangerously wounded.

A SERIOUS AFFRAY.—An affray occurred last evening in Mr. Jenkins's restaurant, on Royal street, between several gentlemen who were dining there, though in separate parties, in which a gentleman named John York was shot, and, it is supposed, fatally wounded, the ball entering the left breast, and the wound is said to be below the nipple, penetrating through his lungs to his back. Mr. York was taken to his room in the Battle House shortly after the difficulty occurred, where he received every attention from surgeons and his friends. We refrain from giving any of the particulars until it shall be brought before the proper tribunal. Mr. York, at a late hour last night, was lying in a very precarious condition, and but little hopes were entertained of his recovery.—*Mobile Advertiser.*

THE LEGITIMACY OF GEORGE HUN NIECE MONTGOMERY.—Miss Montgomery, the niece of George III, has obtained a recognition of her legitimacy from the matrimonial causes court in London, and thereby comes into possession of the revenues of the Duchy of Lancaster, amounting to £1,004,644 sterling, and also £165,520 as bequests from the Royal family, and a Princess of Cumberland and Duchess of Lancaster, as the grand daughter and great grand daughter in the female line, of his late Royal Highness Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, who died intestate in the year 1790. Like the Guises and Bonaparte cases, this hinged on a question of legitimacy.

INSTANT RELIEF.—Under this head will be found an advertisement offering special remedies for croup, sore throat, coughs, worms and other diseases, to which attention is directed.

BY TELEGRAPH.

TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.

Later from Europe.

Arrival of the Steamer Bremen—Liverpool Cotton Market Dull—Decline in Breadstuffs.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The North (German Lloyd) steamer Bremen, Captain Weissels, has arrived at this port from Southampton, with dates thence to Wednesday, February 20th.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Liverpool, February 20.—The sales of cotton in Liverpool on Monday and Tuesday (February 18th and 19th), amounted to 19,000 bales, of which 1600 were taken on speculation and for export. James Hewitt & Co. say the market closed very dull, but the prices were not lower than those of Saturday. They quote Middling Orleans at 7d., and Middling Uplands at 6¾d.

Manchester Trade.

Liverpool, February 20.—The latest advices from Manchester are of an unfavorable nature.

The market for goods and yarns closed very dull, without, however, any change in prices.

Liverpool Breadstuffs Market.

Liverpool, February 20.—Messrs. Richardson, Spence & Co. say Flour closed very dull at a decline of 6d. to 1s.

Wheat dull, and all qualities considerably declined.

Indian Corn closed quiet. Prices are 6d. lower than last Friday.

London Money Market.

London, February 20.—The quotations for Consols to-day closed at 91¼ to 91¾.

Louisiana Legislature.

Baton Rouge, March 7. — House. — Mr. O'Quinn offered a resolution that the Committee on Lands and Levees be required to report a plan for the application of the funds arising from the sale of swamp lands to draining purposes. After some discussion the resolution was tabled.

Mr. Brush submitted a resolution requiring the removal of the portrait of ex President Buchanan from the Hall, and that it be replaced by a full length one of Jeff Davis. Withdrawn in consequence of numerous appeals.

Mr. Tarleton presented a resolution that a committee be appointed to report on the practicability of making a cut off to connect the Mississippi with Ship Island harbor. Passed.

The Committee on Internal Improvements reported unfavorably upon the appropriation to improve navigation on Teneas river.

Mr. Allen, from the select committee, reported a bill that, instead of selling the negro children born in the Penitentiary, they be made the servants of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum. Lost.

Several local bills entirely of an uninteresting nature were introduced.

Mr. McFee offered a resolution that it is the sense of the House, in consequence of the state of affairs and tone of Lincoln's inaugural, that Louisiana should resume the right of secession she has taken by pledging her honor to maintain the same at any cost.

The General Appropriation bill came up. The Appropriation bill occupied considerable time and passed with a few slight changes.

The Senate bill fixing the date and terms of the District Court to such parts passed. Also, the Senate bill granting additional power to the District Judges, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

An act giving the Governor power to appoint as many notaries as he thinks necessary.

The Senate bill authorizing the appointment of a keeper of archives for the United States Court in New Orleans was referred.

