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NEW ORLEANS:
FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 12, 1866.

MR. JUST. COMES is our Agent for all the river parishes between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

By John L. Lasenche & Co., at Nos. 26 and 28 Conti street, Champagne, Claret, Tea, Madeira, Furniture, &c.

By E. M. Jacobs, at 90 Exchange Place, Furniture, &c.

A young lady, who we are assured is highly accomplished particularly in music, desires a situation as piano-teacher. Her address is given in an advertisement elsewhere in our columns.

We are indebted to Mr. C. G. D. Holle, No. 61 Exchange Alley, for the latest copies of the *Budget of Fun*, *Harper's* and *Frank Leslie's Weeklies*, the *Chimney Corner*, and New York *Ledger*, and *Mercury*.

LOST DOG.—Recorder Gastinel has lost a dog, for the recovery of which he offers a liberal reward. See the advertisement.

FENIAN BROTHERHOOD.—Centres and officers of Circles are requested to call at the Brooks House, corner of Bank and Canal streets, at 8 o'clock this evening, for the transaction of business. The attention of all interested in the cause of "Irish liberty on Irish soil" is specially invited to the advertisement of Mr. Kelly, D. C. O. I. R., published elsewhere.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.—Judge P. H. Morgan, of this city, has received the appointment of U. S. Attorney for the District of Louisiana. He is a native of the State and as Judge of our Second District Court, and long a successful practitioner at the Bar, displayed an ability which we doubt not will amply qualify him for discharging the duties of the office and as we hope satisfactorily to the public.

A GROWING MYSTERY.

The ghastly scheme of needless secrecy which was enacted in regard to the disposition of the body of J. Wilkes Booth, was one of those weak contrivances which are predestined, after failing of their intended object, to return and plague the inventors. They succeeded, indeed, in surrounding the affair with plenty of mystery, but this mystery is taking a shape that was neither desired, nor conjectured as an incidental possibility by its contrivers, to whose confusion it is now receding. Ordinarily we can sympathize with public officers when the coarse questions of their note concerning unquestioned felons are seen taking an unpleasant turn for themselves. In such cases they are supposed to have done their duty or to have tried to do it, conscientiously and to the best of their ability, and not to have gone further in a spirit of wanton cruelty or vengeance, for the sake of mercenary advantage or of false glory. But the benefit of this opposition can not be claimed in behalf of the actors and the authors of the posthumous drama, performed eighteen months ago in Washington City, and through which, as it is now recalled by memory, flits hither and thither as vaguely as the spectral Junius in the "Vision of Judgment" and at last disappears beyond the horizon of visible or even conjectural ubiety—a dead body. But was it, the body of J. Wilkes Booth? We do not ask the question. We have heretofore studiously ignored the asking of it, as the merest doubt of the personal identity in this case would suggest a hideous national scandal, and one of the most dismal farces ever played in any country or age, by perverted authority, under the pretext of condign justice We only repeat the question, after it has been often asked, in various quarters and in various forms, sometimes seriously, sometimes flippantly; sometimes in the manner of logical skepticism, sometimes in the evident purpose of sensational effect. We repeat it as in itself an almost incredible fact, a marvel scarcely less startling, and perhaps almost as ominous, as the awful crime, the terrible solecism in American history, which led to the occasion for asking it. History records a few analogous assassinations in other countries, and in times when punishments were in general more cruel and more often attended by devices of awe and mystery than they are in these days. But not one of these present posthumous features that bear any parallel to this Washington example contributed to the *curious appendix* of history by Mr. Stanton, Detective Baker and others, who, more original than felicitous, more ingenious than delicate, and more industrious than considerate and prudent, embellished the assassination and its extemporized expiation with a superfluous embroidery of melodramatic horror and ghastly mystery. No such scene attended the death of Ravaillac who assassinated Henry the Fourth, or of Damiens who attempted to assassinate Louis the Fifteenth, or of the desperate Englishman who shot the British Minister Perceval at the entrance of Parliament House. In these cases justice was executed with rigor, the crimes against the nations through the persons of their rulers met the heaviest penalties which are known or tolerated in civilized jurisprudence. It was reserved for this period and for this country to witness the addition of a barbaric adornment which, as now fading into its true moral darkness and shabbiness, makes so sorry and scandalous a spectacle.

