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FROM WASHINGTON.

CHAIRMAN OF MILITARY COMMITTEE FAVORS REDUCTION OF THE ARMY BELOW 50,000.

Conference of Senior Generals—Speculations Thereon.

PRUSSIAN GOVERNMENT SUPPOSED TO DISCOURAGE LABOR CONTRACTS AND IMMIGRATION.

Constitutional Amendment from Reconstruction Committee Passed by 120 to 46.

Attack on the President by Mr. Stevens—He Says that What the President Has Done Would save Lost a British King His Head.

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION OF AN ENGINE ON THE JACKSON RAILROAD—3 KILLED AND 5 WOUNDED.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

COMMERCIAL, RIVER AND OTHER NEWS.

New York, Jan 31.—The *World's* Washington special says Gen. Thomas gives a very cheerful account of affairs in Tennessee He will probably be called upon to give evidence before the Reconstruction Committee.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says on Monday next new money order offices will be opened in many Southern cities, including Richmond, Charleston, Savannah and Mobile.

New York, Jan. 31.—The *Herald's* Richmond correspondence says efforts are making in the Virginia Legislature to declare the election of Senators Underwood and Segar illegal Gov Pierpont and John Minnor Botts are locked of as their successors.

New York, Jan. 31.—The ship Chieftain has arrived from San Francisco.

Washington, Jan 30.—The House Military Committee is still engaged in maturing the bill for the increase of the army Gen Schenck, the Chairman of the House Committee, favors the lowest possible standard, even below fifty thousand, if possible

New York, Jan 31—The *Herald's* Washington special says the conference of the senior Major Generals causes the most extensive speculation as to the results. Among the most practicable theories is that these Generals have been summoned to give their united views concerning the Southern country and the necessity for garrisoning the South with troops It is supposed the President is principally desirous of obtaining the opinions of the Generals and that Congress will adhere to its original idea of delegating sub-committees to make a trip of observation through the excluded States

The receipts of Internal Revenue since January 1st reach nearly two hundred millions.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The House Committee on commerce have a proposition before them to reduce the emoluments of collectors of Customs to a reasonable sum. Some of them in salary and perquisites having made from fifty to one hundred dollars per year.

Boston, Jan 31.—The action of the military court martial at Boston relative to the alleged kidnapping of Mormon emigrants in Boston, in the summer of 1864, and their subsequent forcible enlistment is very unsatisfactory to the Prussian Minister, at whose instance the court was appointed

It is probable the Prussian Government and other States will prohibit the making of any more labor contracts, and otherwise impede emigration to this country. The attention of Congress will be called to the matter

Cincinnati, Jan 31.—About thirty soldiers of Company B, 13th United States Cavalry, was lost on board the Miami

Col Roberts and Gen Sweney arrived here last night

Santa Cruz, Jan 31.—The engine Sultan exploded this evening at seventy one mile post three miles and a half north of this place, killing Col. Forno, the conductor, J Dixon, the engineer and a fireman, and wounding Jno Lemmon, a brakesman and three others

The engine is a total wreck

Washington, Jan 31.—In the House Mr Stevens, from the Committee on Reconstruction reported back the Constitutional amendment bill modified by striking out the words *direct taxes* and confining the appointment to representation

Mr Stevens in supporting the resolution, spoke of the President as having put forth a proclamation or command at the very time Congress was legislating on the Constitutional amendment

Mr Stevens said this was in direct violation of the privileges of this body, and centuries ago would have cost a British king his head.

Mr Smith called for the reading of the paper to which Mr Stevens referred The paper was then read, being the reported conversation between the President and a distinguished Senator on the subject of the amendment

Mr Stevens said that of three-fourths of the House voted for the pending amendment it would not require the signature of the President

The House rejected Mr Schenck's amendment The House then voted on the resolution reported from the Reconstruction Committee with the following result yeas, 120, nays, 46

The Speaker saying that two-thirds having voted in its favor declared it passed

Washington, Jan 31 —The House passed a bill that the produce of timber owned by Americans in New Brunswick shall continue to be admitted free of duty

Mr Washburn, from the Committee on Commerce reported a bill repealing all fishing bounties

The House then resumed its consideration of the Freedmen's Bureau bill

The Senate, after considerable desultory debate concerning persons who were entitled to citizenship, adjourned without action

In the House, Mr Davis made a speech in opposition to the enlargement of the powers of the Freedmen's Bureau