The Senate bill in regard to the appropriation dividing $18,000 between various asylums and homes was referred.

The bill to close the mouth of Bayou Plaquemine was sent back from the Senate by a substitute, which was made the order of the day for Wednesday. Adjourned.

Senate.—The Senate rose to the administration of the Charity Hospital and the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum were made the order for Friday.

The House resolution in regard to General Twiggs was concurred.

The rest of the business was of a local nature.

The Southern Commissioners in Washington.

Montgomery, March 7.—The Commissioners from the Southern Confederacy are at present in this city, and will propose the object of their visit to the President on Tuesday.

Postmaster-Generalship.

Washington, March 7.—Hon J. H. Reagan has been tendered Postmaster General, vice Mr. Elliott, declined.

Douglas Don't Despair of the Union.

Washington, March 7.—Senator Douglas in responding to a telegram from Richmond, asking, "Can we remain in the Union, says, "Yes, there's hope, stand firm and all will be yet right."

The Inaugural in Arkansas.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 7.—The inaugural reversed the sentiment here from Union to Secession.

The Inaugural Abroad.

Washington, March 7.—The diplomats here think the inaugural will be very acceptable to Europe.

Senatorial Debate.

Washington, March 7.—Senator Douglas in response to Mr. Cameron, in the Senate, said he expected to oppose the Administration, but went with Lincoln in preserving the Union by amendments to the Constitution.

Proceedings of the Federal Congress.

Washington, March 7.—In the Senate, Mr. Wigfall, in reference to the Senate, considered the inaugural warlike. He said the seceded States would not come back under any circumstances. He asked the Government to withdraw the troops in the forts in the seceded States, and to collect tribute, and make a treaty. By so doing, said he, "You will have peace, but act otherwise you will have war." Senator Douglas, in replying, hoped Forts Sumpter and Pickens could not be held much longer by the Federal troops. Once Fort Sumter might have been reinforced, but now he thought it could not be done. Mr. Mason, of Virginia, presented petitions in favor of peace. He believed the President favored peace.

Mr. Mason denounced the inaugural as a declaration of war. Virginia would become a party to war when the first gun was fired against the seceding States.

Mr. Douglas said that if the Administration anticipated war, they would call an extra session of Congress.

Capture of a Slaver.

New York, March 7.—The bark Corn has again been seized under suspicion of being engaged in the slave trade.

Large Fire in Dunkirk, N. Y.

Dunkirk, March 7.—A large fire broke out in this city to-day, by which fifty buildings were completely destroyed. There is only one store left in the town.

The work is supposed to be that of an incendiary. This disaster has caused an immense excitement.

Missouri State Convention.

St. Louis, March 7.—In the Convention to-day several resolutions offering a National Convention, and opposing coercion, were presented and referred.

New York Markets.

New York, March 7.—The Cotton market is a shade firmer, sales to-day 1500 bales at 11¾c for Middling Uplands. Flour steady; sales 8500 bbls at $5 35 to $5 45 for Superfine State. Corn closed steady, with sales of 51,000 bushels at 57½c. Pork dull at yesterday's prices. Coffee quiet; sales of 1200 sacks Rio at 11¾ to 13c. Sugar steady; sales 1200 hhds at 4¾ to 5c. for Cuba, and 5 to 5½c for New Orleans. The sales of New Orleans Molasses comprised 150 bbls at 32 to 33c.

Cincinnati Markets.

Cincinnati, March 6.—The Flour market closed quiet, with sales of 500 bbls, at $4 50 to $4 55 for Superfine. Corn declined 1c. Whisky $17 to $17 25 per lb for Mess.

River Intelligence.

Louisville, March 7.—The Ohio river at this point was rising this evening, with 8 feet water in the canal.

Steamboats Passed Vicksburg.

Vicksburg, March 7.—The steamer Emma passed down at midnight, the Maria Denning at —, the Duna at 5, and the Aragon at 9 o'clock this morning.

