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NEW ORLEANS:
THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 12, 1863.

Sales at Auction To-Day.

By R. B. Syker, at 10 o'clock, at 79 Magazine street, groceries, provisions, liquors and segars.

By J. P. Boisseau, at 12 o'clock, at Nos. 21 and 29 Magazine street, near Gravier, chewing tobacco.

By D. E. Morphy, at 10 o'clock, at No. 47 Magazine, sundries.

By R. T. Montgomery, at 10½ o'clock, at the Pelican Warehouse, corner Common and Gravier streets, corn meal; at 12 o'clock, at 93 Camp street, pork, hams, lard butter, rum, whisky, etc.

By McCerren & Landry, at 11 o'clock, at their salesroom, Masonic Hall, furniture.

By G. P. Phinney, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 64 Gravier street, dry goods, boots and shoes; at 1 o'clock, the steamer Southron, as she now lies at the foot of Canal street.

By the Sheriff, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, real estate.

THE VARIETIES THEATRE.—From all that we understand, Mr. Eyer's benefit to-night is destined to be, in every respect, a most successful affair. The judgment displayed by Mr. Eyer in the choice of a programme for the evening's entertainment, under any circumstances would suffice to draw a crowded house, and when to the excellence of the bill prepared is united the desire to testify the appreciation of the public for a most deserving actor, the occasion must necessarily fill the theatre. Mr Eyer appears in his favorite rôle—that of *Skylock* in the "Merchant of Venice." Mrs. Gladstane will recite Tennyson's well known poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava," so suggestive of many episodes in the present war. Mr. Oliveira favors us with two solos on the violin—one from the opera "Il Pirato," the other his inimitable performance, "The Carnival of Venice." Miss Angela Sefton, whose speciality is pantomime, appears as the *French Spy* in the play of the same name; and she is thus afforded an opportunity of exhibiting that talent of which she has already given us a foreknowledge in the ballroom scene in "The Corsican Brothers." With this bill and the end to be attained combined, we confidently look forward to a crowded house at the Varieties to-night.

THEATRE DE L'OPERA.—This evening, as we have already announced, there will be an extraordinary performance at the Opera House for the benefit of Madame de La Tournerie, an old and favorite *artiste* of this place.

This will be the first time, in the last two seasons that we have had a complete operatic performance. It may seem strange to state it, that this music-loving community, and, without presumption, be it said, the best judges of the continent, should not have taken some measures to fill the blanks which mars the lyric traditions of the city. But when surrounding circumstances are taken into consideration, when the gloom and despondency which have enveloped our city like a pall during the past two years, are considered, we are reminded of the mockery of all festivities, of all amusements of pleasure. Still there must be a success to grief sometimes, and then when we combine with the consolations of the moment, the consciousness of generous actions—as this occasion certainly demands, for a farewell benefit to an old and popular actress, in these trying times, is nothing short of an exhibition of benevolence from the public—it behooves us to forget the afflictions of the hour in the performance of deeds of beneficence. On this occasion, then, let us trust that the call which Mad. De La Tournerie makes to the New Orleans public will meet with that response to which the past services of this accomplished *artiste* have justly entitled her. We have already given the programme of the performance, we again mention it. It is composed of the fourth act of "La favorite," sung by the beneficiary and an amateur of some merit, we understand, then we are to have the charming comic opera "Les Dragons de Villars," with all its pleasing memories, at least in its artistic production, and a laughable farce, "Un Vilain Monsieur," concludes the performance.

ARRIVAL OF THE PHILADELPHIA.—This steamer reached our port last night from New York, which port it left on the 31st. The Philadelphia brings no mail. By reference to our marine news it will be seen that this steamer brings us a heavy stock of cattle, a very acceptable cargo at present.

The United States mail steamship Cromwell, Captain Post, leaves this morning for New York, with a full freight, the United States mails and the following passengers:

C A Lauchlin, lady and 2 children, Madam Richaud and servant, G Apperman, M Meiner, Mr D Hatch, Miss Robinson, Mrs Wentlow, P Campaignac, J Weill, L Weil, G Bright, T Tudmann, D Liberty, F Anderson, S V Clowes, C Masson, E R Breckenridge, W S Donelson, S V Clowes, C Masson, E R Breckenridge, W S Donelson, Lieut. Gardiner, lady and child, J Pecot, lady and child, J Coleman, G A Trudeau, S Rodriguez, F Wentz, Jr., H D Hart, R L Walsh, R Wade, N B Cooper, C Smallwood, lady, F Roe, J Turpen, J H Baxter, J Goodrich, B Goldstein, Mrs Bowdin and sister, Geo Van Seybold.

