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On our second page will be found sheriff's and auction sales, bank notices and various miscellaneous advertisements.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE WESTERN METROPOLIS ACROSS THE BAR.

S. W. Pass, April 24th, 5:45 P. M.

The steamship Western Metropolis, from New York on the 15th, crossed the bar at 12 M.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The week opened here last night with an excellent house and a most satisfactory performance. Four of the Hanlon's appeared in an entirely new programme, and to immense delight and applause. The triple parterre, especially, by William, George, and Thomas, was regarded as a matchless exhibition of strength, agility, skill and grace.

The variety performers were all good in their way. Pastor's songs with extemporized additions for the times went off with happy effect, and the farce of Hobson's Boy, alias Paddy Miles's Boy, evinced some first rate comic talent and no small degree of histrionic cultivation.

A crowded and brilliant occasion may be expected at the Academy to-night.

THE FAIR AT THE OPERA HOUSE.—We received last night from the ladies of the fair, now in progress, at the Opera House, for the benefit of the Orphans of the Third District, a most acceptable and suggestive reminder of the nature of the potables and edibles there provided in elegant profusion for those who are wise enough to mingle with good cheer the sweets of charity. Let no one at the witching hour of lunch or potation forget to avail themselves, if possible, of the rare facilities in those respects of the Opera House fair.

The officers of the steamers Fashion and Southwester severally have our thanks for newspaper favors and polite attentions.

We are obliged to Mr. Tom. Moore, clerk of the Ida Handy, for Western favors of the latest date.

Daring Attempt of the Steamer Webb from Red River to Escape to Sea.

SHE IS FIRED AT AND CHASED BELOW THE CITY.

SAID TO BE DESTROYED.

Yesterday about 1 P. M. quite an excitement was produced along the river front by the passage down of the steamer Webb, from Red River, running the gauntlet of four or five Federal war vessels firing on her.

It is said that the telegraph above announced her coming. She carried the U. S. flag at half mast until past the fleet when she raised the rebel colors.

Only one or two shots were seen to have effect on her. Being covered with cotton, she was measurably invulnerable, and her offensive armament consisted of six heavy guns.

Under full steam with a rapid current, her speed was estimated at 20 miles an hour.

When the firing in front of the city took place two houses at the corner of Spain and Victory streets were struck.

About 8 last evening we were informed that an express brought the news that the Webb had been sunk 20 miles below the city by the Estrella and the Richmond.

Another account states that she was grounded between the Richmond coming up and a passing gunboat, and then deserted by her crew and blown up.

Other reports represent her as having had a severe fight at the forts endeavoring to make way to the sea.

Her destruction, we presume, is beyond question.

The telegraph was said to have been interrupted to Baton Rouge and to Fort Jackson at the time the Webb was making her bold and desperate attempt.

Later from the North via the River.

By the arrival yesterday of the steamers Fashion, Ida Handy and Southwestern, we have Western and Cairo dates to the morning of the 20th, from which we transfer the following:

THE NEW PRESIDENT'S POLICY.

New York, April 18.—The *Post*'s special says President Johnson yesterday said to clergymen who begged of him to be merciful to the rebels, that mercy to individuals was not always mercy to the State.

He also declared to prominent members of Congress he was willing to act with the utmost magnanimity toward the common people of the rebel States, but that the unrepented leaders must be punished.

INTERVIEW BETWEEN GEN. GRANT AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

New York, April 18.—General Grant had a long interview with President Johnson yesterday upon questions connected with the war. It was understood their views were harmonious.

HOW THE ASSASSINATION WAS REGARDED IN RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG.

(Special Dispatch to the Missouri Democrat.)

Washington, April 18—The Richmond *Whig* of yesterday has an editorial on the assassination of President Lincoln: It says: The heaviest blow which has ever fallen upon the people of the South, has descended. Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, has been assassinated. Just as everything was happily conspiring to a restoration of tranquility under the benignant and magnanimous policy of Mr. Lincoln, comes this terrible blow. God grant that it may not rekindle excitement or inflame passion again. The secrecy with which the assassin or assassins pursued their victims indicates that there were but few accomplices in this inhuman crime. The abhorrance with which it is regarded on all sides will, it is hoped deter insane and malignant men from emulating the infamy which attaches to this infernal deed. The people of Petersburg had this appalling news yesterday, before it was made public here. Judge W. Jones, Roger A. Pryor, John Lyon, and other prominent citizens, united in a call for a public meeting to express, if words could do so, their grief for so sad an event, their abhorrance of the deed and sympathy for the bereaved. We know that the citizens of Richmond will take similar action.

REMOVAL OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S REMAINS TO SPRINGFIELD.

(Official.)

War Department,
Washington, April 19—1 P. M.

Major General Dix:

The arrangements for conveying the President remains to Springfield, have been changed this morning. They will go direct from Washington to Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Fort Wayne, and thence to Springfield.

(Signed) E. M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

THE LATE PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL OBSEQUIES.

Washington, April 19.—In the immediate neighborhood of the Mansion a dense crowd had assembled. During the forenoon various bodies met at the Treasury Department, separate rooms having been assigned them, to see Secretary Harrington, who had charge of [illegible] to the Executive Mansion. They in[illegible] Secretary, the Assistant [illegible] Attorney [illegible] in One[illegible] Senate. The [illegible] Marshal [illegible] Mayor [illegible] Corporation [illegible] Mayor [illegible] Corporation [illegible] Mayor [illegible] Corporation