Commenting on the condition of things at Washington just prior to the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln, the New York *Herald* limns the following graphic picture:

But what is the condition of things before him in Washington? Why, the very programme to the ins who are preparing to go out, and to the outs who are pushing to get in? Dreadful to contemplate. There are two contesting factions in the field, each camp for the time occupied at the new festival—the peace faction and the war faction. Strange, too, as it may appear, the chief of the peace faction is a conflict. At the head of the moderate faction, or the Girondists, while Horace Greeley, late the model non-resistant, has become the veritable Anacharsis Clootz of the Red Republican faction. Between the upper and the nether millstone, the President elect is in danger of being ground to powder. Office seekers by the thousand, disunionists by the dozen, kitchen scullions and scamps of both factions swarm around the royal pavilion. A hard fight, a long siege, a long fast and hard work are anticipated in these camp followers by thousands, and they are now gathered and are gathering in Washington like jackals, wolves and buzzards in the wake of a wasted army.

All these are the outside signs. Within are barking, howling and scratching at the doors of the new fountain of power. Mr. Lincoln stands at bay like a man in a dream.

A RESOLUTE FAIR ONE.—An exciting scene occurred a few days ago in the parlor of one of the hotels in Utica. The ball and supper of the evening before in one of the night trains, and had retired without registering their names. The gentleman was a middle aged, dashing-looking man—the lady, a fine looking, but not apparently unsophisticated. They did not come down to breakfast, but entered the parlor, about ten o'clock, from whence voices in angry altercation were soon heard. The landlord and clerk, hearing some of the house went in and found the lady making desperate efforts to stab her companion with a small knife, which she had drawn. She had not fulfill his engagement and marry her, that one or both of them must die. She evidently was determined that he should die first. The man was bobbing and bleeding with his head in her to appease her excited feelings. She told the old story—that she had been induced to leave home under promise of marriage, and she was determined to have the contract filled to the letter. A long conversation ensued, and the lady finally agreed that if the gentleman would return home with her, and there have his ceremony performed, should would forgive him. So the affair was arranged, and the parties started in the evening train for the North.—*Journal of Commerce.*

RUSSIAN MODE OF CALCULATION.—In carrying on their bargaining operations, the Russian dealers make use of wooden beads strung upon parallel wires, and fastened into a square frame. With these originally constructed tablets, a Russian shop-keeper performs the most elaborate calculations with great rapidity, and though rather perplexing at first, are very useful and convenient indicators of sums which by any other means it would be hopeless to attempt expressing.

Another Description of It.

The Charleston (S. C.) correspondent of the New York *Times* writes as follows:

I have just returned from a visit to the famous floating battery or raft, which is now entirely completed, and will be launched at the first favorable tide. There have been so many crude ideas concerning this novel weapon, and such ridiculous ideas concerning its real object, that a genuine and positive statement of its powers and purposes will, of course, be interesting. It may be relied upon, as I had it direct from a leading person employed in the construction of the new military leviathan.

Your readers will please imagine a huge box, forty-six by eighty feet, pierced for a sufficient number of rifled cannon, and with a roof covered with three inch plates of the best sheet-iron, and rendered perfectly bomb proof. It will draw, with the armament and the complement of men—300—only four feet. At a judicious time or turn of the tide, it will be floated down with the aid of two steam-tugs, to a point on the land or inner side of Fort Sumter, distant just 600 yards.

Around a proximity Major Anderson's guns, they say, cannot be deflected; and thus secure from his terrible columbiads, &c., they will pass away at the weak part, having Morris and James Islands, until they effect an entrance, or, military speaking, make a breach. Thus, having him at advantage, with the Cummings Point battery, they can compel him to surrender, with Moultrie's fearful cannonading, also now a terrible customer; with James Island, too, pouring in the iron rain, they think the little band in Sumter will be very like the pouring fly that became completely entangled in the meshes of the spider. It is my deliberate impression that, with the extraordinary activity that has been displayed since I left my labors, that Major Anderson will be utterly annihilated when they do commence.

No grim countenance of eleven inch bore have just been mentioned here, and they will be mounted within a week. The twelve Armstrong guns that I have before alluded to are now on their way, and will probably arrive by the 1st March.

The Export Duty.