VALUABLE IMPROVED AND VACANT REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION BY THE SHERIFF.—Particular attention is called to the sales to be made this day, at noon, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, by the Sheriff of this Parish, of improved and vacant real estate situate in the First and Fourth Districts, and in the Parish of Jefferson, also, a country seat at Lewisburg, Parish of St Tammany. The whole belonging to the succession of Gavino Ledda. For particulars and terms see advertisement.

DETER'S WORSTED STORE.—Riemann & Co., publish in another column an advertisement to which our lady readers—especially those who make it a habit to have their knitting always with them—should give their particular attention. The goods which Messrs. Riemann & Co. offer for sale are fresh, and of superior quality, and no bargain should be closed elsewhere before a call is given to Deter's old store.

VILLARREUBIA & LAUGHLAND.—This well known and long established firm has just received and offer for sale a large lot of Havana cigars, embracing the best and most popular brands; said also a fine stock of mess pork, and the best sperm and whale oils. See advertisements elsewhere.

R. T. Montgomery will sell this day, Thursday, the 12th instant, at 10½ o'clock, at Pelican Warehouse, 200 barrels choice corn meal; at 12 o'clock, at salesroom, 93 Camp street, sides, shoulders, hams, lard, butter, whisky, alcohol, also, 260 barrels prime mess and prime mess pig pork, &c., should attract the attention of the trade; at 11 o'clock, at old auction mart, 87 Camp street, a good assortment of furniture, &c., and sundry goods.

Furniture and merchandise at 11 o'clock today, by McCerren & Landry, at their mart.

Later from the North.

By the arrival of the Philadelphia, from New York on the 31st, we have a copy of the *Herald* of that day, in which we find very little additional to what we have published from the paper of the 29th. We republish the following:

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

The subjoined dispatch from Albany gives the following proceedings in that body

The consideration of the preamble and resolution directing an inquiry into the character and conduct of the Speaker elect, Mr. Callicot, was, after some discussion, postponed till Thursday, the 5th of February. Notices were given of a large number of bills, the following being among them: To create the police department of New York; to legalize the New York primary elections; to extend the privileges of exempt firemen, to regulate the Staten Island ferries for the election by the people of the New York City inspector; to regulate the gas companies of this city; to locate the State capital in the geographical centre of the State, and to give our Board of Councilmen powers equal to those of the Board of Aldermen. Resolutions condemning the arbitrary arrests was introduced. The current resolution for a peace convention of all the States, and to go into joint ballot for United States Senator on Tuesday next, were offered, but not disposed of. The proposition that the members shall receive their pay in specie was again aired to a considerable extent, but finally received a damper by the presentation to the House of a communication from the Controller, saying that it is impossible, under present circumstances, to meet the desires of these hard money legislators.

The Governor of Connecticut, in a general order, congratulates the people of the State on being able to announce that their quota of militia under the last calls of the President, numbering 14,280 men, has been completed.

The Albany *Argus* says the understanding between Gen. Wool and Gov. Seymour in regard to the limits of military command is perfect and in all respects cordial.

Hon. Lemuel J Bowden has been elected by the Provisional Legislature of Western Virginia to the United States Senate, in place of Hon William T Willey, whose term expires with the present Congress We presume Mr. Bowden's election will hold good only until the organization of the new State is effected, when both he and Hon. John S. Carlile will be superseded.

The House of Representatives of Indiana refused to receive Gov. Morton's annual message when it was delivered, and sent it back, with all the accompanying documents. The House subsequently reconsidered its action, and asked for the redelivery of the message; but the Governor says he has done his duty, and has nothing further to communicate.

ORGANIZATION OF THE NEGRO REGIMENTS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Upon this subject to which we have already referred, we find the following order:

Office, 73 Chartres street.

An order was issued to-day by the Secretary of War authorizing the organization of negro regiments in Massachusetts. This order is the result of the visit of Governor Andrew, Wendell Phillips and others, and is as follows:

War Department, Washington City, January 20, 1863.

Ordered, That Governor Andrew, of Massachusetts, is authorized until further orders to raise such number of volunteer companies of artillery for duty in the forts of Massachusetts and elsewhere, and such corps of infantry for the volunteer military service as he may find convenient; such volunteers to be enlisted for three years, unless sooner discharged, and may include persons of African descent, organized into separate corps. He will make the usual needful requisitions on the appropriate staff, bureaus and officers, for the proper transportation, organization, supplies, subsistence, arms and equipments of such volunteers.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

Hon. C. L. Vallandigham and the Ohio Governorship.

Mr. Vallandigham has announced, in a letter, his determination to go before the Ohio Democratic State Convention as an applicant for the nomination for the office of Governor of the State. We print his letter:

House of Representatives,
Washington City, D. C., Jan. 16, 1863.