Most readers are doubtless familiar with the various published stories and theories about the disappearance of Booth's body, and about the asserted suppression of a spurious corpse and the surviving of the real Booth. The agents in the affair appear to be in the awkward position of men put on their defense without any testimony regarding the *corpus delicium* but their own which is not admissible. As to the identity of the body or the bestowal of it, they would seem to be the only witnesses, and they are the accused and the precise parties who would have had an interest in practising deception in the beginning and in keeping it up afterwards. Of what value would be the testimony of men suspected of having imposed on Government a supposititious body, in the place of an escaped criminal, for the sake of the reward offered for his body? And if it were possible that Mr. Stanton or other high officers were grossly imposed on by the trick, they would not be likely to make haste in undeceiving themselves or confessing the chest and undeceiving others. The anonymous statement that the body was, out of considerate delicacy, secretly conveyed to the family of Booth, is not in keeping with the avowed and needless indignities to the body before its disappearance. It is to be hoped that this affair, whatever be the truth or the falsehood about it, will cure men in authority from any ambition they may have to win fame by inventing penal mysteries to embellish the horrors of crime and of criminal justice.

TAUR.—A telegram from New Orleans says: Merchants and capitalists from the North and West are arriving daily to establish themselves in business, and complain that the only difficulty they find is, that the stores are all rented, and none for sale which are not leased already.

AMUSEMENTS.

VARIETIES THEATRE.—The "Lady of Lyons" drew a fine house last night. Mrs. Chanfrau's *Pauline* was a pretty conception. The love passages were brought out charmingly, while the triumph of *Pauline's* new, over her old, self was artistically drawn. Mr. Carden supported her ably as Claude.

To-night we are to have the play of "Stranger," to be followed by a dance by Miss Rose Wood, and the farce of "Eton Boy."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—A varied and most attractive entertainment is announced for this evening. The Zavistowskis, in their charming dances, are as popular as ever. We note no difference in them, except, it may be, that little Alice is "nearer to heaven by the altitude of a chopine" since last we laid eyes on her.

In addition to the ballet and olio performances, the ever-popular play of "*French Spy*" is up again for to-night. Mlle. Christine, as *Renaud*, keeps the audience on a tenterhook by the gracefulness of her movements, and the telling eloquence of her "dumb show." Her combat with *Malcourt* is worth seeing, and sends an assembly home with a higher conviction than before of the nerve and strength of a woman.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—The capital plays of "Pearl Pip" and "Toodles," with Ben DeBar to point the moral, are the attraction for to-night. A more lively entertainment cannot easily be thought of. The lovers of the broadly humorous should rally more numerously around Ben. He is giving a series of his most taking characters, and deserves to meet with more of his admirers than have been seen since his engagement.

The Texas Legislature has appointed a committee to come to New Orleans and remove to Austin the remains of the lamented A. Sidney Johnston. The Legislature has also passed a resolution directing correspondence to be opened with Mrs. Johnston, who, with her children, is in destitute circumstances, in California, with the view of effecting them assistance.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(To the New Orleans Bee.

The Late Express Robbery.

Another Railroad Robbery.

Railroad Bridge Destroyed.

A Female Candidate for Congress.

The Atlantic Cable Stock.

Advance in Cotton—Gold 157 in New York.

Political News—Treaty Between China and Italy Proposed.

News from Washington—The Constitutionality of Congress Reported Questioned by the President.

The Report of the Cause of the Advance in Gold.

An Appointment from Louisiana.

Washington, Oct. 11.—A dispatch appeared in the Philadelphia *Ledger* this morning, dated Washington, pronouncing that the President had previously had an interview with Attorney-General Stanbery, respecting the constitutionality of Congress and that an opinion in writing would be given against the legality of that body. The dispatch caused great sensation, the effect being felt quite seriously in mercantile circles. Gold made an advance to 153½, during the day, owing to the influence which its authority for saying, however, that the statement is not in accordance with the fact, no questions of such a character having ever been submitted by the President to the law officer of the Government.

The President to-day appointed Wickham Hoffman, of Louisiana, attaché to the Secretary of the United States Legation at Paris.

A heavy rain has been falling since yesterday afternoon. The streams in this vicinity are very much swollen and there has been considerable damage to property.

New York, Oct. 11.—Evening.—Gold closed at 153. Treasuries, 106; 10-40's, 99; 5-20's, 113¾; Coupon sixes 113¾. Flour dull; sales 7700 barrels of Southern at $11 90 to $16 25. Wheat quiet and heavy. Corn 1 cent better; sales 98,000 bushels. Oats 1 cent better. Pork firm at $33 20. Lard heavy at 16¾c to 18c. Whisky firm. Cotton is higher at 39 to 40c; sales of day 3000 bales. Freights steady. Turpentine 68c to 70c. Rosin $4 37 to $9 50.

New York, Oct. 11.—Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton presents herself in a card published elsewhere this morning to the voting population of the 8th Congressional District as a candidate for Representative in Congress. She professes independent principles with a moral reservation in favor of the Republican party, pronounces in advocates negro suffrage and asks support on the high ground of safety of the nation and justice to its citizens.