The Montgomery *Advertiser* has entered with vigor and spirit into the advocacy of export duties. In speaking of the fifteen million loan bill, which we published some time last week, it says:

As was intimated in a previous article, the principal objection to the duty levied upon all exported cotton will come from those portions of those who do not understand that the weight of this burden will be borne by the foreign consumer. This fact being clearly demonstrated, some may urge as an objection the danger of our finding in India a rival in the supply of the great staple. A conclusive reply to this objection is found in a few facts which are of record. In the first place, the quality of the cotton produced in the Confederate States is far superior to that procured from India, which is of short staple, and very inferior in quality. In one of the three penny theatres, giving a very coarse kind of drama, suited to its audiences, the stage is covered by a dirty canvas cloth, with greasy dirt, the pit floor is muddy, and half covered with orange peel and broken bottles, and the whole place is a filthy cleaner than the lowest groggery in the city of Montgomery. The audience are worth looking at; and on the night of a popular drama, such as Oliver Twist or Jack Sheppard, the gallery presents a most extraordinary collection of rags and dirt, unbrowed, lowering faces in London are wedged in twelve hundred deep, perspiring, watchful and excited. They are the very class that would appreciate, and do appreciate, ragged shirt sleeves, every woman has her tattered bonnet in her lap. The yell when Bill Sykes murders Nancy is like the roar of a thousand wild beasts, and they show their disapprobation of the act, and their approbation of the actor, by cursing him in no measured terms. Once heard an eminent performer say that he looked upon his fame as appliause when he played Iago, and it

A CAREFUL MOTHER.—Punch gives us a little essence occasionally, which is highly savory and aromatic. Mothers and maternal aunts will find the following tender epistle from one of the former to one of the latter, pleasing, if not wholesome, for the moral it conveys:

DEAREST SUSEY—Plantagenet will come by the train which arrives at 11 o'clock. Have luncheon ready for him at 12. Mutton broth, in the 16 of a chop, the thigh of a pheasant; he dines at 2—stump, a little fish and a snipe will do for him. When he goes to sleep after dinner, put some worsted gloves on his hands; we are breaking him of sucking his thumbs. Warm the drawing-room sofa for him, and put three blankets over him. If he cries when he wakes, (which he probably will do) buy him several toys and give him a wax doll or two. He pulls them to pieces and they amuse him. If you have company at dinner, let him have a large dish of gravy near him, he always puts both hands in. When he is done he will have the gravy all over. Let a servant sit up with him all night; if he wakes, let her have something hot for him. Be sure that you grease his nose for him well before he sleeps, as he is sure to snore—a tallow candle, next the lighted end, is best.

Truly yours, MATILDA BROWN.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Common Council.—There was no quorum again in the lower Board last evening. The Board of Aldermen convened, President NIXON in the chair. A message was read from Mayor MONROE vetoing a resolution to have certain streets, principally those on batture ground, repaired. After much discussion, this was referred to the Streets and Landings Committee.

The lower Board announced concurrence in certain resolutions, and among others asked favorable action on the following resolutions: Authorizing the sale of certain of the various street improvements in the Second District, now unused; authorizing the sale of Smith's steam salt warehouse to H. J. Farrell, concurred in; appropriating $40,000 from the Metropolitan fund for the building of six cisternes, concurred in.

The Henry Lewis Safe.—The painful rumor on the streets Wednesday night to the effect that the steamer Henry Lewis, with Mobile firemen on board, had been destroyed by fire, proves to be entirely unfounded, as she reached Mobile safely on Wednesday evening, at seven o'clock.

Roof Fires.—At half-past two o'clock last evening a bale was burned in the shingle roof of a house on Cypress street, near Locust, and at seven o'clock a precisely similar fire occurred in the shingle roof of a house on Derbigny street, near Canal, both supposed to be from sparks.

Mr. Smith's stables, on St. Bernard avenue, near Bayou Road, were burned down at one o'clock this morning.

Dangerously Wounded.—Officer Ferris found a man named George Wagner on Front street, last night, with his head cut up dreadfully by a slung shot or colt, and sent him to the Charity Hospital. Wagner could not tell who beat him.

