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Sales at Auction To-Day.

By R. B. Sykes, at 10 o'clock, at No. 61 Magazine street, Window.

By D. E. Morphy, at 11 o'clock, at No. 41 Old Levee street, imported wines, liquors and pipes.

By E. M. Jacobs, at 10 o'clock, on Burgundy street, between St. Louis and Toulouse streets, a lot of furniture and movable effects.

By R. T. Montgomery, at 12 o'clock, at No. 93 Camp street, choice potatoes, ribbed sides, shoulders, hams, &c., &c.

By D. E. Morphy, at 10 o'clock, on the levee, Third district, opposite Fort St. Philip street, potatoes.

Our readers will find on our inside page a valuable of the latest news obtained from our Northern exchanges, complete reports of some of the speeches delivered on the opening of the British Parliament, and other interesting and local intelligence.

"THE VARIETIES THEATRE.—The "Naiad Queen" still sways over the boards of the Varieties, and forms with her attendant fairy spirits the grand centre of attraction. The fine spectaculare play should be seen by every one before its performance is brought to a close, and there may not be another occasion of seeing it again this season.

R. T. Montgomery will make this day (Tuesday) the 10th instant, at 12 o'clock, at sale room, 93 Camp street, peremptory sale of 350 barrels choice potatoes, 1000 gallons coal oil in tin cans, and other groceries; at 11 o'clock, at old auction mart, 87 Camp street, the same sale of furniture. See advertisement.

Importers and dealers in the Madeira wines, brandies, champagne and prunes, are invited, by D. E. Morphy, auctioneer, to the sale to be made by him this day, at 11 o'clock, at No. 41 Old Levee street.

Speeches in the British Parliament on the American War.

We published in our evening edition the Queen's speech as also those of Earls Derby and Russell, pronounced on the opening of the British Parliament. We now continue to reproduce the remarks of other prominent members of Parliament on the question of the day.

SPEECH OF EARL GRANVILLE.

The royal speech informed their lordships that her Majesty's relations with foreign powers continue to be friendly and satisfactory." That satisfactory desire must be that they should so continue. This was of great consequence to the country, for it was to that friendship more than to our armies and navies that we looked for the peace of the world. In one quarter that peace, unfortunately, had been broken, and "the Majesty had abstained from taking any steps with a view to indulge a cessation of the conflict between the contending parties in the North American States, because it has not yet seemed to her Majesty that any such overtures could be attended with a probability of success." In his opinion, the proposal which had been made to the Government to intervene had been most rightly rejected, inasmuch as any proposition of that sort must have fallen ineffectually to the ground from the temper which at that time prevailed on both sides in America, and he should not say that even that offer had been rejected any change toward a better state of sentiment and feeling had occurred, so as to afford any likelihood of bringing the two parties to [Hear.] It must not for a single mo- supposed that it was not for the inter- country that that war should cease interests of humanity out of the question altogether, speaking of the effects of the country [Hear, hear.] Why could they could not know how to a great extent the cessation of that war would cause suffering to cease without an earnest desire that such a reason and moderation could go to the present unfortunate contention in America should be brought to a close. But he did think especially looking to the feelings which had been created by our declaration that we should adhere to our course of strict neutrality between the parties, that anything we could do more likely to effect a better than allay the b- amosity existing between them. [Hear, hear.] Why such feelings should exist he did not know. It was, perhaps, not unnatural that the course we had pursued should have occasioned some feeling of disappointment on both sides; but he did say there—in both Houses of Parliament and the country generally, by those at all events whose thought most of England's dignity and there had been no desire expressed or but that this war should cease. [Hear, hear.] Looking upon the transactions across the ocean as events not of a mere casual character, but such as probably may influence this country, as the French revolution has influenced all in still influencing Europe, it appears to us that there was on our part due to the existing an obligation in America a large measure of defer- to the difficulties they had to encounter [Hear.] At the same time it was natural to and I would not disguise or attempt to disguise that feeling—a just respect for those Northern States which represent a vast portion of men struggling for some of the great objects of existence—for independence and for [Cheers.] But it did appear to us that the course which her Majesty's Ministers had received upon taking what one upon the whole to assemble to this country, and would prove satisfactory to all classes of the community. [Hear, hear.]

We therefore surprised when I found that he the assumption her Majesty's Ministers commissioned one of the Cabinet to repair to the chief seats of industry in this country, and, as far as I could collect, entirely change the policy that hitherto been supported and sanctioned [Hear, hear.] It was not an accident, the declaration was formal, it was made avowedly with the assent and sanction of her Majesty's Government. [Oh, oh, from the Ministerial benches, and cries of Hear, hear.] from the opposition.] And with what did that declaration mean? It meant that the Southern States ought to be recognized, if it were true that they had created an army and navy and a nationality, we were bound to recognize their political existence. [Hear, hear.] It appears that such a declaration is inconsistent with the course of conduct previously recommended by the Government, and nothing occurred by the interval that would justify the change.