Washington, Jan 31 —Postmaster General Dennison yesterday ordered the opening of upwards of one hundred post-offices in the South ern States

Washington, January 30 —The House recommitted the Constitutional amendment in relation to representation without instruction to the Committee on Reconstruction, and afterwards went into the consideration of the Senate bill to enlarge the powers of the Freedmen's Bureau

A resolution extending the courtesies of the floor to the members elect from Arkansas was disagreed to

Pittsburg, Jan 31.—The river is stationary Weather clear and cool Steamboats are getting ready for the lower parts

New York, Jan 31 —The steamer New York from Bremen via Southampton, has arrived with three days later news

The ship Christine, which sailed on December 1st, from London to New York, was wrecked about the 20th, midway on her voyage Her officers, crew and passengers were saved by the Calcutta.

Liverpool, Jan. 17 —Cotton irregular, very dull and unchanged The sales Wednesday were 7,000 bales, including 2,000 to speculators and exporters

The sales of Cotton Monday and Tuesday embraced 11,000 bales, the market being easier and tending downward. The quotations were barely maintained and in some instances were 1-16d lower.

Southwest Pass, Jan. 31, 6 P M.—The ships Tea Foster and Anna Dorothea are still on the Bar. Nothing else to report. Nothing in sight Weather calm

Southwest Pass, Jan 31, 9 P M.—Nothing has arrived, nor is there anything in sight Weather calm.

(Associated Press dispatches.)

Explosion of the Steamboat Miami—Great Loss of Life.

Memphis, January 30.—The steamer Miami, bound for Little Rock, on Saturday night, six miles up the Arkansas river exploded a boiler, tearing away the forward boiler deck. She took fire, burned to the water's edge and sank.

The Miami had on board fifty cabin passengers, one hundred of Company B, 3d U S Cavalry, and one hundred on deck, including the crew.

Messrs. Teak and Johnson, the clerks, were lost, also the wife and child of the former.

After the explosion a corporal and a citizen were seen to draw their pistols to blow out their brains to escape burning

The details of the affair are horrible. The steamer Henry Ames heard of the affair, went to the rescue and rendered valuable assistance. One hundred and twenty-five in the lowest estimate passed on the boat.

Major J. E. Rankin and Dr. Jenkins are the only passengers known to be saved.

ANOTHER STEAMBOAT DISASTER.

Evansville, Jan. 30.—The steamer Missouri exploded this morning opposite Robertson's saw mill, a half a mile below the mouth of Green river.

The steamer Dictator was near at the time of the explosion and took off the survivors. She touched at Newburn and took off Drs. Wm. and Robert Slaughter. She gave no particulars of the affair.

The wreck is in possession of the Evansville Packet Company. A gentleman who got off here said eighty days there was a good many passengers and about $12,000 dollars cut board. The cabin register has not been found

The port list shows that the officers and crew numbered about one hundred.

A Newburg report says only about twenty survivors were taken off, including the wounded. Capt Hurd and his two sons were on board. All accounts say the Missouri was racing with the Dictator at the time of the disaster.

COMMERCIAL MARKETS.

Louisville, Jan. 30.—Tobacco advanced 50c. to $1; sales 153 hhds. Bacon active at 15c for shoulders, 19½c for clear sides and 24c for sugar-cured hams. Mess Pork $29 25. Lard in tierces 18c. Shelled Corn, in bulk, 90c. Oats 65c. Cotton 43½c. Bagging 29c. Hay 13.

Cincinnati, Jan. 30.—Flour $7. Corn dull at 85c. Oats 53c. Hogs $11 60. Pork $29. Green meats steady at 14c for Shoulders, 19½c for Sides and 16½c for Hams. Lard 17½c. Groceries unchanged. Cotton 45c. Whisky $9 25.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Flour active. Wheat 12½ cents. Corn and Oats dull. Pork $27. Hams 13½c. Dressed Hogs $11.

VARIOUS MATTERS.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Lord Monck is expected to arrive in Canada shortly. An early session of Parliament will be called. Judge Conrad, of St. Albans notoriety, is to be reinstated.

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—Advices from Yuba say the weather up the coast has been the most severe ever known The snow on the coast mountains is from 12 to 15 feet deep. There has been no mails from the South for two days.

The telegraph is broken in a thousand places Connection with Washington Territory is broken off. The snow in the Willamette Valley is two feet deep.

New York, Jan. 30.—The *Commercial's* Washington special says the report of the Internal Revenue Commissioners meets with only qualified approval.