Daniel F. Cable, Esq., Steubenville, Ohio:

My Dear Sir—I have received your letter on behalf of the Central Committee of Jefferson county, stating that "it has been extensively circulated that I wholly refuse to run for the nomination" as Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, next fall, and inquiring as to my position in regard to it. In answer, I would say that the desire has been freely and cordially expressed to me from all parts of the State, that my name may be used in convention for that purpose, and I have yielded to the wishes of my friends. My name, therefore, will be presented to the Democratic State Convention in connection with that office; and it is the belief of the Democracy of the State, as expressed through that convention, that I may be able, in that position, to aid and hasten the reunion of these States, and, therefore, the return of the prosperity and blessings of other and better times, and their desire also that I shall be their candidate, no honorable exertion, however great, shall be omitted by me in the canvass to have the nomination ratified through the ballot-box by a triumphant election. Having clung to the old ship when the storm raged fiercest, and clouds were blackest and thickest fewest, I will not desert her now, which upon a smoother sea and with gentler and more prosperous winds around her.

Satisfied, however, that the convention will, in any event, act wisely and soundly, I shall yield a cordial and active support to the choice of that convention, whoever it may be.

Thanking my friends in Jefferson for their kindly feelings, as expressed in your letter,

I am, very truly,
C. L. VALLANDIGHAM.

PEACE PROPOSITIONS OF THE MAINE LEGISLATURE.—The following resolutions were introduced in the Maine House of Representatives on the 21st ult.

Whereas, The war now being conducted between the Federal government and certain States of the South has been obviously productive of no good result to either, but has been productive of incalculable evil to the people of all the States of the Union, and is now, in the human foresight, of as uncertain duration as at any previous period of its continuance, and in the clear light of past events it promises to be no less uncertain, so long as the agency of force alone shall be preferred to the agency of reason and conciliation for restoring peace and preserving the Union; therefore,

Resolved, That it is not becoming the dignity of the national executive and national Legislature to manifest to the several executives of the seceded States, without regard to the rules of diplomacy and etiquette, a willingness to confer with them in a spirit of amity, upon terms of adjusting the causes, and preparing the consequences as far as may be found practicable, of the unnatural war that has arisen between them, and will, if necessary, accompany the offer of such a government of apology by either party to such conference, and only promising, as the inviolable basis thereof, the restoration of the Union as it was and the constitution as it is.

Resolved further, That in restoring the Union as it was and the constitution as it is, it would be expedient and just, for the purpose of a more satisfactory interpretation of that instrument, for the Congress of the United States to propose through such conference, either directly or by a national convention, and for the people of the United States, by their Legislatures or conventions, to adopt, in the manner prescribed there in, all needful amendments to said constitution, as guarantees of the observance of such interpretations, throughout all future time, by the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the Federal government and by the people of the several States.

Latest News from Southern Sources.

The *Picayune* published last night a second edition, containing news from the South to the 7th inst. We copy the following

We take the following from the Jackson *Mississippian* of the 7th inst

REPORTED SINKING OF THE BROOKLYN.

Port Hudson, February 6.—A report coming from Baton Rouge represents the sinking of the sloop of war Brooklyn by the Confederate States steamers Alabama, Florida and Harriet Lane, the Brooklyn having been sent in pursuit of the latter.

The Essex made her weekly visit on Sunday last, and was fired upon by our pickets. One Federal was reported killed. Not shelled our pickets for one hour. Nobody hurt.

FIGHT AT ALEXANDRIA, TENN.

Augusta, Ga., February 6.—The Federal General Reynolds moved to Alexandria, Tenn., yesterday, for the purpose of destroying the flouring mills at Rafter. Morgan's cavalry fought them several hours, but owing to the enemy's force, they had to fall back. The enemy's loss is 11 killed, 37 wounded and 28 prisoners. Our loss is 1 wounded.

LATER FROM THE NORTH.

Richmond, February 5.—The *Enquirer* has Northern dates to the 31.

THE NEGRO REGIMENT BILL PASSED.

The Negro Regiment bill passed the House, yeas 85, nays 41. Three Republicans voted against the bill; four Unionists and two Democrats for it.

MISCELLANEOUS—THE MARKETS.

The Federal account of the engagement at Woodbury, Tenn., claims a Federal victory.

Confederate loss, 24 killed and 100 prisoners. Federal loss, 1 killed and 3 wounded.

Ex Governor Morehead was nominated for Senator in New York by the Republicans.

Gold went up as high as 1[illegible], but closed at 1[illegible]. Exchange 1[illegible]

CONFEDERATE STATES CONGRESS.

Richmond, February 5.—Nothing of importance. Congress to day passed the Appropriation bill.

In the Senate, today, Johnson, of Georgia, introduced a bill proposing an amendment to the Constitution, providing for the peaceable secession of a State in the event of a failure to adjust the grievances complained of. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. The Supreme Court bill was further debated.