The Atlantic Telegraph Company held a special meeting on the 27th of September in London. The directors submitted a report asking the approval of the action of the Board of Parliament for power to increase the nominal capital to five millions pounds sterling including the existing capital. It is stated that if they excluded all exceptional days when the cable could not work at all the average earnings would be nine hundred and sixty pounds a day.

New York, Oct 11.—The Congressional Committee for the investigation of frauds is now in session at the Astor House.

Baltimore, Oct. 11.—There are heavy floods on all the streams, working considerable damage to property and loss of life. A number of mill dams and bridges have been carried away.

Baltimore, Oct. 11.—To-day's session of the Plenary Council of the Roman Catholic Church was public. Bishop Blanchet, of Oregon, celebrated a requiem mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased prelates of the Church Bishop Bayley, of Louisiana, delivered an eulogy on their life and services.

The rain continued to fall to-day almost without intermission. The Winchester bridge on the Baltimore and Ohio road, thirteen miles from Baltimore, which is a heavy stone one, gave way before the tremendous volume of water. This was the only stone railroad bridge on the road, and had successfully resisted all former floods.

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—Advices from Japan to September 4, report the arrival at Sokohama of General Van Valkenburg, United States minister to Japan. Both were on a visit to Yeddo. Burlingame was expected to leave soon for China.

The Italian Minister had given a banquet to the French Minister on board the steamer Magenta, which subsequently left for China. The Italian Minister proceeds to Pekin for the purpose of making a treaty between China and Italy.

Cincinnati, Oct. 11.—The returns from forty counties give a Radical majority of forty-five thousand seven hundred votes. The remaining forty-three counties will probably keep the majority at about forty-five thousand.

General Morgan (Democrat) is elected in the Thirteenth District.

Cincinnati, Oct. 11.—Flour firm—demand light, and advance in gold stiffening the market. Superfine $10 25 to $10 75; trade and fancy brands $11 75 to $15. Wheat firm at $2 85 for No. 1 spring and $2 80 for No. 2 spring; steady at 82c. Oats No. 1, 42c. Whisky firm and quiet at $2 33. Pork $32 50 to $32 75. Bulk Meats held firmly at 14½ to 16c. Bacon 16½ to 20 for Shoulders and Clear Sides. Lard dull at 17c. Cotton held firmly at 38c, hardly any offering. Gold 153¾ with an unsettled market.

St. Louis, Oct. 11.—Flour inactive; medium extra sugar, nominal, due $9 75 to $10 25; single extra $10 75 to $11; double extra $11 25 to $11 75. Wheat dull, buyers contending for concessions; prices not quotably lower. Corn dull at 76 to 83c. Oats firm at 47½ to 51c. Provisions and Whisky unchanged.

Louisville, Oct. 11.—Sales 126 hhds. of leaf tobacco at full rates; cutting $52. Flour, superfine $9 25. Prime red Wheat $2 75. Corn in bulk 82c. Oats 48c. Pork $32 50. Bacon active; Shoulders 15c. Clear Sides 20¾. Lard in tierces 18c. Whisky $2 33.

Two men supposed to have been engaged in the robbery of the Adams Express Company, were arrested near Seymour to-day. They belonged in the vicinity. Their names are not given.

The paymaster's train of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, while running southward this morning, was thrown off the track near Bowling Green by the displacement of a rail by five men, who robbed the paymaster's safe of $11,000 belonging to the road. The Company has offered $2000 and one quarter of the funds which may be recovered, for the apprehension of the robbers.

Boston, Oct. 11.—Gen. Couch entered upon his duties as Collector of Customs on Tuesday, as successor to ex-Vice President Hamlin.

Brunswick, Ala., Oct. 11.—The draw bridge across the Escambia river, was finished to-day, and trains run through unbroken connection by rail now from Vicksburg to Selma.

Vicksburg, Oct. 11.—Passed up: Continental, at 8 P. M. River falling slowly.

Southwest Pass, Oct. 11.—The steamship Missouri, from New York Oct. 3, crossed the bar at 2 P. M. The wind was blowing such a gale that it was impossible to board her. The British schooner Elodie, 20 days from Havana, has arrived inside the bar. She has 447 boxes of sugar to E. Troigros, 4 boxes of wax candles to A Verdeau Bros., 13 cases of cigars to Jos Domingo, 2 sacks piesdons, and 2 bdxes paper to C. & Piano.

Ship Vanguard, Russell master, 15 days from New York, anchored on the bar this a. m.

Barks St. Cloud, Brunswick and Empress Carlotta went to sea at 11 A. M. Barks Celeste Clerk and Bridgeport are still inside awaiting steam.

Ship El Dorado is ashore inside the bar. Two tugs are working at her.

Ship Prince Arthur, Mayflower and Vanguard and Bark J. U. Brookman are still outside.