The New England interest regard it favorably, but it is strongly objected to as a custom plating perpetuity of taxation and the national debt, and as providing for an immense host of officials

The Committee on Ways and Means will modify some of the proposed measures, but will maintain the whisky tax at the present rate The Western members of the Committee will secure the adoption of the report against paying flashing bonuses.

Rev Mr. Ray, of Chicago, who has just returned from the South, is testifying before the Reconstruction Committee as to the condition of the South

Philadelphia, Jan 30 —Gov Curtin's message has appeared Friendship is expressed in the President's message in reference to the state of the country

Navy Yard, N. Y., Jan 30 —The notorious Jack Shepard has again escaped from prison

New York, Jan 30 —The steamer North America sailed for Rio Janeiro this afternoon

San Francisco, Jan 30 —Gen Halleck has issued a general order directing that the military posts in the harbor be detached from the District of California

New York, Jan 30 —The steamship Evening Star, from New Orleans via Havana, has arrived here

Gov Stark had arrived at Jamaica and taken the oath of office 150 rebel prisoners were to be tried by court martial

FIRES

Philadelphia, Jan 30—A fire occurred at midnight on the block of stores on Water street and Delaware avenue, which caused considerable loss Messrs Tomlinson & Hine lost 15,000 barrels of flour and other goods

Newark, N J., Jan 30 —James Charter's petroleum refinery was burned to day Two stills exploded, when a serious conflagration ensued, involving a loss of $20,000

FROM WASHINGTON.

New York, Jan. 30.—The *Post's* Washington special says the House Committee on Public Lands have agreed to a bill bringing all the public lands of the South under the provisions of the Homestead act.

The House Committee on Freedmen's Affairs is ready to report back the bill concerning the Freedmen's Bureau with few amendments—one thereof was adopted to ratify Gov. Aiken and others

The Senate has amended the bill to provide that no more lands are rendered to their former owners the occupants shall receive from the Government forty acres out of the public lands

The Mississippi land bill has been temporarily laid over by the Committee on Ways and Means. A new bill has been drawn If the Secretary accepts the modification, no law will be necessary

The prospect of the new bill will meet the views of both the Secretary and the committee, there being no conflict between them.

Washington, Jan 30.—The President's message in answer to the Senate's inquiry relative to the negotiations in 1861 with Mexico, for the purpose of marching United States troops from Guaymas to Arizona, through Mexico, encloses papers giving the correspondence between Secretary Seward and Senor Romero, dated May 4, 1861, upon the subject

Washington, Jan 30 —The Commissioner of Internal Revenue recommends that in future $1000 of the income be exempted from taxation but that not over three hundred dollars be deducted for house rent.

Washington, Jan. 30.—*Senate*—Mr Wilson introduced a bill providing for national defence by establishing active volunteer militia through out the United States, enrolling all able bodied men between twenty and fifty five.

The bill protecting all persons in their civil rights passed

Mr Salisbury called for the yeas and nays on Mr Trumbull's amendment declaring the negro citizens

Mr Van Winkle spoke against the amendment

Mr Trumbull withdrew it, offering the following substitute, that all persons born in the United States, without distinction of color, race, etc, not subject to any foreign power, are declared citizens.

Mr Guthrie inquired if Mr Trumbull intended to naturalize Indians

Mr Trumbull replied "We deal with Indians by treaty, except in reference to those who are incorporated into the United States, and are subject to taxation

Mr Cowan said the amendment would naturalize a great number of Chinese children in California.

Mr. Trumbull replied that children of Chinese parents born in this country are citizens

Mr Johnson thought the only way to reach the question of citizenship was by Constitutional amendment, and doubted the authority of Congress to pass such a bill

Pending the discussion, the Senate adjourned

House.—A message was received from the President transmitting information regarding the surrender of the steamer Shenandoah, which was referred

Mr Rice introduced a bill for the better organization of the Navy

The Senate bill, to enlarge the powers of the Freedmen's Bureau, was taken up

Mr Donnelly suggested an amendment to provide common schools for the education of all who apply therefor

NEW YORK MARKETS

New York, Jan 30.—Cotton dull at 50c Flour quiet Corn 5c. Oats 4c. Sugar very dull Cuba Muscovado 12c. Molasses dull. New Orleans $1 10. Pork $29 25. Bacon 17 18c. Sterling Exchange dull at 108¾. Gold 140¼. Government Stocks quite firm. Stocks stronger

New York, Jan. 31—11:30 A M —Cotton steady at 50c Gold 140¼

FROM SOUTHWEST PASS

Southwest Pass, Jan 30, 12 M —Arrived this morning British schooner Alderson, five days from Matamoros, and schooner Howard D Adams, from Brazos. There is nothing else in sight

Widows vs. Maidens.