[Hear, hear.] is most unfortunate that a question of so much importance, and on which the Government took at first such a decided position, should be exhibited by Ministers and conflicting opinions, and that they should have failed it to be their duty to communicate this vacillation of opinion and inconsistency of judgment to the whole nation. [Hear hear.] We are told by the Minister that should be best informed on the topic—the Minister for Foreign Affairs—that, in the opinion of the Government, are the motives for the war. According part of the North to establish dominion, and on the part of the south to achieve its independence. [Hear, hear.] It may have been indiscreet on the part of her Majesty's Ministers to have made the declaration of their opinion, but what are we to say of the subsequent definitions of this contest that have been supplied by the Government. [Hear, hear.] Only a Further right ago a member of the Cabinet said the whole cause of the war was the existence of slavery and denounced it as a pestilent institution. [Hear, hear.]

The President of the Board of Trade thus spoke a fortnight ago the opinion of the Government; but on another day we find another eminent member of the Cabinet recommending as the only specific the recognition of Southern independence, and he was immediately followed by a colleague who said that none of the conditions on which independence should be recognized exist in the South. "[Hear, hear.] This variety of opinion is so prevalent among her Majesty's Ministers that one of them—not a member of the Cabinet, but one whose lips are steeped in the gravity of the Privy Council [laughter]—recently informed us that in the opinion of the Government the Lord of Hosts was on the Southern side [Laughter.] I think it very much to be regretted that her Majesty's Government did not adhere to the reserve which distinguished them last session on this grave subject. [Hear, hear.] It is to be much deprecated that unless a change took place in their policy there should not have been more than one debate during the recess as regards their individual opinions. [Hear, hear.]

SPEECH OF THE EARL OF MALMESBURY.

He agreed with the policy of neutrality pursued by the Government with regard to American affairs, though he regretted that the Government had not joined the Emperor of the French in his offers of mediation. By not doing so, he thought we had lost an opportunity of doing honor to our principles and showing our good feeling toward a nation of common blood and language with ourselves. There were probably thousands in America who would have gladly hailed such an attempt to mediate. Help—but though he did not advocate a policy of interference, he did hope that the Government would be able to show they had striven to mitigate some of the horrors with which the war had been characterized. An instance of diabolical cruelty had recently been perpetrated by the United States Government, in having, contrary to all the common laws of war, publicly declared medicines and surgical instruments contraband of war, thereby declaring in plain English that the wounded and sick of the enemy should be deprived of all assistance and chance of life. [Hear, hear.] That was such a horrible declaration that it required the public condemnation of every civilized Government.

Mr. Althorpe (who moved the address in reply to the speech in the House of Lords) cordially supported the Government in their determination to adhere to strict non intervention in American affairs. [Cheers.] He could understand that any time in last year they might have been inclined to join with France in mediatory efforts, but from the 1st of January, when the proclamation of freedom to the negroes was adhered to by Mr. Lincoln, he thought no Government would have ventured to interfere. [Cheers.] It might be said that Mr Lincoln proclaimed freedom to those over whom he had no control, and that those who were in his power he consigned to slavery rather than admitted to freedom. But Mr. Lincoln had remained literally within the Constitution. [Hear, hear.] He had no power as President of a great federation of States to act against any institution of those States. But as Commander in Chief he had a right to enact any measure which might tend to bring about the disconsolate and defeat of those whom he regarded as rebels. [Cheers.]

The War in Mexico.

IMPORTANT DEBATE IN THE FRENCH CHAMBERS.

The mails of the Canada contain very interesting details on the debate in the French Chambers on the French expedition against Mexico. As these discussions possess an unusual interest, which is heightened when taken in connection with affairs on this continent, we devote much of our space to the publication of this debate.

The amendment to the address relative to Mexico, proposed by the members of the left, was discussed on the 6th instant, in the Corps Legislatif.

M. Picard explained that the amendment sought to discover the motives for the Mexican expedition, which, he said, was solely caused by the claim put forward by the Swiss banker, M. Jecker. He maintained that the expedition must have an unfortunate issue. It would not, he said, save Mexico from falling into the hands of the United States, but would finally give it to them. The expedition, therefore, appeared to him inexplicable, and he asked what was the solution of the enigma.

Baron Jerome David said that the expedition was justified by the insults and injuries sustained by French subjects, and continued: The habit and tactics of parties in France have been to hoist up our grievances against Mexico. The national honor demands reparation for the insults offered to us. In the present day we must require from governments sufficient guarantees in order that the protection of our countrymen be not illusory. He then drew a picture of two administration of Juarez, and described it as entirely dominated by the United States. Respecting the probable duration of the war, he said that as soon as the French occupied the city of Mexico, Puebla and Vera Cruz, they would be in certain possession of all Mexico. The expedition would have the effect of strengthening French influence in America, and would show that Frenchmen were efficiently protected.