In the House numerous bills and resolutions were introduced and referred. One proposing to abolish the Post Office Department was laid on the table.

THE WEATHER AT RICHMOND.

Richmond, February 5.—The weather has been inclement here for several days. There was a snow storm on Tuesday, and another today. It has been raining since the forenoon, and the temperature has moderated.

AFFAIRS AT VICKSBURG.

The *Mississippian* says

We learn from our correspondent that all was quiet at the Hill City up to noon yesterday. The ram Conestoga was still below the city, at Brown & Johnston's place. The transports were getting up steam—some of the *gunboats* conjecturing that the mortar fleet was near at hand; others that the transports were preparing to evacuate.

Gen. Lee had been placed in command of the heavy batteries—a guarantee that they will not be heavy with "dame nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," the next time a hostile attempt to run the gauntlet. The shameful affair of Monday, we are glad to see, is being turned to good account—our officials giving evidence that they more sensibly appreciate the axiom, "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

MILITIA LAW OF LAST LEGISLATURE.

The militia bill, which was recently passed by the Louisiana Legislature, takes in all men (foreigners included) between seventeen and fifty, and makes very few exemptions. The Governor is to call out the whole militia immediately.

AFFAIRS ON THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

The Richmond *Examiner* thinks that a fight is certain to come off soon on the Rappahannock. It says: "At the uttermost, the weather and the state of the soil can delay the collision only a few weeks. So surely as the sun and wind of spring dries the ground, the heavy columns which now nearly touch the Confederate lines will be set in motion and be forced to show what is in them. No political movement, no action of statesmen, no declaration of the purpose of the United States can interfere to prevent the military development of the actual situation."

THE OFFICERS OF ARKANSAS POST.

The Louisville *Journal*, of the 24th ult., says The following rebel officers, captured at Arkansas Post, and placed on parole, were arrested at the Planters House in St. Louis on Thursday, charged with violating the parole: Brig Gen. Thos. J. Churchill, Major James K. Campbell, Capt. J Gaines, Capt. Robt. Fitz Hugh, Capt. Breckinridge, F. Blacker, Surgeon Charles H. Smith, Lieut. Ambrose H. Swier.

THE FLEET AT FORT HUDSON.

A correspondent of the *Mississippian*, under date of the 24 instant, says:

It seems that the far famed iron clad gunboat Essex has a special "hankering" for this place. She paid us another visit on Saturday last, as she paid us another [illegible] demonstration made at her approach, she wisely concluded (as we suppose) that a considerable degree of contempt and disdain was being manifested towards her, so she fired some ten or twelve times, but at what, we have been unable to ascertain. After this, she "turned herself about" and slowly and sullenly wended her way back from whence she came, no doubt solemnly impressed that she was fast losing her reputation for horror to the rebels at this place.

GENERAL PRICE.

The *Mississippian* says that Gen. Price was in Richmond, and that he was displeased of the disposition made of him in the reorganization of the army under Gen. Pemberton. It was feared that he would leave the service altogether.

CONFEDERATE CONGRESS.

On the 23d ult., Mr. Hunter, of Virginia, introduced a bill "for the future issue of Treasury notes and other purposes," which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Yancey, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported back the bill to regulate the action of the Secretary of the Navy upon decisions of naval general courts-martial with an amendment, with the recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Wigfall, of Texas, introduced a bill to conscript marines and ordinary seamen, to serve in the navy of the Confederate States. The object of the bill is to retain in the navy marines and seamen now enlisted.

The bill of Mr. Sparrow, from this State, to which we have already made allusion, was referred to the Committee on Finance. This bill, it will be remembered, provides for the payment of the coupons of interest of all bonds, except the $1,600,000 loan, in cotton delivered at Charleston, Savannah, Mobile, or New Orleans, within ninety days after the declaration of peace, on the basis of twelve cents per pound for New Orleans Middling.

A resolution for inquiry into the authority of the Secretary of War for deciding that when substitutes become liable to military service, the exemption of their principals shall expire, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Clark, of Georgia, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Hospitals to inquire by what authority sick and wounded officers and soldiers are refused furloughs. Agreed to.

Mr Machen, of Kentucky, offered a bill authorizing the acceptance of troops from Missouri and Kentucky for not less than three years. *Referred.*

Mr Lyons offered a resolution requesting the President to inform the House whether Richard Thomas, otherwise Bardons, was an officer of the Confederate States at the time of his capture, &c., and why he was not released.

LOUISIANIAN PRISONERS AT ST. LOUIS.—The St. Louis *Republican* gives a list of prisoners arrived at that city on the 21st ult., and placed in the Gratiot street prison, from which we select the following names of Louisianians:

First Louisiana—Michael Duggan, August Albrecht, Emile Wahigon, George Wall, Michael Hughes, and W. J. Rooney.