A Richmond paper says that young men are scarce in that city, and maidens and widows in search of husbands, very plenty The latter seem to be more successful, and the editor, pleading in behalf of the maidens, says

"We do not think, in view of the great scarcity of men, that it is fair for widows to marry at second time, until all the young maidens have secured husbands The Legislature should to attend to this matter, and protect the interests of the young ladies, for, without the aid of legal enactments, the widows are sure to play the grab game They will, therefore, have to be restrained by the strong arm of the law, as was done in the early colonial history of Virginia, when the House of Burgesses passed an act of the very emphatic character, which we found that all the young men imported into the colony were at once caught by the widows, by superior wiliness and stratagems without any chance being allowed to the modest and retiring young maidens, so the Legislature took the matter in hand, and will have to do so again

The *Cognac*, a French journal, states that the cultivation of vines for brandy distillers use has decreased in France to a remarkable degree, in consequence of the gradual decline in the price of Cognac brandy and the increase in the value of other products In the Grand Champagne of Cognac, land of the first quality has not been worth more than £250 per hectare (2½ acres) for the last ten years, while the meadow land has risen to £440 New brandy was worth above £10 the twenty five gallons in the same district in the years 1856 and 1857 There has been a constant diminution in the price since the year 1858, which may be set down at present at twenty five per cent

NEWSPAPERS AND LIBELS.—We read in the N Y *World* of a late date

Judge Jones made a decision of no little importance to the press in the case of McCabe vs. the *Sunday Mercury* He ruled, in effect, that a newspaper could not be held responsible for publishing *ex parte* testimony given before a grand jury or a committing magistrate Under the usual interpretation of the law of libel, a newspaper was liable to an action for damages if it gave the substance of a charge against any one, unless it could prove the charge true, thus making it in effect a party to every case it reported

Rents in New York, hitherto outrageously high, will be put up to 30 to 50 per cent, February 1st A double store in Dunne street, leased by a jobbing concern for five years at $27,000 a year, had been let by them for $43,000.

The Representatives from the Southern States are fully recognized at the executive department. They have the franking privilege, and are requested to nominate candidates for the military and naval schools. These are small rights, but they are all the President, according to his understanding of his duties, has the right to confer. They are of vast importance as indicating the views and purposes of the administration

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

An Abusive Couple.—Mr and Mrs. Maloney were accused of having, on Baronne street, a few days ago, grossly insulted and abused Mr. John Cass, of No. 272 Baronne street. They were further charged with being in the habit of abusing their neighbors at the corner of Clio and Franklin streets. The Recorder ordered them to give peace bonds.

A fatal Dose.—A boy named Jacob Kock, 6 years of age, died yesterday at No. 413 Jackson street. The Coroner's jury declared that he came to his death from drinking from 12 to 14 persons at "Kirchwasser."

Arrested.—On the coroner's warrant, officer Majnyng imprisoned Edw. B. Turpin, as accessory to the murder of H. L. Newberry.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOUISIANA.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 1866.

Senate.—This body came to order as usual the Hon. A. Voorhies presiding.

Mr. Wilcox moved, according to previous notice, a reconsideration of the vote on the bill suspending proscription in certain cases. The reconsideration was granted. Mr. Lobl was opposed to the adoption of the bill as sacrificing on the Judiciary. His motion to lay the whole bill on the table was carried.

A bill to refund to the Senator from Natchitoches, Caddo, &c., his expenses in the contestation for his seat was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A resolution for the relief of the Valverde Sentinel and to construct a passable road as a means to communicate with this city, was adopted.

The report of the Committee to examine into the condition of Railroad Companies, offered on behalf of the committee by Mr. Mohan, was received and spread on the minutes.

An act appropriating $75,000 for the payment of the members, officers and employés of the legislature, was adopted.

The act relative to the incorporation of associations to engage in the factorage and commission business was called up as the order of the day.

This bill was before the General Assembly in the last session and provides for the incorporation of associations of not less than six persons, with a capital of not less than one million of dollars, to pursue the business above mentioned.

