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Wednesday Morning, Jan. 25, 1854.

THE NORTHERN MAIL failed yesterday from beyond Charleston. The New York papers of the 16th came through, with full advices by the *Europa*.

CONSOLIDATION of the PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Alderman E. Wood PERRY, in behalf of the Committee on Public Education, submitted an elaborate report to the Common Council a few evenings ago, in favor of the proposition to consolidate the public schools of the four districts of New Orleans. The reasoning of the report is specious and plausible, but we are not fully satisfied of its soundness. The principal arguments employed by Mr. PERRY to sustain his views are, economy in the expenditures made for the support of the Public Schools, and uniformity in the system of instruction. There is some force in the argument of these pleas. We are very willing to have the expenses incurred for the maintenance of the schools diminished, though the slightest reflection will prove that as the population and the consequent number of educable children increase, the disbursements required for the schools must likewise augment. The sum actually paid out for public education in New Orleans is little more than half the outlay required in Boston—a city less than one-third more populous. The only economy that consolidation can effect will consist in the suppression of three Superintendents, and two High Schools. Now whether one superintendent can do justice to his office, and visit and examine do justice to his office, and visit and examine weekly fifty schools may well be doubted, Mr. PERRY's opinion to the contrary notwithstanding.

But admitting that something may be saved by the consolidation of the schools, will a uniform system of instruction content a population notoriously divided in origin and language. Here for instance in the Second District, French and English are taught to all the children. In the First and Fourth Districts, French does not form part of the system in the primary and intermediate departments, and is taught very imperfectly, and superficially in the High Schools alone. The parents of children residing below Canal street would be justly dissatisfied were their little ones debarred from attaining a complete and minute acquaintance with so useful and wide spread a language as the French. Unless, therefore, the system of instruction be were so modified as to require French to be taught wherever it forms an essential part of instruction now, consolidation would excite only murmurs and discontent. If the system remains as it stands at present, where would be the uniformity which Mr. PERRY seems so anxious to attain.

The report proposes that the Directors of the Public Schools be elected by the several districts. With respect decidedly to this plan. It is unnecessary, and would only multiply the almost endless list of officers chosen by the people. If this ultra democratic principle be pushed much further, we shall expect to see the watchmen, the police officers, the clerks of public functionaries, and every subordinate strictly and irrationally private, subjected to the fiat of the popular suffrage. The Directors of our Public Schools enjoy no emolument, and consequently few save gentlemen whose means enable them to give their time without sacrifice to the thankless duties of the office, are ever chosen; When attached to the Council, there is a compliment implied in the dignity which generally induces its acceptance. Leave the choice to the people, and how many of our quiet, respectable and intelligent citizens would be willing to have their names placed on a party ticket, for an office attended with much labor and no reward.

The question of consolidating the Schools is one which we think should be properly determined by the people themselves. Our enquiries in relation to it lead us to very opposite deductions from those of the Chairman of the Committee on Public Education. We believe that the reasons are opposed to the measure—but however this may be, let the issue be submitted to them. They are the chief parties interested in it, and should be made the arbiters. We are unanimous to abide their decision.

☞ We are indebted to the Hon. Mr. WASHBURN, of Maine, for public documents.

☞ Our thanks are due the Hon. T. G. HUNT for a copy of the Report of the Patent Office for 1853.

☞ We are indebted to our attentive correspondent at Baton Rouge for the Report of the Superintendent of Public Education.

MYERS' UNIVERSUM.—The publishers have laid us under obligations by sending us Parts X, XI and XII of this beautiful publication.

FIRE AT BATON ROUGE.—As the steamer *B. E. Clark* was passing, a fire broke out at Baton Rouge in the vicinity of the Harney House, the wind blowing severely.

Monument to Judah Touro.

We are gratified to learn that after we had left the Council Chamber on Monday evening Mr. HEIMAN introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee with reference to the erection of a monument to this benevolent citizen. The promptness of action on the part of the mover and the entire unanimity with which the Board of Assistant Aldermen responded to it, are alike creditable to all concerned. We trust the matter will not end in mere declamation or idle resolves.

If a monument is erected to the memory with which the Continental Congress voted monuments to the heroes who poured out their blood upon the battle fields of the Revolution. We have no means at hand of ascertaining the number, but think we may safely speak of a hundred monuments voted to the illustrious dead, which have never to this day left the quarry. If any one portion should be glad to see an ample portion of the so much talked of surplus revenue devoted to the purpose until memorials should pave above the foliage on every hill top to remind the rising generation of the virtues and glory of their ancestors.