Louisiana Battalion—John Hallmark and John H Letcher.

First Louisiana Cavalry—John E. Ross and Lorenzo Lurwell.

Sixth Louisiana—W. H Hanoth.

Thirteenth Louisiana—John Wagoner, Victor Sherman, Patrick Leary, Simon Darrah, Patrick Brady, Charles Lessman, Calvin Coles, John Kenan, Francis Gaudet, Wm. Sprulien, Thomas Hughes, Matthias Follock, Columbus F. Wright, George Nichols, John Hassman, Frank Collins, Samuel B. Neill, Isaac Esher, Charles Bros, Paul Bullick, Henry Knight, Joseph Wittlemeier, Christian Hiddesan, Harry Schmidt, Herman Kollen, Henry Boimer, Richard Bacon, Thomas Conklin, Daniel McLean, George Fisher, James D. Catton, James Dyer, Charles Collins, Duncan N. Stewart, Richard Sharky, Edward Scarlet, Thomas McCormack, Denis May, Thomas Stackfoole, Joseph Beasley, Robert T. Mocklis, Frank McDermott, François Regi, Daniel T Monahan, John Miller, Martin Mercer, Lawrence Moore, Julius Woodruff, Conrad Heintzleman, Joe Nicey, Dennis Cary and Joseph Stroup.

Sixteenth Louisiana—John Levene, Michael Gainer, Joseph Swatts, John D. Earnest and Charles Lombard.

Twentieth Louisiana—Thomas Frawley and Andrew Reme.

Twenty-Second Louisiana—George Dyer.

SICK AND WOUNDED LOUISIANA PRISONERS AT ST. LOUIS.—We find in the St. Louis *Democrat* of the 26th the names of the following Louisiana, wounded and captured at Murfreesboro, who on the 26th ult were on board the steamers Hannibal and Fanny McBurnie in charge of Surgeon R. W. Hunt

First Louisiana—Jos. Dee, company D, bilious fever.

Thirteenth Louisiana—L. O Barber, company A, catarrh; Patk Connell, company B, abscess; M Kiley, company E.

Sixteenth Louisiana—A. T. Cox, company K, pleurisy; A Avery, company A, pneumonia; D. Bassett, company A, died on board the steamer Hannibal; C G Wilson, company F.

Nineteenth Louisiana—J. S Richardson, company B, wounded in leg.

Twenty-Eighth Louisiana—P. M. Murphy, company B.

Lieutenant General Leonidas Polk reached this place last Sunday evening from North Carolina. The brave veteran looks well, and hale as ever, and brings the cheering intelligence that the "bushwhackers" in the old North State have been routed and a large number of them captured.—*Chattanooga Rebel, 28th.*

A late municipal election in Wheeling, Virginia, resulted in a Democratic victory—the candidate of that party for Mayor receiving over 500 majority.

THE PROPOSED EXCLUSION OF NEGROES IN PENNSYLVANIA.—Some time since we copied a paragraph from a Northern exchange, stating that a bill had been introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature to exclude negroes from that State. We now publish the sections of the bill, in which amendments to the Constitution are proposed to render the exclusion constitutional

SEC. 1. No negro or mulatto shall be permitted to come into or settle in the State, under any pretence whatever, after the adoption of this amendment to the Constitution.

SEC. 2. All contracts made with any negro or mulatto coming into this State, contrary to the provisions of the foregoing section, shall be void; and any person who shall bring into the State such negro or mulatto, or shall hasten, induce, or otherwise encourage such persons of color to remain in the State, shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and such additional penalty as the Legislature may by law direct.

FROM FREDERICKSBURG.—The *Appeal* of the 6th publishes the following intelligence from Fredericksburg, which is not much more recent than that which we have obtained from our Northern exchanges:

From all the information we have from Fredericksburg and its vicinity, we are disposed to believe that there is more importance to be attached to the Northern statements published yesterday with reference to Burnside's movements, than was generally accorded to them. A gentleman who arrived in this city last night, from the army, states that it was generally believed there that the enemy were about attempting a crossing some six miles above Falmouth, and that every thing betokened preparations for an attack. It is pretty generally believed that a demonstration will be made during the present week, which will fully develop their movements, and possibly result in another bloody battle.—*Richmond Dispatch, 27th.*

A Mysterious Case—Supposed Abduction of a Young Girl.

From the Harrisburg Union.]