At the conclusion of Baron Jerome David's speech in the Corps Legislatif, M. Jules Favre spoke on the Mexican question. He did not contest the right of France to intervene in Mexico, but pointed out that England and Spain had the same interests to defend as France. M. Favre accused the government of having concealed the truth in its account of the objects of the expedition. Thouvenel and Lord Cowley had reviewed the history of the Mexican question and of the Jecker affair; and with respect to the latter, he said that the English Minister had stigmatized it as a robbery. M. Favre thought, considering the circumstances of the Jecker affair, no astonishment could be felt at the French ultimatum having caused the withdrawal of England and Spain. He disavowed, in the name of principle and interest, the war against Mexico, and said that it would be unfortunate, even after the taking of the city of Mexico, for Juarez would continue the war in the French provinces. To get to Orizaba had already cost 104,000,000 francs, and to go further than Mexico the treasure of France would not suffice. M. Favre concluded by saying that he could not associate himself with a war undertaken upon mendacious information.

M. Billault was to reply next day. He understood, however, to fully reply to all the objections brought against the policy of France.

LEGISLATIVE PROTEST AGAINST THE EXPEDITION.

Paris (Feb. 5) correspondence of the London Times.]

The "five" independent members of the Legislative Chamber are not satisfied with the address presented by the Committee of the House, as probably the majority of their colleagues will be. MM Jules Favre, Henon, Darimon and Picard propose amendments recommending generally the extension of liberty "in all matters relating to political life," and particularly on the Mexican question, the Roman question, &c., &c. On Mexico they say: We admire the heroism of our soldiers combating in Mexico under a deadly climate, and we offer them our most sympathy and wishes. But regard for national honor does not prevent a political assembly from judging and undertaking the causes and consequences of which it now knows. The army of France should not be rashly engaged in undefined and adventurous expeditions; and neither our interests nor our principle require of us "to go and see what sort of government the Mexican people desire."

NAPOLEON'S DESIGN.

[From the London Times, February 5.]

It has not been announced, without disguise, that the death of the Emperor is to take Mexico under French protection, and to establish there such a government as may prove a counterpoise to the American Union, and provide France with a species of dependency politically serviceable and commercially productive. This, in a certain sense, undoubtedly simplifies the original problem, for it would have been most difficult to organize a government out of purely Mexican materials. It is probable, too, that the difficulties of the task will be mainly of a military character, and therein surmountable at a given expense. We are reminded that when the French are established in the capital they will be without the least hold upon the provinces; but that is no more than must have been said of any native authorities. There has been no government in Mexico for years past, and General Forey will not be one whit worse off in this respect than Miramon or Doblado would have been. The chieftain or partisan who for the time being held the capital was exposed to the attacks of his opponents at every unprotected point, his communications were unsafe, his convoys were intercepted, and his adherents put to death whenever they could be taken at a disadvantage. So far, the French, as poor pants of Mexico, will only be incurring the standing liabilities of every Mexican party in power; but, as they will be much stronger than any native faction, as they have a national capacity for organization, and as their ascendancy will at least introduce order into a distracted State, it may be expected, perhaps, that the people who have evinced no attachment for any native government, and who have nothing to lose, may look upon the new administration without disfavor.

It has been reported, however, that the French invasion has wrought a political miracle. We are told that the advance of a foreign army against the capital has suddenly inspired the Mexicans with all the virtues by which good citizens are characterized. We are asked to believe that these people, who have been for years what all Europe has known them to be, are now calm, self possessed and courageous, of one accord in their views, and actuated by the single and overruling desire of preserving their freedom. The Mexican Congress is represented as patriotic, united and determined, and we are introduced, in short, to the spectacle of a small, but resolute nation fighting manfully for its liberties against an unprovoked invasion. We can only say that, if this transformation has been accomplished, it is as much beyond comment as any other prodigy, but we must have further evidence before we can believe it. For years past Mexico has been regarded by all political observers as a mere wreck of a State. Neither in America nor in Europe was it considered that such a phenomenon could endure. Before the break up of the Union it was naturally imagined that the *coup de grace* would come from Washington, and that the anarchy of Mexico would be terminated by its absorption in the great republic. Recent events appeared to efface this prospect and to give a chance to European competitors, if any should be willing to contend for such a prize. France and Spain both entered upon the expedition to Mexico with ideas of this character, and the dissatisfaction of Spain with the actual results expressed her jealousy of her successful rival. But in no country was it ever conceived that Mexico could remain unappropriated or independent, and, though a foreign invasion has sometimes had the effect of extinguishing domestic factions, the Mexicans are not so inconsiderate as to the right of an enemy as to be supernaturally influenced by the spectacle.