COAL! COAL!! COAL!!!—Capt. Greenlaw, of the steamer *Mary Agnes*, which steamer left Paducah, reports having taken on board 100 flatboats laden with coal for this city, all of which will arrive during the coming week should the weather be favorable, and all the upper tributaries rising.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The Grand Division of Louisiana held its annual session in this city, on the 23d inst., when the following named gentlemen were elected officers for the year 1854:

Dr. John W. Harmon, G. W. P.
J. A. Smith, Esq., G. W. A.
Howard Bowen, Esq. (scribe, box B, 179.
Artemon Hill, Esq., G. T.
J. B. Irwin, G. Sen.
Dr. H. Merrifield, G. Con.
Chas. H. Waldo, G. Sen.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE CITY.

VAN AMBURGH'S Ark, freighted with a large portion of Noah's cargo, still continues at the foot of Common street, and attracts daily a large concourse of spectators and auditors—auditors of the terrific growl of the Lions, and spectators of living curiosities on every side.

SCIENCE MUSEUM.—Mrs. Graham, the versatile woman, and the so-styled "mysterious" one, are not the only inducements to a visit to this place. An hour or two may be every day spent there, agreeably and profitably.

DAN RICE'S AMPHITHEATRE.—Let not our readers forget that this is the last week of the unparalled performances of Mlle Zoarante. Such an opportunity of witnessing female equestrianism rarely presents itself.

BY CHARLES THEATRE.—This is the third night of the famous Ravel Troupe. Several new pieces will be brought forward on the occasion. The performance will commence with *Jeannette and Jeannot*, to be succeeded by the Martinette Family, and the entertainments to conclude with the Magic Trumpet.

FRANCIS'S VARIETIES.—The performance commence with the comedy of a "Father's Love." Dancing by Seorita Sold and Mr. Smith. To conclude with the favorite comedy of "Grist to the Mill."

A TRUE YANKEE.—A young man in this city wrote to a gentleman in Northampton, recently signifying that he had unexpectedly been thrown out of employment, and requested the person whom he addressed to procure him "a situation." He said he would like to work at "carving, or making doors and blinds—for (said he) that was my trade at one time, I should like to get into a livery stable; or, if any of the stores as salesman, for I am a good one, and understand the business; or to drive a team, I will be on hand; or, a chance to peddle stoves; or, a chance to tend a saw-mill; or, almost anything else—get me a chance, and I will be on hand." Of course such a young man will find employment many days. He has got a "smart chance," and like a right smart fellow, he is improving it.—*Springfield Republican*.

DEATH OF A SON OF PATRICK HENRY.—Capt. A. H. Henry, long a resident of Lynchburg, Va., died in Charlotte county on the 6th instant. He was a son of the illustrious Patrick Henry, and died with the gentle of his class. He have not previously imagined that one descended of such a parentage could die in obscurity. Upon the first page of this volume his valor, wisdom and patriotism, as an American Colonist, and the statesman of the American Republic, will be a mass of high inspiration, strong feelings and high spirits. Let some member of "Rich Hill," by the vote of the next monthly contribution, Fund to the public!

Report of the Superintendent of Public Education.

The Superintendent of State Education has transmitted to the Legislature a voluminous report which embraces many interesting details. The act of 1853 making the Parish Treasurer the disbursing agent of the School fund in each Parish, was not published until late, and in consequence of this fact and the want of acquaintance with the law in every instance. Nevertheless, the Superintendent has received notices from all but four Parishes that the Treasurers had complied with the obligations of the act, given the required bond, and entered upon the discharge of the functions of their office.

The number of educable children (between the ages of six and sixteen years) in the State, is estimated at 66,974—an increase of 275 over the assessment of 1851. The Superintendent is informed, unofficially, by the Parish Treasurers, that a school is in operation in nearly every district in the State, a considerable portion of the year; and he think from 45,000 to 50,000 a fair estimate of the number of children in attendance at common schools. The amount apportioned during the last year, to the parishes and districts of the State, the pity of New Orleans and *Jefferson included*, is $275,363 49. The total sum paid out for school purposes, by the Superintendents, is $288,730 48. No less than 43 Parish Superintendents have failed to comply with the provisions of the act of 1853.