Weather clear. Wind north—blowing a gale. Tide good.

[Associated Press Dispatches—Last Evening.]

Mexico—A Battle Probably Fought—The Elections—Cotton and Gold Markets—From the Southwest Pass.

New York, Oct. 11.—The steamer Helaria arrives yesterday from Liverpool. She had twenty cases of chokers on board. Fourteen deaths occurred on the passage, four of which were from cholera.

The notorious burglar and river thief, Bruno Elfrey, was shot last night while stealing cotton.

The *Herald's* Matamoras correspondence says General Mejia, the Imperial commander, has moved on Monterey, and a battle are this has probably taken place.

It is said Maximilian has gone over to the Church party, as the last resort, to satisfy the clergy, restored all the church property, annulled offensive laws, and dismissed his ribbon ministers.

Arrived: Steamers Europa and Moravedia, from Mobile; Saragossa, from Charleston; Catharine Whiting, from Wilmington.

Indianapolis, Oct. 10.—Further returns from the northern part of the State show large Republican gains. From the best estimate that can be made, the majority in the State will be 15 000.

Washburne, Union and Orth, Union, in the Seventh and Eighth Districts, are elected.

First District, Niblack, Democrat, majority 9000; Second District, Kerr, Democrat, majority 1977; Third District, Hoester, Radical, majority 500; Fourth District, Halman, Democrat, 200 to 500; Fifth District, Julian, Radical, 2000 to 3000; Sixth District, Cobarn, Radical, 2200; Seventh District, Washburne, Radical, 500; Eighth District, Orth, Radical, 500; Ninth District, Colfax, Radical, 3000; Tenth District, Williams, Radical, 2000; Eleventh District, Shanks, Radical, 2000. The Republicans claim two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature.

Southwest Pass, Oct. 11.—A tow arrived down this A. M., with the bark St. Cloud, bark Brunswick, bark Empress Carlotta, schooner Kate Brigham and brig Hope. The ships Polar Star, El Dorado, Mayflower and Ceres, are outside the bar.

Bark Bridgeport and bark Celeste Clark, are inside the bar; bark J. M. Brookman is also outside the bar.

Steamship Rapidan went to sea at 5 A. M. Weather clear and cool. Wind north—fresh. Tide low.

New York, Oct. 11, 1 P. M.—Gold 153¾ to 153.

Sterling exchanges 107¼ for sixty day bills. Cotton rules quiet at 36 to 40c.

MARSDEN'S CARMINATIVE SYRUP.—Try it, ye who are suffering from DIARRHŒA, DYSENTERY, and all affections of the bowels. Perfect success guaranteed where the directions are followed.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

THE SITUATION.

Northern Mexico, from the mountains to the Gulf and Bravo, is in the hands of the liberals. That ought to be enough without saying more. The liberals rule. They have no enemy in all the broad domain this side of the Sierra Madre.

At the very latest advices great preparations were making for a battle, so called, at San Luis Potosi, between imperialists and liberals. So many as thirty thousand liberals had been mobilized for offensive operations, whilst Bazaine, Douay and Mejia, with twelve or fifteen thousand men were moving to rescue that State from the impending danger.—*Brownsville Ranchero, Sept. 29.*

FLEEING FROM THE WRATH TO COME.—During the past three days there has been an extraordinary exodus of women and children from the militarily-cursed Heroic Matamoros. Not less than five hundred at least of the above classes have found a refuge among the Mexican portion of our population in the suburbs of the city, and the cry is "still they come."—*Ibid.*

The Mexican Question.

NAPOLEON'S PREPARATIONS FOR A SPEEDY SETTLEMENT.

A Paris letter of the 18th ult. says:—In consequence of some important news received from Mexico on the 15th of the present, month the Emperor of France, who had already dispatched General de Castelnau, his aid-de-camp, to Maximilian, sent him an order by telegraph to come back to St. Cloud, where his instructions were to be revised and modified. Marshal Randon, the Minister of War, was present at this interview, which, I am assured, was of the most important character. According to a version generally accepted, based, I understand, upon the official report of the Emperor's speech, not merely upon the critical condition of affairs in Mexico, but also upon the firmness of attitude recently assumed by the Cabinet of Washington, the intention of the French Government is to bring about a speedy settlement of the Mexican question, so as to get rid, as soon as possible, of a perpetual subject of solicitude and annoyance.

To this effect the fleet of transports collected at Brest and Cherbourg for the purpose of embarking and bringing back the first instalment of troops, is to be largely increased, so as to be capable of carrying the whole of the French contingent and to evacuate Mexico all at once. All that will remain of the French army will then be a small garrison in each of the harbors where the custom-house duties conceded to France by Maximilian are to be collected. Such are, I am assured, the measures just adopted in Cabinet council in reference to Mexico. I must say, however, that the Paris *Patrie* is not quite of that opinion, and asserts, on the contrary, that General Castlnau's mission has not for its object to put immediately an end to the interventon of France in Mexico.