If this extraordinary miracle should actually have been achieved, the French would have an opportunity of retiring from the field without further trouble. A Government possessing the confidence of a wise and brave people, supported by the unanimous resolution of the people, and capable of organizing the militia and of leading the nation, ought also to the capabilities of protecting life and property, of preventing the plunder and assassination of unoffending foreigners, of recognizing public obligations, and, generally, of performing the ordinary duties of civil administration. If Mexico had possessed such a Government, the Mexican expedition would never have been undertaken, and if such a Government should hereafter appear the French would have the option of retiring with reasonable confidence in the protection of Mexico by its own agency. They only well be pardoned, however, for not anticipating so incredible a result, and the transaction recently inquired into can make no part of the imperial Government seem to imply that the designs of the Emperor are conceived in a spirit of opposition which would be incompatible with the principles it appears to have been taking thought not only for the capital and provinces, but even the frontiers of Arizona, and to have looked upon the secession territory of Texas as a question also debatable ground. We need not attach much importance to these reports but the very mention of Texas in connection with Mexico shows with what extensive views the French Mexican expedition may be presented. On the point, however, which we feel so jealously, nor can we deny that some such proceedings on the part of some power or other, constituted a necessary sequel of the expedition itself. Unless an organized and responsible Government were to be substituted in Mexico for the accidental ascendancy of this or that faction, there was no use in taking any measures at all. The alternative lay between the endurance of all outrages in silence, or the formation of such a Government as those were perpetrated. We chose the former course, and refused from the experiment with our trouble for our pains, no forward or than we had been at first. Spain would have undertaken the work of regeneration on condition of the probe, but one was anticipated by France. France has accepted the task. She may probably convert Mexico into a French dependency, and the world will certainly not suffer from the change; but the cost will be immense, the problem embarrassing, and even the military work arduous from the nature of the country and the steady indifference of the climate. We do not envy our neighbors the conquest, which may, perhaps, be attended with addition al troubles if the Americans should object to the appropriation of a prize long kept in view by themselves; but there is nothing in the prospect before us which should inspire Europe with jealousy, or any country except France herself with alarm.

FRENCH REINFORCEMENTS.

[Correspondence of the London Times.]

Paris, February 3.—Three thousand five hundred soldiers are leaving Cherbourg for Mexico; 5,000 are embarking at Algiers for the same destination, besides 300 Arabs for the baggage service. Agents have been beating up in all directions for the purchase of mules: it appears that not less than 15,000 of these useful animals are required.

THE RUMORED PASSING OF THE VICKSBURG BATTERIES.—The *Era* published a report of the passing of the Vicksburg batteries, of which we give the following:

A report reaches us through Southern sources, that Admiral Porter has run the rebel batteries, and that the whole fleet is below Vicksburg.

The report is generally credited, although our information is not of such a character as to induce us to give it unquestionable credence. We hope it is true, and think it very probable.

Important from Missouri.

The New York *Herald* of the 5th furnishes us with the following intelligence from Missouri:

THE DELAWARE ARMISTICE RESOLUTIONS DENOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE—INTENSELY PATRIOTIC RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED, &c.

Jefferson City, Mo., February 24, 1863.—Governor Gamble sent to the House to-day a communication accompanying certain resolutions recently adopted by the Legislature of Delaware, asking Missouri to send delegates to a National Convention for the purpose of effecting an armistice, &c. The Governor's message treated the subject in a statesmanlike manner, denounced the resolutions and recommended that they be passed over in silence.

A special order was passed, and the resolutions received a most unmerciful handling from the members. They were denounced as false in history, seditious in import and treasonable in language, and several resolutions were offered by different members, declaring in substance that the war is just and right, and should be prosecuted by every means within the resources of the loyal States, to the last man and the last dollar, until traitors submit unconditionally to the authority of the Government of the United States and the principles be established: that we will neither consent or submit to peace without the entire suppression of traitors, nor to any armistice with the [illegible], nor to any interference by foreign powers. Also thanking Governor Gamble for the loyal and patriotic views expressed in his message, and approving of the act of Colonel Gilbert in dispersing the recent rebel convention in Kentucky.

The resolutions were finally passed over informally.

The New Hampshire Election.

In an article reviewing the prospect in New Hampshire, the New York *World* of the 26th says:

Our intelligence from New Hampshire leads us to anticipate a decided Democratic triumph in the State election on the Second Tuesday in March. The principal efforts to be elected are a Governor, three members of Congress, both branches of the Legislature, and five executive Councilors. The canvass is prosecuted by both parties with vigor and spirit. The Republicans, who now monopolize nearly all the offices, are conscious of declining strength, and concede that they will experience considerable losses. They have so little prospect of electing the Governor that they dare not make an even ticket. They have resorted to the device of creating a division in the Democratic vote by instigating a portion of the Democrats to run a separate "Union" ticket. At worst, this will not elect the Republican candidate, but devolve the choice upon the Legislature. By the Constitution of that State it requires an absolute majority of all the votes cast to effect a choice. The Democrats will elect at least two of the three members of Congress, and will try hard for a majority in both branches of the Legislature. Of the five Councilors, now all Republicans, the Democrats will probably elect three. The people of the country towns are largely Democratic, and the prospect is more encouraging than it has been for the last sixteen years. It will seem like the days of *auld lang syne* to see New Hampshire, once the truest, staunchest, and most reliable Democratic State in the Union, return to her first love.