The Report reviews various clauses of the act, and recommends the modification of some and the repeal of others. He is of opinion that the frequent changes made in the school law, in the last few years, have had the effect of rendering it complicated, and difficult to understand, and an impediment in the way of any successful operation. He does not think that the abolition of the office of Parish Superintendent, was a judicious measure—he being the only responsible source the State Superintendent had of receiving a full and reliable statement relative to school districts. And to remedy this defect, he recommends that the Legislature increase the pay and duties of the Parish Treasurer thereby re-creating the Parish Superintendent, without any radical or sudden change. He says farther, that a local parochial and general supervision of the schools is what is most needed. And recommends that there be, in every parish, a Board of Examiners, consisting of three or more, whose duty it should be to examine applicants for the situation of teacher. In some districts, the directors are totally incapable of performing this duty, for the very potent reason, that they themselves do not know how to read or write. In looking over the warrants of teachers on file in this office, there were found in one parish the ordinary mark of two Directors; in two other of the districts, there were two of three who signed their mark. This is truly a deplorable fact, and one of which unprincipled teachers have not failed to turn to their own pecuniary advantage. Two out of every three of the Directors should be required to know how to read and write."

To reference to the Swamp Lands belonging to the State, the Superintendent says that if the lands had been donated to the State, instead of to the Townships, the proceeds of the sales would have been more available, and the organization of the system far more effective than at present. He thinks more funds and legislation is necessary in the disposition of the lands. The Free School fund amounted on the 1st January 1853 to $125,127 47. The proceeds of the sales of the 16th sections and interest on the funds, have increased this sum to upwards of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

In compliance with the act No. 72, the Superintendent has purchased a small tract of land near Alexandria, containing 4¾ acres, for the sum of $3190, and has selected thereon a site for a Seminary of learning. The Seminary may be made auxiliary to the advancement of free school education, by providing for the State a corps of well educated and competent teachers upon the plan of Normal Schools.

The adoption of a system of Union Schools is suggested, wherever the population is dense enough to admit of it. The report remarks that the schools in New Orleans are conducted on a somewhat similar plan—being divided into primary, secondary and high schools. The method is said to possess many and important advantages of imparting a thorough education, and at less expense than can be attained under the present course. By such an arrangement the time of the teachers would not be divided between so many classes, but, limited to one or two, to which he is enabled to devote his undivided attention.

A local and general supervision of our schools is greatly needed, and it is recommended that the members of the Police juries be constituted *ex officio* directors in their several districts.

The report concludes with some sensible reflections on the vital importance of education, especially in a country where the power of the State is vested in the people.

SOUTH CAROLINA I. O. O. F.—At the Anniversary Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, held at Odd-Fellows' Hall, on the 18th inst., the following Grand Officers were elected:

WILLIAM THAYER, M. W. Grand Master.
EDWARD MITCHELL, Jr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
ROBERT LEBBY, M. D., R. W. Grand Warden.
JOHN A. GYLES, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Z. B. OAKES, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Rev. A. D. COHEN, R. W. Grand Chaplain.
R. B. BOYLSTON, R. W. Grand Representative.

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

JAMES HANAHAN, W. Grand Guardian.
W. S. WOOD, W. Grand Conductor.
JAMES L. GLOVER, W. Grand Marshal.

Committee of Elections and Returns.—Grand Secretary J. A. GILES, Chairman ex officio, A. H. DAVOZAC, JAS. GRADY.

Committee on Finance.—RICHARD CALDWELL, JAMES S. ROBERTS and JAMES R. MICHEL.

Committee on State of the Order.—HENRY BURT, T. Y. SIMONS, Jr., E. MITCHELL, Jr., B. C. CAMPBELL and J. H. ROSS.

The M. W. Grand Sire, WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, on the invitation of the Grand Lodge, visited the Grand Lodge, and was received with the honors due his position, and gave instruction in the work of the Order.

The following named gentlemen were installed officers of Solomon Lodge No. 1:

WILLIAM THAYER, M. W.
JOHN A. GYLES, R. W.
ROBERT LEBBY, M. D., Treasurer.
Rev. A. D. COHEN, Chaplain.
R. B. BOYLSTON, Representative.
JAMES HANAHAN, Guardian.
W. S. WOOD, Conductor.
JAMES L. GLOVER, Marshal.

The retiring Grand Master made the following appointments:

Rev. A. D. COHEN, Grand Chaplain.
R. B. BOYLSTON, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to hold its four meetings of the year, commencing on the 18th; at Charleston, in April; at Columbia, in July; at Chesterville, in October; and at Charleston, in January, 1855.