Last week Mayor Kepner communicated to us a circumstance which seems to involve a great mystery, and to justify grave suspicions. On Wednesday he received a letter from Mr Franklin, chief of the detective department of Philadelphia police, dated the 28th instant, enclosing a photographic likeness of a young girl, inquired Martin Agnes Leaverton, of Charlestown, Kent county, Maryland, who mysteriously disappeared from Wilmington, Delaware, where she was attending school, on the morning of January 6th. At the time it was supposed that she had wandered away while labouring under a temporary fit of insanity, but subsequent developments warrant the suspicion that she was abducted by some villain, and is now in this city. The first intimation of her disappearance was given to the relatives by the publication of the following note in the Kent (Md) *News* of the 17th, published in the town where they reside:

"*Pittsburg, Pa.*, January 13, 1863

"*Eds. Kent County News*: Dear Sirs—Below you will find a notice of the death of a stranger girl, who came to this city on the 6th, in a state of insanity. She died of brain fever on the 11th, and was decently interred. A few hours before her death she was restored to her mind, and requested that word should be sent to her father, and also gave me your address.

"Yours, &c.,"

"Died, in Pittsburg, Pa., on the 11th, of brain fever, M. Agnes Leaverton, aged sixteen years."

This note, although dated "Pittsburg," was postmarked at Harrisburg, and in this article the first suspicion of deception, rendered strong by the discovery of the fact that Miss Leaverton's father received a letter from her, dated Wilmington, Del., on the 3d inst., one day prior to her alleged arrival in Pittsburg. Her friends ascertained, after the receipt of the note of "J. Shaul," that she had left the Westleyan Female College, at Wilmington, (which she had been attending for three years and was about finishing her education) but had learned nothing further concerning her, whither she went or who accompanied her.

The Pittsburg papers state that after much inquiry they have been unable to learn of such a person as "J. Shaul," or of anything confirmatory of the statements in the above note received by the editors of the Kent County *News*. This letter received by Mayor Kepner represents that Miss Leaverton is the daughter of a highly respectable and prominent citizen of Kent county, and that the family are in great distress at the uncertainty concerning her, and also at the suspicions which are suggested. The mother is now prostrate on a bed of sickness caused by the sudden and mysterious disappearance of her child! We have strong reason to suspect that the missing girl is the victim of some infamous scoundrel, and that she is at this time an inmate of one of the disreputable institutions that abound in our city. The following is an accurate description of the girl: Sixteen years old, dark hair, short and combed back from forehead, [illegible] tall blue eyes, large mouth and from forehead, [illegible] we trust the police good teeth. If in this city, [illegible] her place officers will make an effort to ascertain of concealment.

From Memphis.

The Memphis *Appeal* of the 5th publishes the following paragraph, which does not lack interest, and complete our advices from that quarter to a very recent date:

We were called upon by a gentleman an old resident of Memphis, who left that city last Saturday morning, arriving here to-day. The Federals continue to work on the fortifications, greatly extending them, and all the negroes found upon the streets are daily impressed to labor. Buildings are being removed without regard to ownership, and the position is fast being made impregnable as military science can devise. The Federal forces in the city have been reduced to a brigade, all the rest having been dispatched down the river.

Business in this retail way is brisk, and the city presents a somewhat more lively appearance than during its earlier occupation. The transactions, however, are small, compared with those of former years. Cotton arrives only in small quantities, and to supply family necessities, yet the aggregate makes up a somewhat respectable footing. Business at the landing seems lively, but it is principally on Government account. The faces in the stores are principally new.

The negroes brought from Holly Springs, Grand Junction, &c., by Grant's army, are quartered in sheds in the vicinity of the Charleston depot, several thousand in number. They are in a most wretched condition, suffering greatly from a lack of food and clothing, as well as the small-pox and other pestilential diseases. The hardships they are compelled to endure are winning out their numbers by scores.

Relations of the United States with Spain—The steamer Blanche Question.

The *National Intelligencer* is publishing, among other official papers, the correspondence of the State Department of the United States. Among other noticeable documents, we copy the following note from Mr. Seward to Gustavus Koerner, the United States Minister at Madrid, in which the subject of the relations of the two Governments and the steamer Blanche question are thus treated:

MR. SEWARD TO MR. KOERNER.

Department of State,
Washington, October 21, 1862.

Sir: Mr. Perry's interesting dispatch of September 21 (No. 81) has been received. Manifestly it was written when the European political atmosphere was highly disturbed by the news of the insurgent successes which occurred in August last, and by the confident expectations which heralded there the speedy projected campaign of invasion of the loyal States, which was to culminate in the occupation of many of the chief marts of internal as well as those of foreign trade, and the capitulation of Washington. The campaign has already proved a failure, and it is now supposed here that the hopes of recognition which were built upon it have abated under the influence of so serious a disappointment.

It is observed that when this subject of recognition is discussed in foreign capitals it is at least tacitly assumed that the United States would be passive upon the adoption of such a measure by friendly nations. There is no ground whatever for this assumption. However our military position may be regarded abroad, it is known and felt here that the loyal portion of this people are fully prepared, even before so great or so available for any struggle as they are now, and if anything were wanting to intensify the national loyalty and excite the national zeal it would be furnished by any foreign invasion of the country or its sovereign rights.

