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The NORTHERN MAIL failed yesterday from beyond Mobile.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The document is very elaborate, and occasionally very argumentative; yet it abounds in interesting statements and discussions of the highest import to the community. The Board state that Congress has appropriated $50,000 for the construction of suitable warehouses, with wharves and enclosures, liable to certain conditions which are exceedingly within the scope of legislative action. When carried, these establishments would be a great protection to the efficiency of quarantine.

A considerable portion of the report is occupied with a review of the action of the Sanitary Convention which assembled at Philadelphia in May last, and the conclusion arrived at that its views have been neither judicious, nor instructive, and that the policy of quarantine as heretofore created facts will warrant. The various propositions put forth by the Convention are severally analyzed for the purpose of demonstrating the unreasonableness of the opinions which they may be, under certain circumstances, a transportable disease.—It deems the report argues long and learnedly, but our limits forbid us even to glance at the line of reasoning adopted, and the conclusions developed. Moreover they are [illegible] with the grasp of the unprofessional mind.

The report alludes to the importance of a thorough and careful system of registration of deaths and marriages, as aiding in discovering the causes of disease, providing the most effective means of preventing and proving personal identity, and furnishing information [illegible] the wealth of population. The [illegible] statistics is immeasurably [illegible] the law making power owes it to [illegible] to arrange and mature a system by [illegible] may be readily obtained and [illegible] registered. Vital statistics [illegible] established various momentous [illegible] the most remarkable of which [illegible] that while the negro is a curse, for [illegible] to his existence as a freeman, [illegible] together with a precedent [illegible] state of servitude; and that the vital [illegible] of the negro in the relation of a [illegible] extraordinary. The report [illegible] suggestions as to the improvement of the English system of registration.

The mortality in New Orleans during [illegible] was 9,687, which is an excess [illegible] the year 1856, and 1856 [illegible] months of 1855, when [illegible] visited the city passed into [illegible] The difference in [illegible] is very small, a healthy season [illegible] The report investigates [illegible] practice of employing [illegible] nurses of *accouchement*. The [illegible] children has been [illegible] and 8 out of every 10 of [illegible] carried where the sexton [illegible] were required. It is [illegible] females should not be permitted [illegible] assistants, without a previous [illegible] practical duties and [illegible] of the cases of infants [illegible] the subjects of [illegible] will found that the enormous [illegible] on four of all the deaths [illegible] under 5 years, die of lockjaw [illegible] abandoned. The mortality from [illegible] is one in nine of the [illegible] of deaths, while the dreaded [illegible] has proved infinitely less fatal [illegible] typhoid.

The [illegible] in yellow fever last year [illegible] was less fever originated is [illegible] difficult to determine. [illegible] at great length, but [illegible] conclusions beyond [illegible] fact may have been [illegible] here from the [illegible] war *Tonnerre*.

[illegible] swamp lands in the [illegible] rendered a measure of [illegible] south in a biogenic and [illegible] flow. The appendix to [illegible] large number of tables, [illegible] &c. Eighteen [illegible] arrived by sea during [illegible] of the deaths during that [illegible] cholera 29, yellow fever [illegible] lockjaw 110, [illegible] 10. Detailed [illegible] diseases, nativities [illegible] ascertained, of all who [illegible] 1857. The meteorological [illegible] the range of the thermometer [illegible] barometer, together [illegible] prevailing winds and [illegible] in the year.

[illegible] Board of Health for [illegible] of its expenditures [illegible] in cash of [illegible] $1,405. The [illegible] the thermometer 40 deg. above zero.

The Governor's Message.

[illegible]'s message will be found in [illegible]. It has at all events the merit [illegible] brevity, and is succinct as [illegible] to imply shunning. The leading point in [illegible] the finances of the State, [illegible] will be seen are in a sad condition.

[illegible] OF PLANTATION AT AUCTION.—[illegible] the advertisement under [illegible] of an estate that Alvarn Rotchford [illegible] Iberville Parish, at the [illegible] on a sugar plantation, in [illegible] Plaquemine, six miles below the [illegible] with the steam boiler, sugar[illegible] buildings, &c., estimated there [illegible] slaves, 25 mules, several [illegible] ponies stubbles, and a quantity [illegible] The plantation, slaves, [illegible] will be sold together with 240 [illegible] land. For terms, &c., [illegible]

[illegible] hotel keepers and others [illegible] to the sale of 100 barrels [illegible] at Pittsburg steam ale, [illegible] at 11 o'clock, this day.