NEWS FROM BROWNSVILLE TEXAS.—We take the following news from the weekly *Ranchero* of September 29th:

A gentleman who arrived in this city last night from San Luis Potosi, which place he left twelve days ago, says he saw Maximilian and several of his generals there the day before he left.

Twelve thousand Imperial troops were there, whilst several thousand more were quartered at various towns in that State.

From all our informant could learn a move on Monterey was regarded probable.

At Monterey he saw General Escobedo, and was impressed with the idea that the General was expecting Mejia, with an overwhelming force, to cross the mountains into the valley very soon. There is certainly something in the wind.

Cortina at last accounts, was at Reynosa and his men were re-enlisting.

A riotous election, attended with considerable street fighting, had taken place in Matamoros, between the respective adherents of Canales and Hinojosa, for Governor of Tamaulipas. Canales, the latter, and his competitor had fled to the American side. The "Americans" under Gen. Ford, it seems, joined in the conspiracy to uncast the Canales. Ford's men were all disarmed on the American side of the Rio Grande and suffered to go at large. The steamer "Chinago," which Ford had directed to be anchored on the West end of the bridge, to take off the Canales party, was seized by the U. S. authorities and anchored on the American. Canales was forcing heavy loans from the merchants of Matamoros.

MARSHAL BAZINE EXPECTED HOME.—The Paris *Press* announces that Marshal Bazine is expected to arrive in France by the steamer from Vera Cruz, due at St. Nazaire about the end of September.

LOOK OUT FOR COUNTERFEITS!—*Watkins, Oct 2.*—A very dangerous $100 counterfeit on the Central National Bank, in this city, is in circulation. The only way for the public to protect themselves will, perhaps, be for the public to refuse for the present all $100 National Bank notes, until they are received from sources of well known respectability. One of the peculiarities of the counterfeit we have referred to is the "C" in the word manufacturing, the left hand of the bill, is defective, and looks like the letter "L." The counterfeiter, however, can soon remedy this defect.

The following from the New York *Tribune*, is a specimen of the sensational dispatches with which the public mind North is daily fed:

New Orleans, Thursday, Oct. 4, 1866.—Some important disclosures will soon be officially made public in reference to secret rebel societies, which permeate the entire South. These organizations have branch circles in New York city and the West. That in New York is said to number 50,000, composed of men who served in the rebel army. Each circle has a different name. Some are known as "The True Sons of the South," others as "The Knights of Arabia," and all are well armed with the most improved weapons, ready at a moment's notice, should a favorable opportunity arise, to renew the struggle for the lost cause. One of the chief members of this organization, now in prison, is said to have made important disclosures. Gen. Sheridan is concentrating troops in this city for important purposes, which will soon be made apparent.

Nine cases of whipping of negroes have been recently officially reported in the parish of Bienville. One old woman, seventy years of age, received 400 lashes.

Terrible Tragedy—A Runaway Couple.

The Albany (N. Y.) *Argus*, yesterday morning, gives the particulars of a tragic occurrence that took place yesterday afternoon in Cooyman's Hollow, near Albany. It appears that a young man named Palmer had been paying his attentions, for some time, to the daughter of Archibald Stevens, and finally became engaged to marry her. Learning of this engagement, the father, who had taken a dislike to Palmer, became exasperated, and forbade him the house, and at the same time cautioned his daughter to have nothing to say or speaking to him thereafter. This was some months ago, and during all this time, and until yesterday, he managed to keep his daughter so close at home that it is reported they had not met. Yesterday, however, during a brief absence from his house, he learned that Palmer and his daughter had met, and had gone off together in a wagon to Cooyman's Hollow, which is about two miles from his home. He immediately started in pursuit, and met Palmer at Cooyman's Hollow near the house of Mr. Barnes Shear, but his daughter was not present. Palmer, upon seeing him, hurriedly, saying as he hastened up stairs: "Where shall I go? Stevens says he'll shoot me!" Shear, following close after, shouted back, "Where's my daughter?" and a moment after the inmates of the house, all of whom were in the rooms on the first floor, heard two or three pistol shots. The next instant Palmar ran down stairs hatless, and the blood streaming down one side of his face, and said hastily, though in front glee, he exclaimed: "I've shot Stevens!" A few minutes after he was seen riding out of the village, with the girl beside him in the wagon. In the meantime Mr. Shear had gone up stairs and found Mr. Stevens quite dead from a pistol-shot which had entered his cheek and pierced his brain. It was the opinion that Palmer was also shot, as a bullet was found in his hat. Mr. Stevens was a wealthy farmer, and a man of excellent reputation, and it is also said that the character of the daughter of Palmer has always been good. One cause of Mr. Stevens's aversion to the marriage was that his daughter was only fourteen years old.