Charley Gordon, the Burglar.—The notorious character was arraigned before Recorder Emerson yesterday on one of the fourteen charges of burglary standing against him that of robbing Dr. W. S. Merrick's residence of a gold watch of silver. The prisoner was well dressed, and looked as hearty and impudent as ever. Four witnesses, among them Dr. Merrick and officer Lynn, were sworn, and the case was then continued until Tuesday. Nothing was elicited beside what we have published already.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

NEW ORLEANS BEE OFFICE,
Friday, March 8, 1861.

STEAMBOATS LEAVING THIS DAY.

RIVER.

Red ..... Hunter, Perry ..... 5 P. M.
Atchafaya ..... Gordon Duvall, Simon ..... 5 P. M.
Mr. Lamb ..... Acosta Child, De Haven ..... 5 P. M.
Yazoo river ..... Yazoo, Wallace ..... 5 P. M.
Vicksburg ..... Mary E. Keene, Richardson ..... 5 P. M.

PONTCHARTRAIN RAILROAD.

Mobile ..... Mail boat ..... 5½ P. M. cars.
Covington ..... Arrow, Hilliard ..... 3½ A. M. cars.

The bright, beautiful and balmy weather since our last report had all that could be asked for. The quay yesterday presented a scene of activity and bustle, the entire shipping being crowded with boats from nearly all the ports in the river. The receipts of cotton during the past twenty-four hours have been nothing very large, and the receipts quite fair. Among those we noticed the Grand Era. She having broken a portion of her machinery has been detained for repairs. The T. W. Roberts has been chartered by Messrs. Keene & Brothers and will leave on Monday next for Shreveport to pass over the Falls. The Ben Sherrod is also under charter, and leaves for that stream to-day, under command of Capt. O. B. Mosey. The departure of boats yesterday were above the average. Among the number we noticed the Natchez, Capt. Leathers, for Shreveport; Newsboy, for Camden; Music, for Lafourche and Laurel Hill, for Bayou Sara and which took away passengers.

MONDAY, March 6.—*The Exporter* says:

The river has been falling rapidly since Tuesday. Business generally brisk on the levee, a large number of boats being at the landing.

The weather fair and starry, the sigh from the repetition of the sermon to-day rose in rapt feelings to the throne of grace, and the prayer of the preacher was heard in the hearts of his congregation for the season.

The river is declining rapidly, with only four feet in the channel to the Rock.

ST. LOUIS, March 2.—*The Republican* says

The river here is still rising slowly. In the 24 hours ending at 6 P. M. yesterday, the rise was only 2 inches, according to the City Engineer's measurements, and was less than that by the gauge on the Levee. There are now 18 feet 2 inches in the channel. There are 4 feet in the canal, and 6 feet 6 inches on the sand bar. The Illinois river is rising and the Missouri river is stationary. Warmer weather is expected to-day. There is a foot of water on the lower levels. At Keokuk the river was stationary yesterday. Weather mild. The Missouri river is open. Cairo is free from ice in good stage.

CINCINNATI, March 4.—*The Commercial* says

The weather was warm and cloudy yesterday. The river fell seven inches yesterday. At Pittsburg last night it was falling slowly, with 11 feet and falling at Parkersburg.

The Kanawha is falling again, with eight feet from Charleston to the mouth.

The Ohio river at Wheeling receded 10 inches during the last 48 hours. There are 8 feet in the canal, and 6 feet 6 inches on the falls. The weather is cloudy and threatening rain. The river is falling slowly.

There is another fall in the Muskingum river, and the canal could not be held much longer by the Federal troops. Once Fort Sumter might have been reinforced, but now he thought it could not be done. Mr. Mason, of Virginia, then spoke in favor of peace. He believed the President favored peace.

Mr. Mason denounced the inaugural as a declaration of war. Virginia would become a party to war when the first gun was fired against the seceding States.

Mr. Douglas said that if the Administration anticipated war, they would call an extra session of Congress.

Capture of a Slaver.

New York, March 7.—The bark Corn has again been seized under suspicion of being engaged in the slave trade.

Large Fire in Dunkirk, N. Y.

Dunkirk, March 7.—A large fire broke out in this city to-day, by which fifty buildings were completely destroyed. There