Messrs. J. L. Carman & Co., at G. R. Beard & Patrick's Watch Case, No. 70 Fulton [illegible] the first-class hotels are now [illegible] article.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The *Evening Post* says of Mr. Eli Thayer has already commenced the organization of a company which is expected to send enough emigrants to Central America within the year to found two subsidiary seaports at either extremity of the Nicaragua route, and put them into profitable relations with agricultural interests of the interior.

The Washington correspondent of the *Post* says the Senate Committee on Territories have acted favorably upon the Minnesota bill on Saturday.

BRIG ASPEN IN DISTRESS.—The bark *Seraphina*, Captain Meyer, which cleared on the 13th instant for New York, with a cargo of flour, whiskey, hides, &c., returned yesterday, leaking badly. Captain M. reports that when [illegible] hundred miles to two hundred miles [illegible] the Balize, encountered heavy weather and a tremendous sea which shifted cargo and [illegible] which was compelled to return.

CAPTAIN MAYO AND THE HAYTIEN GOVERNMENT.—*Hot Coals, Treatment and Return.*—Capt. Mayo, of the brig *R. H. Parker*, of Boston, arrived at this port on Monday from Hayti, in which port he came passenger in the U. S. sloop of war Cyane.

He has been a resident for five months, and left with the affection of his family in Boston. He was arrested at Cape Haytien, it was said on the report of his having been engaged in the war in its worst counterfeit Haytien notes, which were brought on board and passed by Mr. Hibbard, one of his passengers, was proved on the trial.

The notes were never negived, so Mr. Hibbard escaped punishment. Capt. Mayo, it is [illegible] has on most cruelly treated by Hibbard [illegible] agent, and is certainly [illegible] heavy indemnity for loss of time, [illegible] &c. He was confined in prison [illegible] days, thirty days of which he was [illegible] at Haytien, in a dungeon [illegible] eight feet by ten other prisoners.

[illegible] case in general light over week. Haytien [illegible] the government for his support, [illegible] equal to about three cents [illegible] day, and it all he could purchase [illegible] rice, codfish and bread. He looks remarkably well however, and will no doubt [illegible] back to his friends at Boston.—*N. Y. Express.*

[illegible] is as scarce, or as hard in Utah as the [illegible] in the confederacy that is at war with her. Brigham Young has just increased the number of his wives to seventy-five, while our President can't afford to keep [illegible] and, indeed, we don't know why [illegible] is allowed seventy-five. We are [illegible] certain, however, that if Brigham [illegible] object in increasing the number of his wives is to raise up young [illegible] as rapidly as possible to fight the United States, he would better accomplish the [illegible] by getting the seventy-five women [illegible] husband apiece than by taking the [illegible] himself. The right way to multiply children in the territory is not to multiply his wives.

It is said that the new wives Brigham has married are fifteen very pretty young squaws. The children, if the wives are true, will be half Indian, but we have no idea they will be half bred.—*Frontier.*

By Telegraph.

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE.

Arrival of the Black Warrior at New York.

THE WABASH AT HAVANA.

Spanish Squadron Cruising in the Gulf.

LATER FROM UTAH.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE—GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

BATON ROUGE, Jan. 20.—The House met at 12 o'clock, and organized by electing W. W. Pugh Speaker.

No opposition was made to his election.

The House being organized, the Governor proceeded to deliver his annual message.

ARRIVAL OF THE BLACK WARRIOR.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The steamship *Black Warrior*, from Havana on the 15th inst., has arrived.

She brings $50,000 in specie.

The Spanish squadron sailed on the 12th on a cruise in the Gulf for the health of the crews.

It is rumored, but discredited, that Santa Anna is aboard, and that the fleet is bound for Vera Cruz.

The *Wabash* arrived at Havana on the 15th, with Colonel Frank Anderson and forty men.

The weather at Havana was warm. Business was dull. Short Exchange on New York 5 to 6 premium.