A dispatch from Memphis to the Western papers gives a report that the whole of Admiral Porter's fleet will run the blockade at Vicksburg.

The Polish Question in France.

In the sitting of the Corps Legislatif on the 5th of February, the amendment proposed by M. Jules Favre to paragraph two of the address was rejected.

The amendment to the address in favor of Poland, brought forward by M. Guyard Delalain, was then discussed.

M. Guyard Delalain asked if it were intended to restore to Poland the constitution granted by the Emperor Alexander.

M. Jules Favre also spoke in favor of Poland.

M. Billault, in his reply, said the present moment is not opportune for entering into a discussion on the Polish question. France has not lost her ancient sympathies for Poland, but thinks—and the Government is of the same opinion—that the autonomy of Poland has more to expect from the generous and liberal sentiments of the Emperor of Russia than from attempts at insurrection, efforts towards which will call down new disasters upon that unhappy country.

M. Jules Favre then said: This speech of the Minister is the counterpart of the celebrated words of Marshal Sebastiani, "Order reigns at Warsaw."

M. Billault replied that he regretted speeches should be made tending to excite vain hopes.

M. Jules Favre then asked if France was always to be on the side of the strongest?

M. Billault replied: The Emperor's Government has too much sense to add by vain words fresh fuel to insurrectional passions, and is too jealous of the dignity of France to allow the repetition in the addresses for another fifteen years of futile protests against the existing order of things.

Paragraph two was then adopted.

The Rise in Gold.

[From the New York World, 25th ult.]

The gold market was furious yesterday. The premium touched seventy two, with heavy sales and a real demand, mostly from foreigners. It is now confidently predicted that the first of April will see gold at one hundred per cent premium, and that by midsummer it may be even two hundred per cent. premium. Much will depend upon the conduct of the war, and more upon the burden of additional legal tender notes issued in any event the depreciation of our currency will be much more rapid in the future than it has been in the past. This has always been the case with irredeemable paper money. At first the premium rises slowly, but after it reaches a certain point the depreciation proceeds rapidly.

There has been a vast deal of nonsense ventilated in the newspapers respecting the speculation in gold. It has been almost universally supposed that the premium on gold was much larger than it should have been from the start, owing to the operations of stock jobbers and speculators. But this is a very great mistake. Gold has been at a much lower premium up to the present time than the real depreciation and influence of the currency warranted. All the conservative influences of public opinion, in the Government and the press, were brought into operation to check transactions in the precious metals, and the scientific measure of the real depreciation has not been experienced until now.

For the future no opposite rule will probably prevail. Confidence in the currency being gone the premium will be more than the real inflation will warrant.

We must look to prepare for a season of high prices in all commodities produced by labor, as certain and as irresistible as that which governs the changes of the moon and the rise of the tide, prices will adjust themselves to the gold standard. Gold at seventy premium means that a proportion to addition will in time be made to all we eat, wear or use. The prospect is not a pleasant one but we must prepare to face it.

[From the New York World 26th ult.]

The Price of Gold.

The proximate cause of the late advance in the price of gold to the starch taken by influential business men at the Banking bill of Mr Chase. This Banking act of Congress annihilates the last fair hope of a return to a sound system of finance by Mr Chase. It authorizes the creation of $300,000,000 more paper money by the banks, and this the expansion of bank loans and bank deposits—which are the same thing on the debtor and creditor side of the bank ledger—to an extent of four times the $300,000,000 of currency, or over one thousand millions of dollars, which can be done with safety by the banks. The legal-tender acts of Congress were bad, but they were "good in their results when compared with this Banking bill of the Republican party.

The bank-note circulation issued under Mr. Chase's Banking bill will never be returned to the banks for payment so long as the legal tender notes are permitted to the people for a circulating medium, because these bank notes will be better than legal-tender notes. They are $300,000,000 of bank-notes, secured by the pledge of Government bonds bearing six per cent annual interest in coin, and always kept with a margin of ten per cent under the market price, and besides, the stockholders in the banks are responsible to the public for the holders for any loss in a sum equal to double the amount of the shares held by them. Legal-tender notes are really nothing more than Government bonds, bearing no interest and yet always valued at 100, whereas on Tuesday the sixes of 1881 were sold at 105¾. The banks' note circulation will be secured by their pledge at 90, besides the responsibility of the stockholders for any deficiency below that.

The banks are authorized and can redeem their note circulation by the payment of legal tender notes, in which the public want them? Will they exchange the stronger security for the weaker?