Mr Hagan opposed the bill by not only denouncing it unconstitutional, but also by objecting to its tendency to monopoly, and eventual corrupting influence, as a body without soul Capital, the gentleman admitted, was much needed for this State, but he was of the opinion that it would come, as the water seeks its level

Mr Keenan thought it would have been enough for the opposing gentleman to have shown the unconstitutionality of the proposed act without the decapitation going onto spearing and hanging into chains, and resting emphatic against the honest intention of the bill He wished to draw capital to this State for the assistance of the agricultural interest

Pending the argument, it becoming late in the evening, Mr Hagan moved an adjournment with the understanding that the debate continue to morrow

The Senate then adjourned

House The House was called to order at 1 o'clock, P M, by the Speaker, Hon D S Cage At roll call eighty members answered to their names Rev D Hedges opened the session with prayer

On motion of Mr Delahaye, Mr Davenport was granted leave of absence for ten days

On motion of Mr Austin, the act relative to the State printer was withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and referred to the Printing Committee On motion of Mr Sills, the latter Committee was requested to report on this bill Saturday morning A resolution, offered by Mr Gates, of St Martin, to appoint a special committee, composed of the delegation from that parish, for the purpose of inspecting the building of the Franklin College, in the town of Opelousas, was adopted

A Memorial from the President and Directors of the St Andrew Asylum praying for relief, was referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions

A Report presented by Mr Murray on behalf of the Committee on Charitable Institutions, relative to the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, was ordered to be printed for the use of the House The same Committee presented a report relative to the Insane Asylum

Mr Robinson, on behalf of the Committee on Banks and Banking, presented a report which was ordered to be printed

The special committee, appointed to amend the City Charter, reported favorably the substitute on Mr Solomon's bill, to organize the Police force of the City of New Orleans

An act to create two Sheriffs for the Parish of Orleans was returned by the same Committee and referred to the Judiciary

An act introduced by Mr Lobl, to amend section 8 of an act, entitled an act to consolidate the City of New Orleans, was referred to the Committee composed of the City Delegation

Mr Ewing's act, regulating forced sales of unmovable property was referred to the Committee on Judiciary

The same Committee was referred an act, introduced by Mr Williamson, to amend an act, relative to forced surrenders and the early of making the same

Mr Scanlan's act, to take the Census of the State, Mr Thomas's act, to establish the status of former slaves, now known as freedmen, a joint resolution, offered by Mr Williamson, to appoint a special Committee to revise the Penal Code of Louisiana and a number of bills for the relief of sundry persons were referred to the Committee on Claims

Mr Theriot's bill, relative to town taxes in the town of Houma, was referred to the Committee on Parished Affairs

An act, to organize the militia of this State was referred to the Committee on Militia

Mr Peterson's act, fixing the compensation of jurors in the Parish of Orleans was referred to the City Delegation

Mr. Thieneman's joint resolution to appoint a committee for the purpose of founding a Soldiers Home was adopted On the part of the House, the following were appointed for this committee Messrs Thieneman, Schaar Mann, Murray Freret, Peterson and Waggaman

An act, authorizing the Banks to discount paper at 8 per cent per annum and an act to incorporate the town of Tangipahoa in the parish of St Helena, were finally passed

An unfavorable report from the Committee on Judiciary, on Mr Thieneman's bill relative to the publicity of land mortgaged was received

Mr Elam's bill to amend article 180 of the Code of Practice was on motion of Mr Fenner postponed indefinitely 49 yeas, 28 nays The object of this bill was to create a stay law

Pending the discussion on Mr Elam's bill to amend Article 312 of the Code of Practice the House adjourned

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 31, 1866.

The general market exhibited only a moderate degree of activity during the day, the movement in our leading staple was on a still more liberal scale, the sales summing up 4,800 bales, making, with the 3,600 bales yesterday, a total for the past two days, of 8,400 bales, which may be expected to make some increase in the supplies of Exchange

Gold opened with higher pretensions on the part of holders, predicated on the improvement at New York, but there was only a limited demand, either from speculators or for the country, they were unable to establish any improvement, the market closing at last evening's quotations of 139¾ and 140 The sales included $2,000, two lots of $5,000 and $10,000 at 139¾; $3,000 and $10,000 at 139 7-16, three lots of $2,000, $4,000, $7,000 and $10,000 at 140, and $5,000 and $10,000 at 140 1-16 Specie and Silver included $1,250 in American half-dollars at 134, $800 at 135, and $2,000 at 135 1-2 Dealers paid 132 and 133 for the small sums offered at their counters, and sold at 135 and 136 Mexican dollars were at a fraction under Gold, but occasionally exchanged for it at par To day one lot of $500 sold at 139 1-4