A TERRIBLE TORNADO swept through Southwestern Georgia on Wednesday night, the 11th inst. It was attended with incessant thunder, and an unusual heavy fall of rain and hail. The direction of the tornado was from the Southwest to the Northwest, passing through portions of Baker, Lee, Randolph, Stewart and Sumter counties.

Its track was from a quarter to a half mile in width, within which everything that did not bend, was broken or prostrated. Scarcely a tree, except of a small size, was left standing; fences were blown down, and in some cases, houses were uncofed and capsized.

The violence of the storm may be conceived when we state, that 40 hands were engaged two days in clearing the Stage road for a distance of only a half mile where the tornado had crossed it. The lands are much injured by the falling of trees, and in some places, they are almost ruined.

The only lives lost were two children, in Lee county, who were killed by the falling of a tree across a wagon in which they were riding. The storm was most violent some 12 or 13 miles below Americus, near the line between Lee and Sumter counties.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

ARRIVAL OF THE NIAGARA.

Cotton Firmer—Breadstuffs Advanced.

War Considered Inevitable.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.

The Cunard steamer has arrived at Halifax, bringing dates from Liverpool to Jan. 7th, one week later than the accounts brought by the Europa. The following is a summary of her news:

Liverpool Markets.

There has been a fair demand in the Continental ports since the departure of the Europa, but, with more than the accustomed activity, the transactions have been limited to 50,000 bales for the week. Of these, 5,000 bales have been taken for speculation, and 6,000 for export. The prices have, generally, been firmer, but there is no material change in the quotations, which close as follows: Fair Orleans, 6¾; Middling Orleans, 6¼; Fair Uplands, 6¾; and Middling Uplands, 6 15-16d per lb.

Breadstuffs have been in active demand, and Flour has advanced 2s. @ 3d. The closing rates are 32s. for Western Canal, and 40s. @ 41s. for Ohio Canal.

Corn has advanced 1s. 6d. @ 2s. per qr. Provisions are firm.

Havre Cotton Market.

The Havre market is without animation. The sales of the week ending January 5, were limited to 1,000 bales, and no change in values or any alteration of consequence.

Eastern Affairs.

The Turkish question has grown more complicated. A general European war is more considered inevitable.

Trade and Money.

Trade at Manchester has remained without change since the week ending last year. Money has been stringent, but consols have risen 1-16.

Baring Brothers, the London Bullionists have reported no bullion.

(Special Dispatch [Illegible])

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.

The Cunard steamer has arrived at Halifax, bringing dates from Liverpool to the 7th inst. She left Liverpool on the 5th inst., and reached Halifax on the 20th inst.

The Cotton market closed very firm, with an upward tendency. The sales of the week foot up 70,000 bales, of which speculators took 10,000 and exporters 5,000. The sales on the 5th were 10,000 bales, and on the 6th 15,000 bales.

Breadstuffs closed firm, with an upward tendency. Flour has advanced 2s. @ 3d. Corn has advanced 1s. 6d. @ 2s.

Provisions are firm.

Consols for money, 92¾ @ 93.

The Paris Bourse was firm on the 5th.

The Bank of England has lost £1,000,000 bullion.

The Bank of France has gained 4,000,000 francs in specie.

The Bank of Hamburg has advanced the rate of discount to 4 per cent.

The Bank of Prussia has advanced the rate of discount to 4 per cent.

The Bank of Vienna has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Amsterdam has advanced the rate of discount to 3½ per cent.

The Bank of Leghorn has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Genoa has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Naples has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Madrid has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Lisbon has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Copenhagen has advanced the rate of discount to 4 per cent.

The Bank of Stockholm has advanced the rate of discount to 4 per cent.

The Bank of Petersburg has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Berlin has advanced the rate of discount to 4 per cent.

The Bank of Frankfort has advanced the rate of discount to 4 per cent.

The Bank of Brussels has advanced the rate of discount to 4 per cent.

The Bank of Antwerp has advanced the rate of discount to 4 per cent.

The Bank of Switzerland has advanced the rate of discount to 4 per cent.

The Bank of Turin has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Milan has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Venice has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Trieste has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Ancona has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Bologna has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Ferrara has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Modena has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Parma has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Lucca has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Rome has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Florence has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Pisa has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Siena has advanced the rate of discount to 5 per cent.

The Bank of Perugia