HOPEFIELD, ARK., BURNED BY ORDER OF GEN. HURLBUT.—The *World* publishes the following telegram:

Memphis, February 19 via *Cairo*, Feb. 21.—Hopefield, a town of 500 inhabitants, opposite this city, on the Arkansas shore, was burned today by order of Gen. Hurlbut. There were twenty five good houses in the place. Not a vestige of it is left to mark the spot. The deed was done because guerrillas made the town their headquarters. A battalion was sent over to perform the work, and they did it successfully.

STORM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF FORTRESS MONROE.—*Fort Monroe*, February 23, 1863.—A severe storm commenced here early on Saturday morning. Six schooners are ashore on Old Point and Hampton Beach viz: the E. W. Harrington, Elliott, Ovoos, J. H. Cunningham, Emeline, Chester, and D. E. Sawyer.

Ernest Rontmain, appointed Charge d'Affaire from Hayti to the United States, has arrived at New York.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Prudon Inquest—Finding of the Jury. The following verdict of the Coroner's jury, which has been in session for several days past, investigating the cause of the deaths of Major Prados and Lieut. Banduc, was rendered yesterday:

"We, the jury, &c., find upon the evidence given before us that said Major J. B. Prados and Joseph F. Banduc came to their death by drowning; having been knocked overboard from the schooner Virtue by the jibing of the boom, on the 31d day of January, A. D. 1863, in Lake Pontchartrain, about two miles from shore, opposite Black Bayou; and we further find that one P. F. Mancuso and the captain of said schooner Virtue, Nicholas Appolonia, are criminally guilty in not saving, or trying to save, the lives of the said Major J. B. Prados and Lieut. Joseph F. Banduc, when they could have done so.

"(Signed) JOHN MCCLELLAN,
J. B. PRADO,
J. A. MICHEL,
ALEX. BONNETAL,
PIERRE COUSSIMAT.

"E. D. BEACH, M. D., Coroner.

"Monday, March 9th, 1863."

In connection with the matter, we think it due to the Coroner to mention that he has conducted this investigation throughout in the most impartial manner. It was the evident sincerity of one of the witnesses, who declared that it could not be that Lieut. Banduc was stabbed, which induced the Coroner to determine on a re-examination of the dead officer's body—the result of which went far to remove some injurious imputations against the implicated. After the charge of the Coroner and the verdict, the jury passed resolutions commendatory of the manner in which the Coroner and the interpreter had discharged their duties. We understand the two sailors have been admitted to bail, and we presume Captain Appolonio and Captain Mancuso will be held to answer the charge of the jury.

The Contrabands.—Corporal Spellacy reported at the Third District station yesterday that Mr. Lesseps and the hospital steward of the U. S. Barracks complain bitterly that the contrabands quartered in that vicinity are becoming an intolerable nuisance—committing thefts and depredating in various ways, very annoying to them. They ask for general and particular relief in the premises.

Burglary.—Yesterday morning, about three o'clock, the store of Max Lepinger, in Carrollton, was entered and robbed of $900 in promissory notes, some silver ware and Treasury notes to the amount of about $70, and several articles in the grocery way.

U. S. Provisional Court—Judge Peabody—(Monday)—On the opening of the Court, promptly at 11 o'clock, A. M., on motion of Mr. Durant, counsel, H. Gumpl, before the Provost Court on Sunday, charged with forging the name of Col. Holabird on Jacob Barker's Bank, was admitted to bail in the sum of $5000 for his appearance to answer.

Mr. Durant presented a petition in behalf of the captain and sailors of the schooner Virtue, stating that they had been arrested and were now in confinement by the Coroner, as witnesses upon the inquest now in progress in the case of Major Prados. They came to New Orleans on the 23d of January, having on board a passenger named P. F. Mancuso, who was arrested by Col. Clark, charged with the murder of Major Prados and Lieut. Banduc, officers of the rebel army. The two sailors had been examined and discharged, and were rearrested by the Coroner on Sunday. It was a great hardship that these men were kept locked up, and without going into the merits of the case, Mr. Durant wished the Court to take cognizance of the matter, and to order that they be admitted to bail.

The Court did not consider that it had a right to interfere with another tribunal, which he presumed the Coroner's was, but would take occasion to consult with the Coroner on the subject.

In the case of Montane vs. Savoy, the exception in which had been ordered to be stricken out as frivolous, and judgment ordered by default in favor of plaintiff, the counsel of defendant contended that the petition, according to the code, should have been made in French and English.

Col. Field said such was not the usual practice in these Courts, and did not apply in this Court especially—three fourths of the lawyers not being able to write or speak in French.

The Court rather agreed in this view, but promised to bear in mind the cases of the objecting counsel, and to give him a fair show.

In the unadjudged case of Darrive & Co. vs. Berger & Brown—Bergen & Straight intervenors—the Court gave a decision very nearly in the words following:

"The plaintiffs in this case claim the property sequestered by virtue of a lien or privilege on it. The defendants were in possession as general owners, subject to the lien of plaintiff, and as such were made defendants in this suit. There are two intervenors, who each claim the property by virtue of a purchase from the defendants.