FOREIGN SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived out from New Orleans at Liverpool, (by the America) Evening Star and Marquette.

At Deal, The Erie.

At Queenstown, Forest City.

At Bremen, Hermann.

Sailed out for New Orleans from Liverpool, Cambria, Crown Point, Crimea, Edward Hyman, Florence Nightingale, Henrietta Marcy, H. M. Hays, J. P. Whitney, Riversmith, Sea Belle, Trimbull, W. F. Sievens.

From Plymouth, Voyager.

From Gravesend, Abbot Lawrence.

From Clyde, Advice and Jane Ophelia.

From Havre, Artisan and Semiphore.

From Cowes, Peerless.

LATER FROM UTAH.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 19.—An Indian trader says he met between 600 and 700 Camanches, on the 23d December, returning from Salt Lake to their villages, eighty miles from Fort Laramie, intending to camp till spring, when, under Mormon leaders, they will harass the United States troops, by cutting off supplies, &c. The Camanches believe that the Mormon army is 80,000 strong. They say the Mormons have no idea of leaving the Territory.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

BATON ROUGE, Jan. 20.—*House.*—The following officers were elected: Speaker, W. W. Pugh; Clerk, James Welch; Assistant Clerk, G. B. Shepperd, of the Attakapas *Register*; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. H. Peralta; Door-keeper, E. Gray; Warrant Clerk, T. D. Lewis.

After the reading of the Governor's message by the Clerk, the House adjourned.

Senate.—Dr. Delonay, of East Feliciana, offered a series of resolutions denouncing the arrest of Gen. Walker, and demanding that he be returned to Nicaragua by the government.

Mr. St. Paul also offered a resolution of the same character.

Mr. St. Paul gave notice of two bills—one regulating elections in New Orleans, and the other amending the charter of New Orleans.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—*Senate.*—Mr. Hale spoke, making strictures on the Dred Scott decision.

Mr. Iverson introduced a bill retiring disabled army officers. Referred to the Committee on Militia Affairs.

He also offered a bill to change the mode of appointing Cadets to Westpoint.

House.—Bills introduced: by Mr. Davis, a French Spoliation bill; by Mr. Scott, for the better security of passengers in ocean steamers; by Mr. Kibben, granting alternate sections of land to California for railroad purposes.

The House debated the Pacific Railroad, and finally resolved that that part of the President's message relating thereto be referred to a select committee of fifteen, with power to report a bill, or otherwise.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The War Department asks an appropriation of nearly $250,000 for 30 months' subsistence of the Utah expedition.

The Senate, in executive session, confirmed the remainder of the Naval nominations.

KANSAS ELECTION.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20.—The *Democrat* publishes letters of the 15th from Kansas, with the following returns:

For the Constitution with slavery, 6,063. Without slavery, 3,762, (last number doubtful.)

For Congress—Parrott, 6,620; Carr, 6,368.

The Senate stands: Free State 13; Democrats 4.

The House stands: Free State 29; Democrats 14.

The Territorial Legislature, on account of frauds, will provide for another Constitutional Convention.

WEATHER AT 9 A. M., JAN. 20.

At Pittsburg, cloudy; mercury 34 deg.

At Buffalo, the thermometer marks 19 deg. above zero, windy.

At Cleveland, wind South-west; 32 deg. above zero.

At Cairo, 32 deg. above zero.

At Rockland, Ill., 26 deg. above zero, clear.

At St. Louis, clear, and 34 deg. above zero.

At Louisville, it is very foggy, with the thermometer 40 deg. above zero.

MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Cotton firm. White Wheat $1 20 to $1 30. Corn (white) 66c.—Mess Pork $14 75 to $14 90. Molasses 23 to 27c. Old green Tea better.

SOUTHERN RAILROAD.

VICKSBURG, Jan. 20.—The passenger and mail trains resumed to-day. The freight trains resume on Monday.

NEW STEAMBOATS COMING.

VICKSBURG, Jan. 20.—The Fairchild passed down at 1 P. M.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, January 13.

Senate.—Mr. Douglas presented a petition from Mr. Henry O'Reilly, in favor of establishing a telegraph line from the Western border of Missouri to Fort Laramie and the South Pass of the Rocky Mountains.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill explanatory of the act granting bounty lands to officers and soldiers, passed March, 1855, so as to secure claims to the heirs of persons making claim, who have died before the land warrants were issued. Referred.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the bill to repeal the acts of 1858, authorizing the change of the names of vessels in certain cases.