Foreign Exchange was rather more active yesterday, and buyers were under the necessity to which sellers would not submit The sales of Sterling included £8000 good clear bills at 148, about the same amount to a bank at 148, 148½ and 148¾ at 148¾, 149 and 149¼, £1000 at 149 ¼, £3000 at 149¼ and 149½ for first class at 149¾ and 149¾, £2500 at 149¾, £2500 at 149¾, and £12,200 (6000 first class and £6200 magistral credits in two bills) at 150 In France we noticed sales of about 100,000 commercial at 3.80; and 400,000 (100,000, 100,000 and 200,000) at 3.78¾. We now quote Sterling at 148½ to 147¾ for bill of lading bills, 147¾ to 148¼ for good clean, and 149 to 149¼ and 149¼ for 4 to first class, and commercial Francs at 3.80 to 3.77½. The Banks hold Sterling at 150 to 152, and Francs at 3.72½ to 3.73¾ The weakness in the market was partially caused by the receipt of private telegrams in New York quoting Sterling at 8¾ (the press dispatches say 8¾) and partly by a falling off in the demand for remittance.

Domestic Exchange was dull and drooping but still a large portion of the business was at previous rates The banks and dealers checked on New York at ¼ to ¾ discount, the latter being the rate at which the most sales took place Out doors, the sales included $100,000 New York sight, $20,000, 40,000 and 10,000, at ¾ discount and $55,000, 10,000, 20,000 and 25,000, at ¾, $50,000 Boston sight, at ¼, $30,000 New York sight at ¾ to par, $11,000 on days sight at ¼, $30,000 five days at ¾, a moderate amount of fifteen days at ¼, and $10,000 thirty days at ¼ the counter demand was better than yesterday, but still only moderate

There was more animation in Stocks, the sales including 35 shares City Railroad at 80 and 20 at 79, 175 Citizens Bank at 112½, and 10 at 113, 10 Louisiana at 77¼, 100 Crescent City Bank at 140, and 200 Bank of New Orleans, in three or four lots, prices not reported The sales of City Bonds included 3 Railroad, July coupon, at 70 We have noticed sales of 5 State Bonds at 56½, and some Jackson Railroad Construction bonds at 62½. The City Bonds are quoted at 80 to 82½ for the Consolidated and 70 to 80 for the railroad issues, according to the coupon State Bonds are held at 67½ There were some sales of Insurance Scrip, including a lot of Crescent at 58c per dollar.

The Uncurrent Bank notes market exhibited little activity, but Merchants Bank bills were in request at 78 The sales include $600 Bank of Louisiana at 50½c per dollar, $600 Louisiana State Bank at 73, and $1,300 Merchants Bank at 77¼ and $2,400 at 78 We now quote Bank of Louisiana at 48 to 50, and 50½ to 51c per dollar Louisiana State Bank at 69 to 70, and 72 1-2 to 73, Merchants' Bank at 72 to 73, and 77 to 78, Crescent City Bank at 80 to 82, and 83 to 88, Union Bank at the same and Bank of New Orleans at 83 to 85, and 87 1-2 to 90 The New range of the above figures represents the amount paid by dealers for the small sums offered at retail counters, and the outside figures of the marketing round amounts City Treasury Notes rule at 4 1-4 to 5 4 per cent discount. They are the general medium of exchange in our local trade, and are received for both State and City taxes

DIED.

Yesterday at 7½ o'clock A. M ALICE CAROLINE, daughter of C. Tokedane and Clara M. Fenlat

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited, without further notice, to attend the funeral, THIS MORNING, at 10 o'clock precisely, from the corner of Dreadnaut and Eighth streets.

A. CARRIERE,

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

IMPORTER OF WINES, BRANDIES, ETC.

125.....Bienville Street.....125

EXCHANGE,

For sale on

PARIS AND BORDEAUX.

Notice to State Tax Payers.

All persons indebted to the State of Louisiana, for the State Tax of 1865 and Tax Sale Licenses of 1864, are hereby notified that the same must be paid at the office of the undersigned, from 9 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M.

V. GERODIAS,

State Tax Collector, Second District, N. O.

Office, No. 8 St. Peter street, (Pepitache's Buildings.)