"The defendants had the first right to bond, waived their rights, and the question is, which of the other three parties has the right against the other?

"The plaintiffs do not claim the property as against Straight, but do claim it against Van Bergen.

"The intervenors both claim as purchasers from defendants, and Straight, whose purchase is earlier, unites in himself with the rights obtained by the purchase from the defendants, all those of the plaintiffs, for they joined in the sale to him.

"Straight bought from defendants first, and acquired their title. Van Bergen who bought from them subsequently acquired no rights on less than can impeach the first sale. This is not attempted on this motion.

"As the evidence stands, therefore, Straight seems to be the owner of the right, and to unite in himself all the rights of plaintiffs and defendants.

"As representing the rights of both parties who therefore would otherwise be entitled to bond, the right has come to him and he alone has it. Van Bergen does not need Straight's purchase, and it was inferior to that of Van Bergen therefore Straight's rights are superior to Van Bergen's. Straight, therefore, is entitled to bond."

Mr. Horner presented a paper in the name of Thould Durant, praying for the emancipation of certain slaves.

The case of Hautwet vs. Avery came up for trial. It was a suit for carpenter's work on defendant's plantation, in Iberville parish, twenty miles below Baton Rouge, who paid him in Confederate money on the 15th October, saying he must take that or nothing. Coming to New Orleans to complain to Gen. Butler plaintiff was arrested, and Judge Bell, in the Provost Court, condemned the money. Gen. Butler's $50 per month paid to the provost judge in connection with the case, and Gen. Butler's order of May 16th, prohibiting the circulation of Confederate money, Mr Herbert appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Rozelius for the defendant. The argument rested mainly upon the fact whether the Confederate money was paid in Iberville when it was under Federal or Confederate jurisdiction—it was paid last October—and neither counsel could establish precisely that point.

Mr. Rozelius contended, however, that even if the Confederate money had been paid, the plaintiff was bound to return what he had been paid when claiming repayment. Gen. Butler, on the stand, in cross-examination, had unhesitatingly permitted the Banks to pay out Confederate money, after the Order. Besides, it was a "cook and bull story" about Judge Bell confiscating the money, when plaintiff told him he had brought it to Gen Butler to get him to make the defendant pay him other—there was no proof of it, and it was not credible.

Earliart asserted that the payment was made within the jurisdiction of Gen. Butler's order—but as the court wished to establish the point to its own satisfaction, the case was taken under advisement.

Barth vs. Rumbach, et al.—This case came up for trial. Plaintiff claimed $87 50 paid for a mule which did not belong to defendants, and several hundred dollars in addition for costs and vexations. Through witnesses and arguments the case dragged along at a snail's pace; but while it was proved that the mule did not belong to the defendants, it was also proved that the man who claimed to be the owner at the time and who took the animal from the plaintiff, was himself dispossessed of it a short time afterwards. The case grew so muddy at last that the Court had to take it under advisement.

The interminable Durrive vs. Berger & Brown case loomed up again, and as we left the Court we understood Mr. Durrive to be praying for the benefit of the testimony showing that Van Bergen had purchased prior to Straight—Mr Rozelius sitting ready for the combat.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
MONDAY EVENING, March 9, 1863.

COTTON—The receipts of cotton to-day comprise 3 and 20 bales to G. Low Middling to Strictly Middling at 65c @ lb. We have heard of two or three small sales of Middling at 61c @ lb. Negotiations were pending for several small lots, which were awaiting inquiries. A lot of damaged, loose and baled sold at auction for $2300.

SUGAR—The demand is active, but owing to the limited supply the sales are confined to 400 hhds, the numerous lots, at a further material advance on the previously elevated prices; Common 7½@8c., Good Common to Fair 8¼@9c., Prime 9@9½c., Choice 9¾@10c., Good Common to Fair, old crop, 10@10½, and Early Fair 11½c. @ lb.

MOLASSES—The demand is active, but the supply being light, the sales are confined to about 600 bbls, new crop at 38c. @ gallon, and choice old at 50c. @ gallon.

HIDES—A lot of about 100 sold at 16c. @ lb. for good dried, and 8c. for damaged.

PORK—A lot of 50 bbls. Mess, short weight, sold at $14 @ bbl.

FLOUR—There have been numerous sales, in lots not exceeding 100 bbls, at $4 75 @ $11 75 for good to fine Superfine, $6 25 @ $10 for Extra. Small lots of a very choice and superior family brand of Extra command $13 25@13 50 @ bbl.

COFFEE.—We notice sales of about 75 bags Rio Cof- fee at 30½@30c., and a small lot of Havana at 39c. @ lb.

TOBACCO.—On Saturday, not previously reported, 7 hhds. Common Leaf, sold at 20c., 3 Low Admitted at 23c., 1 Medium at 25c., and 2 Fine at 30c. There have been several other small sales at these prices, not reported.