Mr. Benjamin, in showing the necessity of the passage of the bill, said he had a list of ninety-two vessels, the names of which had been changed within eighteen months; thirty-one of them had either been lost at sea, or been the scene of the loss of life and property. The names were changed to deceive the public, when the vessels were rotten and unseaworthy. He instanced the General *America*, whose name was changed from *George Law*. One vessel had been condemned and her name changed three times, and she went to sea and was never heard of afterwards.

The bill was passed.

The joint resolutions to extend the time for the restoration of naval officers affected by the Retiring Board to April next, was passed.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

House.—The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President in response to the resolution calling for information relative to recent events in Central America.

On motion of Mr. Clingman, that part of the message and accompanying documents relating to Commodore Paulding, having reference to orders to the Navy Department, were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

A message was received from the President, stating that he had received a copy of the Constitution of Minnesota, together with an abstract of the votes polled for and against, and he now laid it before Congress in the manner prescribed by that instrument. Having received but one copy, he had transmitted that to the Senate.

A message was received from the President in response to a resolution asking whether the government of Nicaragua has made any complaint on account of the arrest of Walker by Com. Paulding on its soil. The President, through the Secretary of State, says no such complaint has reached the Department.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union on the President's annual message.

Mr. Kellogg said if ever a President required support at the hands of his friends it was now. Who could tell which were Administration measures? Look to the Senate—there the Warwick of the party, in the pride of his power, hurls defiance at the Administration. The President entered upon the Presidency with a plethoric treasury, which is now bankrupt.

The Central American question is pressing hard upon him—the filibusters are about to overwhelm him. Besides, there is the Kansas question which he is pressing forward for the destruction of freemen's rights, and the indignation buried back in Minnesota and Utah is beyond the control of the Government, and Brigham Young is laughing him to scorn. Well may he exclaim, "Save me from my friends." As to Central American affairs, if the President was derelict at all, it was because he did not, with a firm and steady hand, carry out his instructions, and prosecute Walker while he was within our jurisdiction. He defended the President in maintaining that it was the right and duty of Louisiana to arrest Walker on the soil of Nicaragua.

Mr. Moore, of Alabama, defended that Commodore Paulding exceeded his instructions, and that a majority of the nation would never sanction his conduct.

Mr. Thompson, of New York, thought that the administration was bound to have Walker prosecuted for a violation of the neutrality laws.

Mr. Warner, of Arkansas, asserted that Commodore Paulding had exceeded his instructions. He also said if President Pierce had promptly removed Brigham Young, the troubles in Utah would have been settled. He also advocated a grant of land to Arkansas for railroad purposes.

The Committee then rose, and the House adjourned.

MESSAGE
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

In accordance with the behests of the Constitution, and the usages of custom, I have by my before you such an exhibit of the affairs of the State of Louisiana as may better enable you to discharge the high and solemn functions of legislating for her wants and the development of her resources.

The condition of the State Treasury, according to the report of the Auditor, shows a balance, on the first of January, 1858, to the credit of the General Fund, of forty-eight thousand four hundred and sixteen dollars and forty-three cents.

The receipts into the Treasury proper for account of the General Fund are estimated, by the Auditor, at one million one hundred thousand dollars, making an aggregate of one million one hundred and forty-eight thousand four hundred and sixteen dollars and forty-three cents, to be applied to the general and extraordinary expenditures of government for the ensuing year. The estimated expenditures for the same period, including the unexpended balances, are fourteen hundred and eighteen thousand eight hundred and three dollars; showing a deficit in the General Fund account for the fiscal year of two hundred and seventy thousand three hundred and eighty-six dollars and fifty-seven cents. The total receipts, less the unexpended balances, from the accounts of the various Special and Trust Funds, are estimated, for the year 1858, at twelve hundred and twenty-two thousand five hundred and sixty dollars.