STOLEN FROM A. LESSEPS,

At the English Turn Plantation, on Saturday night, the 27th inst., a mulatto colored MULE, branded 3OS on one shoulder and the letter L on the other shoulder. Twenty-five Dollars reward will be paid for the recovery of said Mule. Apply at No. 30 Esplanade street. jan31 3t

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE DELTA,

Wednesday Evening, January 31, 1866.

COTTON.—The movement was continued today with every more spirit than yesterday, and as the supply was ample, affording a fair scope to buyers, the sales summed up 4,800 bales, taken by thirteen brokers at about previous rates. Compared with yesterday's business, the market evinced a decidedly better tone, with more regularity and increased stiffness in prices, but although, on the whole, the advantage was rather on the side of sellers, it was not sufficient to require any change in our quotations, excepting in Ordinary, which was in good request and sold at fully rates We accordingly quote Ordinary at 40 to 42c, Good Ordinary at 44 to 45, Low Middling at 46 to 47, and Middling at 48 to —. The telegrams from New York quoting Middling steady at 50c, was regarded as decidedly favorable, and no doubt stimulated the movement. It was currently rumored tend towards the close that a bigger boat ness had been done, nearly all the principal buyers being credited with more than they actually purchased.

STATEMENT OF COTTON

Stock on hand September 1st, 1865		
Received to-day		
Received previously		
Total		
Cleared to-day		
Cleared previously		
Stock on hand and on shipboard not cleared		

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The receipts of sugar yesterday are confined to 22 barrels Molasses no Sugar The Molasses cleared Saturday Prime and sold at 90c per gallon The market is a stand-still, there being no supplies offered Sugar or Molasses in first hands on sale A lot of 40 hogsheads Sugar, cleaning down to good Common, sold at 15c per pound We hear of either remains in the hands of dealers, holding at the usual advance on first hand sales The sales of White Clarified Sugar Yesterday were at 17½c per pound, not Exchange

WESTERN PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.—The market is quiet and unchanged Receipts are light the demand is fair, and prices are about the same as previously quoted for Flour and Corn showing more firmness

FLOUR The stock is small, the receipts very light, and Superfine is getting very scarce A good local demand continues to prevail and prices show an upward tendency There were sales to day of 2,000 barrels, of which, 500 in five equal lots at $7 75, 100 do at $8 Superfine, in three equal lots at $7 50, 100 Fair Extra and 200 do. in two equal lots at $8 50, 100 Fair to Good Extra at $8 75, 100 Choice Extra at $12 per barrel Very active retail business is doing at $8 to $9 per barrel for Superfine

CORN Continues in good demand, there is no stock in store and the supplies are small at previous prices There were sales of 1,000 sacks of shelled Corn at 90c, in two terms 500 and 1,500 Yellow and White at $1 05 to 5 Yellow mixed and sold White at $1 10 per bushel, which are the ruling prices

HAY The only transactions reported to day were resales of 250 bales at 70c, and 50 bales at $1 15 per 100 pounds

OATS The market is quiet but firm and unchanged There were sales of 800 sacks in private terms 600 at 52½c, and 200 at 55c per bushel

BACON The market is quiet but firm and unchanged There were sales of 500 sides at 15½c per pound

LARD—We have no sales of any importance to report Round lots of Prime in tierces are quoted at 16c per pound, in a jobbing way 16½c is obtained Kegs are scarce and demand at retail 21½ to 22c per pound, and round lots are quoted at 21c

COAL OIL—In selling in a jobbing way at $1 05 to 1 10 per gallon in cases and 90c to 95c in barrels

WHISKY—There is only a retail business doing at $2 35 per gallon for Rectified

STAR CANDLES—Short weight are selling in lots of 50 and 100 boxes at 20c, and full weight at 25 to 26c per lb.

HERLADS—Are selling in small lots at 28 a piece

BALING STUFFS—The market is at a stand still—there is scarcely any demand even in retail, and it is only occasionally a small sale is made by dealers at 17½c per lb for Hale Rope, 20c for Twine, 26c per yard for India Bagging in rolls and 30c in bales

SUNDRIES—Potatoes are selling at $4 50 to 5 Onions at $2 50 to 2 75 for Western, and $3 to 3 50 for Northern, Apples at $3 to 5, and Beans at $3 to 5 per barrel Eggs at 25c to 28c per barrel

SNOW BROOT—We note sales of 12 barrels at 27c per barrel

COFFEE—There have not been any sales from first hands Dealers are supplying the demand at 28c per pound for Ordinary Rio, 29 to 29½c for Fair, and 30½c per pound, currency, for Prime to Choice

EXCHANGE—The rates are ¼ to ½ per pound for Cotton by steamships for New York, Cotton for Boston, ⅛c by sail for Boston, 11/16d by sail for Liverpool, 15c for Havre, and 15c by steamship for Liverpool.

