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AIR MAIL SATURDAY DAILY BY JEROME MAYOR.

SOCIAL GAZETTE OF THE STATE AND CITY.

THE UNION must be preserved.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 16, 1855.

Import.—About the 1st, apprehensive importers were called 10,000 dollars by a flatboat team, Cincinnati. Our good friends of the west were determined to hurry us whole-some. What! ten thousand at one fell swoop?

It is very surprising that for the last three nights the Gaslight Company deem convenient, in spite of the light she is endowed, to let the city in a total darkness. We raise our voice to the name of all the citizens for the removal of such an abomination. It seems to every one that the gas light company receives money enough for the light as spreads over us, not to neglect her duties and to fulfil the contract she agreed to with the corporation.

We confess roughly at a loss to know what is required from us those connected with the flatboats in the west. They acknowledge that our remarks were wholly restricted to flatboats permanently moored on the river; they admit that their boats are not permanently moored; of course then they agree with us that they had no illusion whatever to them. How then can they possibly demand an explanation from us of remissness applicable to them? And what kind of explanation would satisfy them?

If they want an apology from us for remarks which we have pointedly denied were intended to be applied to them, and which the whole tenor of those remarks evidently prove, they are certainly wrong in applying to us who will never give an apology for an assumed offence neither intended nor implied; but if they want merely an explanation, we again state unequivocally and unreservedly that we did not intend to accuse them neither directly nor indirectly.

Our remarks were plainly applicable only to boats permanently moored on the river, which have long been the haunts of suspicious persons. We wanted reform of the city ordinance to prevent such flatboats, pinnacles or embarks remaining on the river beyond a limited period, and had two or three times written before on the subject. But none of our remarks at any time applied beyond Canal Street; there are journals enough in the upper subdoubt to guard its interests.

And we are happy to find that our efforts for the public benefit—which wholly and solely our object, have not been fruitless: for we perceive an article in an ordinance which will be submitted today to the city council, having the required regular and eligible provision:

Immediately after the promulgation of this ordinance, no flatboat, pinnacle or embark used as stands for selling fruits, flowers, beer or other liquors, or as dwellings, shall be suffered to remain on the river for more than 24 hours, and the same be under penalty of a fine of fifteen dollars for each day that said flatboat, pinnacle or embarkation will stay at the river, in the limits above described; and it will be the duty of the wharfers of the levee to have the provision of the ordinance strictly executed, under penalty of being removed from office.

COMMUNICATED.
THE LEGION.

Mr Editor—Your paper of yesterday, in recommending a meeting of the officers of the legion, ought at the same time, and with great promptness, taking things and circumstances into consideration, has also recommended a meeting of the legion, which is to be held on the 1st of August, at the corps, which is fully organized as a body of citizen soldiers, by uniting it with new life and vigor, would not only be an honor to the city but also a measure of prudence in any emergency, long and varied and much to be wished for. The apparent inability now existing is dangerous. The young men of the legion, however, are not yet fully organized, either in uniformity or beneath their arms. They have relaxed in a manner in which public safety depends, so that at this period of vast uncertainty, and those least of all perhaps interested, are seen to assemble under the star striped banners of their country! Shame!

CITY COUNCIL.—Friday 17th inst.

The recorder and all the members were present, except Mr. sidewalk.

The following letter from the mayor addressed to the council was read:

Gentlemen,—I am obliged to return you the resolution passed in your sitting of the 9th, to authorize me to announce the continuation of Esplanade street to the bayou St John. The same reasons which induced me to oppose this measure in my message of the 17th of January last, still exist in greater force, and I am compelled to withdraw my assent to it.

On the 1st of May, 1855, I issued a resolution to the effect that the city should not be liable for any damage which exists or may exist in the city, because it was the result of the acts of God, or of man, or of the law.

The same reasons which induced me to withdraw my assent to it, are now even more powerful.

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I regret that I cannot consent to the three appropriations of 25 dollars to Hannah French, Elizabeth Armstrong and Jane Grant, which were authorized by a letter passed in the year 1853, and which were never paid. I have been unable to ascertain the interest of the city, because if allowed in its first instance, there will be no time to arrest it. I have permitted similar resolutions to pass without objection; and since I have been

tried every day with demands of the same kind, and if I may judge by the resolutions so often presented to the council, it is evident that the same will be repeated.

As far as I can see, the corporation cannot be charged with defraying the expense of transporting home all the distresses of who wish to quit the country: you can conceive as well as I the abuse which would result from such a determination.

I have no objection to a section the resolution passed in your sitting of the 11th, concerning the establishment of a night guard in the 6th district, if it did not contain this provision—and no member shall be admitted without the consent of the mayor. I am grateful for the confidence you place in me, and for the trust you repose in me. I have done what I could do with the paper, and the rest of the paper is to be left to the discretion of the editor.

I have therefore the honor to return this resolution also, that you may modify it in the respects as to leave entirely to the council the choice of those composing the guard.

Very truly yours, JOHN MAYER and MILLEN, on the subject referred to in my last message, concerning the increase in freight from New York—also a petition from Mr. McConnell, on which you will receive.

Mayer and Millet, who have contracted lately with the upper New York for 50,000 square yards of cotton, offer an additional 10,000 square yards, and Charles Gardner,

I am, etc.

D. PRIEUR, mayor.

On the 1st part, Mr. Pichot moved to persist; and having regretted the absence of Mr. Caldwell, who is always (he said) willing to promote improvements in every part of the city, he then presented a motion to postpone sufficiently, and allow to the politicians of the city, to give support to the resolution continuing Esplanade street to the bayou. As it is of a gigantic and costly nature, the project might require more matured deliberation before engaging the corporation, but it is economic and practicable, and merely enforces a law of the Legislature. It is certainly calculated to effect a very great improvement; if only for the great asubrity afforded by the new street, and the numerous advantages it will afford to the city, because it will be the most direct route to the bayou.

As it is, the proposed law, with its obstacles, we have but the opinion of the mayor, without any document or proof; and shall the more opinion of one be put in competition with that of ten?

Mr Allard supported the motion to persist. He stated that the law imposed by the mayor had been prepared by Judge Waite at the request of the council, and may—1 and been approved by the mayor, under his signature.

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