It will readily be perceived that the current general resources of the State are gradually sinking below the general and extraordinary expenditures; and each year the State has been forced to borrow a larger sum from the Special and Trust Funds of the Treasury, to make good this continuously swelling deficit. It is time this ominous practice was arrested, and the expenditures of the government confined within the limits of its own proper revenues. To accomplish so desirable an end, it behooves me to impress upon the General Assembly, in the strongest language, the necessity of the most rigid economy. This economy is demanded of the government not less by a consideration of our peculiar exigencies, than by the depressed prices of all the great staples of our agriculture and the pecuniary distress which prevails amongst the commercial and industrial classes of the community.

It would be a gross and unpardonable offense were the disbursements of the State not now made with the frugality which individual citizens have been forced to adopt, in the conduct of their own affairs. I would particularly call your attention to several items of expenditure which should be reduced.

The annual charge for public printing is over forty thousand dollars, a large part of which is incurred for the publication, in French and English, of the debates of the members of the Legislature. These debates are not made public for weeks and months after they occur, and the cost of the whole machinery of reporting and translating is incurred, together with the expense of printing, without obtaining the slightest practical benefit. Another serious charge upon the Treasury is the profuse expenditure incurred for objects of charitable and educational nature. I am convinced that it will be far better to leave the support of many of these objects to individual benevolence and private enterprise. The interest of those who have the conduct of such institutions is far from being increased by the continued aid of the State. In the inception of such objects it may be well to further and encourage them by governmental assistance, but the habit of leaning upon the State for aid begets any thing else than a vigorous personal attention to and interest in their good management and economical administration. Aside from the leading objects, the State Asylum, such as the Lunatic and Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylums, and the Charity Hospital, the Legislature should make the most sparing appropriations to this class of objects.

I also deem it my duty to urge upon the Legislature the repeal of the act which throws upon the State Treasury the costs of criminal prosecutions in the several parishes of the State. This new item of expense to the government is incurred by the Auditor of Public Accounts to require for the coming year the sum of fifty thousand dollars. When these charges were first levied by the several parishes, they were subjected to the audit of the police juries, and the immediate tax payers had a direct and personal interest in seeing that they were kept within proper bounds.

Only by economy and retrenchment can the State hope to retrace her steps, and prepare the way for that reduction of taxation demanded by the times.

The condition of the accumulations by the deficits of the General Fund upon the Trust Funds of the State have already attracted the attention of the General Assembly, and I doubt not that the acts passed by the last Legislature, taking the vast sum due these Trust Funds entirely out of the Treasury, will thus effectually check the tendency to extravagant and wasteful expenditure which has marked our past history.

In compliance with the above act, I was furnished by the Auditor with a statement exhibiting the amount due by the State to the Free School Fund and the Seminary Fund respectively. By this statement it appears that the sum of $529,000 is due the Free School Fund, and $136,000 the Seminary Fund. In pursuance of the second section of said act, I have issued six hundred and sixty-five coupon bonds for $1000 each, payable in forty years from the 1st of July, 1857, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and payable semi-annually.

In conformity with the seventh section of said act, on the 1st of April I caused advertisement in the New Orleans papers inviting proposals for the exchange of the State bonds thus issued for any of the bonds receivable by the State as security for the circulation of the banks established under the free banking law, and on the first day of July the proposals received were opened in the manner required by law. The most favorable offer made for the exchange was of city railroad bonds, at a difference of five per cent. in value—i. e., ninety-five cents for the city bonds, and par for the State bonds. One proposal, offering an exchange of $100,000 of consolidated city bonds, was received at the same rate. This difference in value did not, in my judgment, form any inducement for making the exchange; and, exercising that discretion vested in me under the act, I rejected the proposals, and have placed in the hands of the Secretary of State and State Treasurer the bonds issued, believing, without any desire or intention to disparage the value of other bonds, that the best security the State can hold for its Trust Funds is to be found in the bonds of the State; a principle which is recognized in the thirteenth section of the act referred to, which requires investments for certain funds to be made in bonds of the State at par in preference to any other bonds.

During the past year the investments of interest accruing to the redemption of State Debt Fund and the Free School Accumulating Fund have been made after due form of law, in State bonds, at rates varying from $81 88-100 to $84. In all cases, fourteen city bonds were taken at seventy-three cents to complete the amount required.