REDUCTION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT—GREAT SUCCESS OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ADMINISTRATION.—The official statement of the public debt on the 1st of October, which we print this morning, shows that its amount on that day was the cash in the Treasury, was $2,573,336; 941. Being back two months, and comparing this with the corresponding statement made on the 1st August, we find that there has been a reduction of $59,762,335, or about sixty millions in sixty-one days. At this surprising rate, the whole debt would be extinguished in less than seven years. It is obvious that the rate of reduction will be rapidly accelerated as the date approaches when the $400,000,000 so large sums now annually paid to keep it up, will be interest will then go towards the liquidation of the principal.

Of course, we are not to expect that the national debt is going to disappear with any such marvellous rapidity. The extraordinary rate of the two last months cannot be kept up throughout the year.

We have no hesitation in ascribing this gratifying result to the policy of President Johnson. We have no wish to withhold from Secretary McCulloch any portion of the praise justly due to his able administration of the finances; but no honesty in the collection of the revenue, no care in its custody, no clearness in his accounts can exempt the Secretary from paying the obligations of the government as they mature. He has no power to enforce economy except in the administration of his own department. That the expenses of the government have been so diminished that the revenue of the government barely overlaps them, is entirely due to the President, and due to that very policy for which he is so indiscriminately decried and maligned by the Radicals. Had he yielded to their notions, every dollar of the revenue would be absorbed in maintaining great armies to stand guard over the South.

The Hartford Bond Mystery.

ARREST OF THE TELLER ON SUSPICION OF DISPOSING OF THEM.

Hartford, Conn., October 4.—It has been published in the papers, within a few days, that $20,000 worth of United States bonds had mysteriously disappeared from the vault of the Hartford National Bank. Mr. Royal Wilcox, a wealthy citizen of this city, made a special deposit of that amount, he claimed, in the bank prior to his going to Europe a few months ago, and he gave the bonds to the president of the bank. The president did not remember having received them, and they could not be found when Mr. Wilcox, who returned recently, applied for them. This gave to the whole transaction the mystery alluded to.

The case was given into the hands of the police, and Chief W. P. Chamberlin has been actively engaged in searching for some clue to the missing property. To-day the following facts transpired: On the 31st of August Mr. Charles D. Tuller, teller of the bank, sold $2,000 of seven thirty bonds to Alfred S. Robinson, gold and stock broker, and the next day disposed of $3000 to B. F. Abbe, banker, which Mr. Abbe subsequently sold to Mr Robinson, who forwarded them to New York. Mr. Tuller also, on the 31st of August, sent $5000 of those bonds to the Fourth National Bank of New York, as a transaction for the bank, and sent afterwards $10,000 to New York for disposal, making $20,000 in all. Mr. Wilcox, the loser, advertised his loss, and gave the numbers of the bonds. Mr. Robinson, through this channel, found that some of the numbers mentioned corresponded with those he bought from Mr. Tuller. This fact was ascertained by Mr. Chamberlin, and from this start he found that Mr. Tuller had disposed of the $10,000 worth of bonds which were missing. Tuller was arrested this morning, and told an unreasonable story, to the effect that a stranger gave him the bonds to dispose of which he did, and as fast as he realized he paid the money over to the unknown, who disappeared as suddenly as he made his appearance before the accommodating teller.

Tuller had an interview with the directors of the bank this afternoon, and it is reported that the matter is to be settled. The affair has created much surprise here, as Tuller is a young man who has borne a high character, and was specially active for his Christian virtues. He is superintendent of a flourishing Sabbath school, and always appeared very enthusiastic in his missionary work. It has been noticed that he lived much finer extravagantly, but nothing serious was thought of it, as his father is a man of considerable property.

The New Steamer Robert E. Lee.

The Louisville *Courier* thus describes this magnificent boat:

The Robert E. Lee was built expressly for the passenger and carrying trade between New Orleans, Vicksburg and the Bends, a distance of upwards of 500 miles, to make nearly trips, equal to traveling 1,000 miles every week; including her time in port, and attending to way business, reckoned another disadvantage. She measurement at a cost exceeding $200,000, and is the largest, and will, we think, prove the fastest boat ever in the trade. Her outfit is equally liberal and complete, and the amount that has ever yet been placed upon a western steamer, the owners being determined that for the honor of the trade, as well as the name, that she shall stand in every particular alone, and without an equal or a rival in her career. The capacity of the boat is equal to the burthen of 3,000 bales of cotton, and will carry 600 tons, and it is expected that she can carry 6000 bales with her guards clear of the water, and not a tier above the second deck. In former times 3,000 bale boat was a rarity, and a "5000 bale" boat the wonder of the age; yet the Lee can carry 6,000 bales, with her guards clear of the water, and make a full load time.