You will already have learned that the President has impressed on the war the feature of a withdrawal of the national protection from slavery in the insurgent States, which Mr Perry has so confidently and earnestly, and yet with entire propriety, recommended.

You will exercise your discretion as to bringing the views which I have thus furnished to the notice of Mr Calderon Collantes. If you do so you will, at the same time, acquaint him, in the most frank and cordial way, that the Government entertains not the least distrust of the fidelity of Spain to her treaty obligations, or of her abiding friendship towards the United States. Mr Tassara, who is always respected by this Government, called upon me yesterday, and in a very earnest and feeling manner represented to me that he had learned from the Captain General of Cuba that a British vessel, the Blanche, had been driven by an American cruiser ashore on the Island of Cuba, and that the cruiser assumed and exercised there against the British vessel and her crew within its waters, and even on the soil of Spain. But Mr. Tassara had not yet had time to prepare a formal representation upon the subject. Meantime this Government has no other knowledge of the transaction except some very uncertain and highly inflamed articles in relation to it extracted from the Havana press.

You are requested to lose no time in calling upon Mr Collantes, and in assuring him that an investigation of the transaction has been already ordered by the President, and that if it just the extent that the case shall be found to justify Mr Tassara's representations, the displeasure of this Government will be visited upon agents who have abused exceedingly authority and instructions, and the most ample redress will be promptly afforded.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

GUSTAVUS KOERNER, Esq., &c., &c., &c.

THE CELEBRATION OF BURNS'S ANNIVERSARY.—The Washington *Intelligencer* of the 28th ult says that the 104th anniversary of the birthday of Scotia's favorite poet was celebrated in that city on the night of the anniversary. The paper published a lengthy account of the toasts that were drunk on the occasion.

One of the features of the evening was the appearance of one of the members in full Highland costume. It was evident from the accent that pervaded the speeches of all that the majority of those in attendance were Scotchmen. Altogether, it was an assembly and an entertainment which will long be pleasantly remembered by such and every participant.

MURDER OF A CATHOLIC PRIEST.—The *Catholic Telegraph* states that Rev John T Neals, formerly of the Archdiocese of Ohio, but for the last year or two pastor of the Catholic Church at Chattanooga, Tenn., had died at that place from the effects of wounds inflicted on him by a party of three villains, who waylaid him on the public highway, and having cruelly beat him, then shot him in the back. He lingered six month after the assault in great agony, when death ended his sufferings.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Post Mortem Examination.—Coroner Beach held yesterday a post-mortem examination on the body of Susan Parker, who died in the Charity Hospital. Dr. Dudley Coleman and Smyth attended. Deceased was a native of Louisville, Ky., and only seventeen years of age. She was treated in the hospital since the 11th of December, and was formerly a plump, hearty individual, but was reduced to a skeleton before death. She had been sick some time since by a soldier, and on Tuesday an outside abscess was formed on her by Dr. Schnippert, who removed a section of the seventh rib on the left side, to relieve an abcess in the pleura, a large quantity of matter being discharged therefrom. The bullet had entered between the seventh and eighth ribs, and wounded the upper and left lobe of the liver, both of which wounds had healed. Pericarditis existed, but the immediate cause of death was an accumulation of pus in the cavity of the thorax (empyema). The inquest will be continued Saturday, at 1 P. M.

Not a Good Plea.—In the suit of E. D. White against James Martin, on a note for $1000, defendant entered the plea that the note was given without a consideration, because it was given for Confederate Treasury Notes early in the month of May. The judge decided that at that time these notes had a commercial value, and overruled the plea, thereby acknowledging the right of the plaintiff to recover the amount of the note.

Severely Injured.—Officer McKenna reports that a man named John Phipler fell on Tuesday in a fit, on St. Bernard street, at 2 o'clock, P. M., injuring himself severely about the head. He was taken to his residence.

United States Provisional Court—Hon. Judge Peabody presiding.—In the case of Schiff against Messrs. Mr. Durant, he stated motion for a rehearing, and asked for a rule on plaintiff to show cause why a new trial should not be granted.

In the case of Durrive & Co., and sequestration of a quantity of sugar, a bond was taken by consent of parties.

A motion was made in the case of W. P. Devall vs. Walker for a commission to take the testimony of an important witness, necessary for the defense, who resides in Jackson, Mississippi. He was urged in opposition that an order from this Court could not be executed in Jackson. The Court ruled that the prayer be granted, and that the commission be executed in twenty days.

Mr. Durant made a motion for a rule on a party litigant to show cause why a certain suit in the United States Circuit Court should not be heard in this Court, and it be placed on the docket. Mr. Durant stated that he made this motion upon the request of his client. The difficulty was, in his mind, the fact that the Judge of the Circuit Court could, if he chose, at any time open the Court. He hoped that the President would give relief as to that Court.