MISCELLANEOUS.—The following sales were made at auction to-day: 100 bbls good and choice Extra Flour at $11@$12 50; 6 cases Shoulders at 13c.; 1 cask unadulterated Hams at 12c.; 50 kits old No. 1 Mackerel at $4 10; 10 bags Louisiana Rice at 6¾c., and 5 sacks Rio Coffee at 31½c. @ lb.

Cattle Market.

JEFFERSON CITY, March 10, 1863.

Arrived yesterday 20 Beeves, and 10 Veals. Amount of stock sold was 15 Beeves and 38 Veals. Stock remaining on sale is 106 Beeves, 10 Hogs, 303 Sheep, 33 Veals and 14 Milch Cows. We quote:

Beeves, 1st quality, ₱ lb net	8@9 26
Beeves, 2d quality, ₱ lb net	7@8 26
Beeves, 3d quality, ₱ lb net	6@7 26
Veal, 1st quality, ₱ head	20@25
Veal, 2d quality, ₱ head	15@20
Hogs, ₱ lb. gross	12@16c
Milch Cows, ₱ head	nominal.
Sheep, according to quality, ₱ head	$6@10

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, March 10, 1863.

☞ No clearances at the Custom-house yesterday.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

U S steamship St Mary, Talbot, from Baton Rouge—1st dist.

Ship Antoinette, (Brasseu) Rochon, from Liverpool, 39 days 14, to master—Aiglere

Brig Mary C Mariner, Mariner, 25 days from Boston, to master—L P T

Schr Althea, Crary, from the coast of Texas, to ballast to master—Point

Schr Star, Hammond, from the bar, (lightering the ship Antoinette) to master—Aiglere

Schr E Kidder, Hudson, from Key West, in ballast, to master—L P T

Schr Wm Wilson, Ryan, 19 days from New York, to T C A Dexter—D T

ARRIVED FROM THE COAST.

Schr L'Eclair, from the Coast, to master—2d dist

Schr Milnesburg, from Coast, to master—2d dist

Schr Flora, from Coast, to master—2d dist

Schr Mayflower, from Coast, to master—2d dist

Schr Ursulines, from the Coast, in master—2d dist

Schr Bee, from the Coast, to master—2d dist

Schr Gabriel Aime, from Coast, to master—2d dist

Schr Alcibiades, from Coast, to master—2d dist

Schr Surprise, from the Coast, to master—2d dist

Sloop Tiger, from Coast, to master—2d dist

Sloop Palerme, from Coast, to master—2d dist

Wood's Barge, from Coast, to master—2d dist

STEAMBOATS.

Southerner, May, from Thibodaux

Frank Manford, Bennett, from Baton Rouge

Laurel Hill, Thomas, from Baton Rouge

Belle Robinson, ——, from Baton Rouge

TOWBOAT REGISTER.

The towboat St Charles, Besiex, from the Passes—Towed down and to sea, 5th instant, ships Jennie Beals and Lisbon, bark Columbia—brought up ship Antoinette, brig Mary C Mariner, schrs Althea and Czar.

BELOW, COMING UP.

Ship J M Mayo, from Liverpool

Ship Betsey, from Boston

Ship Charter Oak, ——, from Liverpool December 29

Bark White Rose, Evans, — days from New York, to G A Fosdick

Bark Fleetwing, from New York, to G A Fosdick

Brig Fannie Weathe, from Philadelphia, to G A Fosdick

Brig Harvard, from Turk's Island, with 5000 bushels salt

Schr Kate Field, from New York

MEMORANDA.

☞ We learn from the passengers by the steamship Geo Washington that on the 1st instant, when off Hatteras, the Geo Washington was compelled to lay-to in a heavy gale twenty-four hours.

☞ The ship Digby, (British) previously reported as below coming up, put to sea on the 3d instant, bound to Havana.

IMPORTS.

NEW YORK—Per steamship Geo Washington—20 sks coffee to T Goldsmith—1 do A Harris—500 do do 19 pkgs mdse T C Payne—21 Heuting & Campbell—18 M L Nunez—7 G Zeudorf—7 F Von Bemhuysen—8 D Gorvin—21 M Kraus—24 E Kuger & Co—77 G Leonmont—3 Frost & Co—5 G W Griffiths—15 do J M Goale—32 J Lanz—15 E Marquez—38 W & C Blanchard—60 Tirrell & Bates—1 do H T Vanpaid—2 E Levy—4 Forchemer & Mayer—1 C W Harrison—1 L Delorbe—10 S H Kennedy & Co—1 C Weinhan—4 E L Brendlet—11 F Claret & Co—1 J Watt—2 J Syme & Co—1 E F Cless 40 bbs cheese 10 sks coffee 14 firkins butter 8 S Bevans 35 do E S Kee—10 do D Barnes & Co—10 do do 8 bbs mustard 5 tce hams 315 bxs cheese Orteil, Byrnes & Co 10 sks coffee 20 firkins butter 30 bxs cheese orchestra tce J