The cabin and outfit of this great southern steamer surpasses that of any boat that has ever yet graced the trade, and her accommodations are on the same scale of the grandeur and magnificence She has sixty-one state rooms in the main cabin, twenty-four extra rooms in the texas for passengers, a nursery for servants and children, and a cabin for colored people adjoining the nursery, in which are state rooms for fifty passengers. This gives her cabin accommodations for 225 persons in rooms; and take her all in all she is the most commodious and complete packet that has ever been built, and a very great improvement in all respects upon any boat that has preceded her, but whether she be equal ever can come after remains to be seen. The main cabin carpet is in a single piece, some 176 feet in length by upwards of 225 feet in length, of royal Wilton velvet, purchased of A. T. Stewart, of New York, and made to order. The furnitures was also made to order, all of the modern style and costly description, being in the solid rosewood, the chairs, sofas, ottomans, &c., most artistically and elaborately carved. The cushions of all the rooms are in crimson satin damask, and the style of the furniture is of new and original designs, all made in this city, at the manufactory of John Simm. She has twenty-four state rooms in the dining hall on the deck, and to accommodate twelve guests, thus seating 240 for dinner, with plenty of room for extra tables, if need be.

The dimensions are as follows: Length of hull, 330 feet; beam, 46 feet; hold, 9¾ feet extreme width, 86 feet, or five feet wider than the new canal locks. The guards are 16 feet wide, her decks very high, and, with her great depth of hold, she can stow 6000 bales of Mississippi or Louisiana cotton without at all encroaching upon the cabin or upper guards.—When fully laden her capacity is equal to 1800 tons.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Photographing the Fire — Messrs. Turner and Cohen took an "instantaneous view" of the fire yesterday on Camp street. The view is excellent, and gives a fine idea of the scene. Could the inflammatory proceedings of the riot of the 30th of July have been as graphically depicted in this way, it might, as our confrere of the *Picayune* suggests, have served a better purpose than the frightful passages of the affair drawn for the public mind by the sensational newspaper artists of the Northern press.

Unfavorable Disappearance.—About ten weeks ago, Mr. H. Hardy left New Iberia, La., and coming to this city, put up at the Attakapas Hotel, on Chartres street, from which he has disappeared without any intimation as to his destination since last Tuesday week. He had in his possession about $1000 in specie and bank notes and $300 in silver, and a draft for $1000 on the firm of Darby & Mouton. He has a sister, Mrs. E. Fernandez, living on Esplanade street, who would be thankful for any information of her brother.

The Fire Again—There was another speck of fire last night, caused by some of the coal oil which had gotten covered up in the fire in the morning, which ignited from the sparks. No harm done except to call out the firemen.

The German *Gazette*, contrary to the report elsewhere, will appear this morning.

The Supposed Suicide—We reported yesterday the death of a man who was found dead in the evening before at 226 St. Peter street, near Claiborne, and who was supposed at the time to have committed suicide. The Coroner has since concluded an inquest on the body and it appears that his name was Emile P. Bry. He is about sixty years of age. The portion of white powder found in a spoon near his bed proves to have been not poison but sub nitrate of bismuth, used for a sick stomach. He rented the room in which he was found dead of a colored woman, Narcisse, who testifies that he took a hearty dinner about 3 o'clock P. M. the day before and went to his room, complaining however of his legs paining him. She heard no further complaint from him, and at the hour of breakfast the day of his death, becoming uneasy about him, she went to his room and found him dead. The deceased was probably laboring under slight aberration of mind, on account of his sufferings. He is said to have been a trader, dealing in small wares, through the State. The verdict of the jury, based on the opinion of Dr. Bayer, and the following letter left by the deceased for Dr. Delery, the Coroner, is that he died of swamp fever. The letter is written in French, of which we give the translation:

NEW ORLEANS, October 7th, 1866.

Dr. Delery:

DEAR SIR—In my voyage from Ouachita by land, I caught a pernicious fever which, in spite of all remedies and medicines, will, I am afraid, prove fatal. In case I should die, I wish you would be good enough to give me a decent burial, and send my bill to Mr. Bry, my brother, who resides at Mouroe, Ouachita, La. He will punctually pay all expenses incurred by you.

Yours, truly,

EMILE P. BRY.

Board of Assistant Aldermen.—An adjourned meeting of this Board was held last night to take up unfinished business—there were nine members present, and Mr. Higinbotham was called to the chair.

A number of resolutions which had passed their first reading were taken up and adopted on the second.

The joint Committee on the Finance and Streets and Landings submitted a report and action during the recess of the Council, which was received and approved.