Nothing else reported.

Cattle Market.

CITY OF JEFFERSON, February 1, 1866

Arrived yesterday 25 Texas Beeves, 270 Sheep, 3 Calves and 7 Milch Cows.

Sold 190 Western Beeves, 180 Texas Beeves, 11 Yearlings, 60 Hogs, 500 Sheep, 24 Calves and 7 Milch Cows

Stock on sale: 220 Western Beeves, 520 Texas Beeves, 66 Yearlings, 140 Hogs, 213 Calves and 50 Milch Cows

Western Beeves, 1st quality, ₱ lb net	14 @ 15
Western Beeves, 2d quality, ₱ head	13 @ 14
Western Beeves, 3d quality, ₱ head	12 @ 13
Texas Beeves, 1st quality, ₱ lb net	12 @ 13
Texas Beeves, 2d quality, ₱ head	25 @ 30
Texas Beeves, 3d quality, ₱ head	15 @ 20
Native Texas Cows, ₱ head	20 @ 25
Western Hogs, ₱ lb gross	12 @ 14
Grade Hogs	7 @ 12
Sheep, in lots, ₱ head	3 @ 4
Texas Sheep, ₱ head	3 @ 4
Grade Sheep, ₱ head	3 @ 4
Milch Cows, ₱ head	50 @ 60
Yearlings, ₱ head	10 @ 14
Calves, ₱ head	7 @ 12

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, February 1, 1866.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

Steamship Austin, Scrimgeour, for Galveston.

Steamship Tartar, Howes, for Galveston and Indianola, J C Harris Master

Steamer Magnolia, Everidge, for Mobile, Master

Steamer Fanny Forest, Rhodes, for Mobile, Master

Steamer Bienville, Hoeffer, for Mobile, Master

Steamer Louisa, Hopkins, for Mobile, Master

Sch Tallaman, Johnson, for Pensacola, Master

Schr Swift, Anderson, for Apalachicola, E K Foster master

Schr Caliphonia, Pland, for Mobile, Master

Schr Desdemona, Apsland, for Mobile, Huntington Bros

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Steamship Tappahannock, Brown, from Apalachicola, to L M Morris—4th district 46.

Steamship Potomac, Merrill, from Galveston, to Brown & Haws—1st district 13

Steamship J L Smallwood, Gill, from New York via Apalachicola, to F Miltenberger—4th district 46

Ship Theodore Kinsey (British), Laird, from Liverpool Nov 29th, to Hillendahl & Co—Point

Bark Malta (British) Carrigall, from Liverpool Nov 25th to master—Point

Brig Comet, (Hall), Crabb, from Palermo, to R Tranchina & co—31 district 29

Brig Palmer, Stanton from Cardenas, to A Thomson & Co—1st district 23

Schr J W Maitland, ——, from Brazos Santiago, to master—Point Pelican

Schr Ida, Hallett, ——, from Brazos Santiago, to master—Point

Schr Sil ia, Gregory from Mobile, in ballast to master—New Basin

Steamer Gertie, Reddet from Montgomery (Ala) Steamer Louisa, Hopkins, from Mobile.

—STEAMBOATS—

Continental rally, Lloyd, from Cairo

Nine Diamonds, Bradford, from Bayou Sara

Little Martha, McMahon, from Canadian

H K Dunkerson, Boley, from Alexandria

TOWBOAT REGISTER.

The towboat Gladiator, Shultz, from the Passes Towed down a coal barge, and ships R M Harrison and Scotland—brought up ships Pulaski and Gunter

The towboat Sweepstakes, Davis, from the Passes Towed down a coal barge, 28th—brought up ship Thy Kinsey

BELOW COMING UP.

Ship Anna Dorothea, (British) Scott, from Liverpool Nov 16th, master

Ship Tea Taster, Jones, from Liverpool 22d Nov

Ship Crown and Thistle, (British), ——, from Jamaica

Brig R S Hazard, ——, from ——

Sch Belle Lee, ——, from ——

EXPORTS

GALVESTON AND INDIANOLA—Per steamship Austin—1 cs boots 1 cs shoes 1 cs tobacco 1 cs mdse 1 cs drugs 1 cs cigars 1 cs mdse 1 cs mdse 1 cs mdse