Adam Leach brought suit against the widow Roussell for his salary as overseer of her plantation and caused part of the crops to be sequestered. Defendant answered that Mr. Leach treated his race. He will also give pets to attention to sales of Carcass on the levee, and all other outdoor business pertaining.

Liberal Cash Advances made on Consignments.

Regular Sales day for Furniture, &c., in store—MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY.

New Orleans, February 6, 1863. feb6 tf

Just Received,

In store and for sale, a carefully selected lot of
Prima Old Rye WHISKY
Pure Scotch do.
Superior Bourbon do.
Fine Otard BRANDY—in 1/2 casks.
Pure Jamaica RUM.
ALCOHOL.
Champagne CIDER—in barrels.
BROTT, DAVIS & SHONS,
24, 26 and 28 New Levee street, corner Gravier. 6 tf

Wool! Wool!! Wool!!!

HIGHEST CASH PRICE always paid for WOOL, by J. B. VALENTINE & CO.
dec17 tf 51 Common street.

Cigars.

115,000 CIGARS, well made, and of various brands, in store and for sale by
J. RAMSTEIN, Cigar Maker,
No. 282 Chartres street, between St. Philip and Ursuline sts.
jan13 1m

Wines! Wines!!

100 CASKS GOOD ORDINARY CLARET.
50 casks Family do.
50 boxes Fleurigman Mousse WINE.
50 boxes VERMOUTH.
Also, One case Soubé Acorn COFFEE.
For sale by L. S. SARAZENS, 254 Chartres st., near Esplanade st.
jan24 1m

Storage. Storage. Storage.

THE EXTENSIVE and conveniently located WAREHOUSES, formerly known as the B. BONDED WAREHOUSE, No. 6 Toulouse street, between Chartres and Levee streets, are now prepared to receive goods of all descriptions.
For particulars, apply at the premises.
A. LEBLANC, at Layre & Leblanc's,
jan17 1m 17 and 19 Toulouse sts.

Notice.

THE creditors of the succession of François Auguste Lesros are hereby notified to present their claims, within ten days from this notice, to the undersigned, curator, and all those indebted to said succession will please call and settle within the same time.
F. BOE, curator.
No. 366 Dauphin street, between Royal and Esplanade streets
feb3 3t10d

Boots and Shoes.

IN STORE and for sale by the undersigned, a complete assortment of BOOTS, SHOES and BROGANS, consisting in part of:
Men, Boys and Youths' Russet, Kip and Sus Brogans;
Men's Kip, Calf and Grain Boots;
Men, Boys and Youths' Balmorals;
Ladies, Misses and Children's do.
Ladies' Gaiters and Slippers;
Misses and Children's Goat and Kid Boots;
Cavalry Boots, &c., &c.
W. E. READ, Agent,
feb12 1w 51 Customhouse street.

To Builders and Architects.

THE BANK OF LOUISIANA will receive proposals for Roofing and otherwise Repairing the Bank building, corner of Royal and Conti streets. Others, plans and specifications are asked for, and should be addressed, within the next ten days, to the President, W. N. MERCER, Esq.
AUG. MONTREUIL, Cashier.
feb11 10d

HAVANA CIGARS.

JUST received and for sale by the undersigned, 26,000 Cigars, Regalia, Grandes, Flor de Cabanas, Flor de Chico, of the celebrated brands of Cabanas y Flor de Tabacos. VILLARRUBIA & LAUGHLAND,
feb11 6t No. 64 Magazine street.

MESS PORK.

192 BARRELS extra heavy MESS PORK, for sale by
VILLARRUBIA & LAUGHLAND,
feb11 6t 64 Magazine street.

Oil, Oil.

2000 GALLONS best SPERM and WHALE OILS; in store and for sale by
VILLARRUBIA & LAUGHLAND,
feb11 6t 64 Magazine st.

Bank of Louisiana,
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2, 1863.

AT an Election by the Stockholders, held on the 26th ultimo, the following named gentlemen were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year:

W. N. Mercer, W. Kogan,
F. de Ayendano, L. F. Genese,
Henry Shepherd, Jr., M. S. Sochet,
Charles Kock, Thomas C. Payan,
Edward Chapman, Henry Wilson,
Wm. H. Letchford, Alfred Hawes,
A. B. Lapeyre.

And at a meeting of the Board held this day, W. NEWTON MERCER, Esq., was elected President.
feb9 1m AUGT. MONTREUIL, Cashier.

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, Feb. 12, 1863.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

Steamship Geo Cromwell, Post, for New York, A Moulton
Bark San Eden, Reed for New York, G A Fendlah