The same Committee submitted reports.

Mr. Cunningham, on the part of the Committees of Police and Health, suggested that the Mayor be authorized to add one hundred men to the police force proper, and twelve to that of the river police.

Mr. Paisley objected to the increase, and suggested that five be added to the river police and five one additional shiff. Mr. Paisley's amendment was adopted.

A number of bills from the Upper Board were concurred in.

The resolution requiring theatres to furnish one seat to the Mayor and to provide for no other official, was adopted.

The resolution to authorize the Mayor to complete the purchase of a lot of ground corner of Rochelaive street and Bayou Road, to be used for the purpose of building a school house, was, on motion of Mr. Fradon, laid on the table subject to call—more available property for such purpose having been offered for sale to the city.

The Board adjourned.

Destructive Fire Caused by Pretroleum.—About 9 o'clock yesterday morning the third story of the building on Camp street, near the corner of Poydras, occupied as an office and sample warerooms by the Pratoleum Vapor Stove Company, caught fire. It is attributed to the carelessness of a colored man, who, finding the room dark, lit a match, and lighting a candle with it, threw the match, after he had done, in a burnt out remnant of the match into a basket of the combustible fluid—the crude oil, such as is used for the vapor stoves.

The entire stock of the Stove Company was of course speedily destroyed.

Mr. Joseph Coulon, the plumber, whose establishment is immediately underneath, saved a small portion of his goods, but nothing of any consequence. The fourth story of the building occupied by Mr. George W. Sliter is scorched at one side and in rear, and much of his stock damaged by water.

The fourth story of the house adjoining the fire is badly burned, if not wholly destroyed. The building is occupied by Messrs. Bloomhald & Steel, stationers, and the *German Gazette*, all of whom suffered heavily by damage from the water. The *Gazette* office was insured for $10,000.

The furniture from the *Commercial Bulletin* office was removed, but the building suffered no damage. Messrs. Shropshire and Anderson, grocers, on Poydras street, commenced the removal of their stock, but the articles were afterwards taken back. The issue of the *Bulletin*, we learn, will not be delayed by the removal of the furniture, but the publication of the *Gazette* will be suspended several days. There was a great scarcity of water, but the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the flames in less than two hours.

Mr. James Darberman, a member of Jackson Fire Company No. 18, while making his escape from the burning building, fell and severed the main artery of his hand. Dr. Hart was called to his aid, and dressed the wound.

There would seem to be occasion, judging from the frequency of fires resulting from combustible matter, for some stringent legislation on the subject. This is the second or third within the week located in the center of the city recently in stores where petroleum was kept. The Superintendent of the Water Works attributes the scarcity of water to the neglect of officials, in not closing the water plugs elsewhere when the alarm was sounded.

The row of buildings belongs to Mrs. Marsh, and Messrs. J. W. Burbridge & Co., are agents for the same. The building destroyed, we learn, is fully insured. Its value, we presume, may be estimated at about $25,000.

Recorder Akers's Court—John Henderson, colored, is charged before Recorder Akers with having in his possession a carpet bag containing coats, shirts, pants, a watch, and several other articles, all of which he acknowledges stealing from the steamboat Lady Gay.

William Henry, colored, alias Jones, has been locked up by Corporal Galvin and officer Hewitt, charged with burglariously entering the house of Mr. O. Guth, on Willow street, and robbing it of clothing and jewelry to the amount of forty dollars. Wm. Fernandez has been arrested as accessory.

Recorder Gastinel's Court—Mrs Lessert was examined yesterday, on a charge of having repeatedly stabbed her husband about three weeks ago, with intent to murder, and was sent to the First District Court.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, October 11, 1866.

With the exception of some improvement in Flour, there was but little change in Western produce to day and the general market continued quiet, but the movement in our leading staples was attended with unusual activity and a comparatively large business, 3000 bales was done at prices showing an advance of fully 1c per pound, which being mostly for the North will materially add to the surplus of Domestic Exchange.

The Cotton market was highly excited through out the day. Gold opened this morning firm, sadly at 154¾ to 155¾, against 157¾ to 158 the previous evening, but after the receipt of the 11 A. M. telegram there was increased improvement at New York, it shot up to 159¾ and closed firm at about 159. The sales of the day foot up 5000 bales, at 39c for 10,000, at 39¾, $1500 (1000, 1500 and 2000) at 39¾, $1000 (1000 and 1500) at 39¾, $1000 (1000 and 1500) at 39¾, $1000 (1000 and 1500) at 39¾, $1000 (1000 and 1500) at 39¾, $1000 (1000 and 1500) at 39¾, $1000 (1000 and 1500) at 39¾, $1000 (1000 and 1500) at 39¾, $1000 (1000