I refer you to the report of the Superintendent of Public Education for a full statement of the operations of that department for the last year. There are many valuable suggestions contained in that report, which present themselves to the careful consideration of the Legislature.

The Internal Improvement Department has been actively engaged in the performance of the labors imposed upon it by the last Legislature. A full statement of the resources and conditions of said department, I refer you to the report of the State Engineer.

You will perceive from the report of the Register of the State Land Office that the sum of six hundred and ninety-eight thousand two hundred and seventy-eight dollars and eighty cents has been received for the sale of lands during the past year. On account of swamp lands, six hundred and twenty-five thousand six hundred and thirty-five dollars and eighty cents. School lands, thirty-two thousand nine hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-two cents. Internal improvement lands, thirty-eight thousand and six dollars and twenty-nine cents. Seminary lands, one thousand six hundred and thirty-six dollars and forty-one cents.

The report of the Swamp Land Board will place you in full possession of its operations during the past year. The recommendation of the Superintendent of the First District for the building of a protection levee for the city of New Orleans, and to reclaim and drain swamp and overflowed lands, should meet with the hearty approval of the Legislature.

I would recommend the propriety of an assessment requiring the Sheriff of each parish, or other officer charged with the collection of State taxes, to publish in their respective parishes, for thirty days, a list of delinquent tax payers, for the settlement with the Auditor; said list to form a basis for that settlement.

I deem it my duty to call your attention to the act of 1846, relative to the trial of slaves. This law requires amendment. Several instances have occurred, since the passage of this act, where slaves, convicted of the crime of murder, have never paid the penalty the law demands. The special tribunal which tries them has power to fix the time for the execution of the sentence; an appeal is taken, or the condemned slave escapes from jail; the day appointed for carrying into effect the sentence, once passed, there is no provision of law authorizing the designation of another. Indeed, the criminal law demands revision. In the connection, I would call your attention to the report and recommendations of the Attorney-General.

The report of the Adjutant-General contains a full statement relative to the affairs of the militia of the State, its present organization, and condition. It is for the Legislature to legalize whether the State of the militia of Louisiana is all that the security of her people and her peace demand. If not, it is its duty, by the passage of proper laws, to remedy the defects existing under the present system.

Your attention is directed to the report of the Board of Health, to improve upon your unquestionable consideration the many valuable recommendations therein contained.

The report of the Directors and Engineer of the Penitentiary will fully acquaint you with the operations for the last nine months it has been under their control.

The report of the several railroad districts, which will be furnished you, will show that the roads have been managed with great economy and skill, and, although subjected by the necessary wear, will continue their works to the full extent of their pecuniary ability.

The following is the amount of bonds issued from time to time to the several railroad companies:

BONDS ISSUED TO THE RAILROAD COMPANIES DURING THE YEAR 1857.

To New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company, 6 per cent. bonds, $1000	$ 16,000
Redeemed previously, 501 bonds of $1000	501,000
Total amount issued	$507,000
To Baton Rouge, Grosse Tete and Opelousas Railroad Company, 8 bonds	$8,000
Issued previously	30,000
Total amount issued	38,000
To New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company, 57 bonds	$57,000
Issued previously	880,000
Total amount issued	$937,000
To Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad Company, 45 bonds..	$45,000
Issued previously	90,000
Total amount issued	$135,000

RECAPITULATION.

Bonds issued during 1857, 134 bonds,	$136,000
Issued previously, 1,669 bonds	1,509,000
Total bonds issued	$1,645,000

REMAINING FILED IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE, FOR BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1857.

By the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company, 50 bonds	$ 50,000
By the Baton Rouge, Grosse Tete and Opelousas Railroad Company, 10 bonds	10,000
By the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company, 260 bonds	260,000
By the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad Company, 187 bonds	187,000
Total estimates, 397 bonds	$397,000

The marble tablet ordered by the last Legislature to be placed in the Senate Chamber, in commemoration of the distinguished services of the Hon. John H. Harmanson, has not been erected, the appropriation of five hundred dollars being insufficient.

An effort was made at the general election of November last to enforce the act relative to the sale of liquors on Sunday. Owing to many causes beyond the control of the Executive, and the opposition of the Municipal Council, there was but a feeble execution of the statute.

I tendered the office of Superintendent to four distinguished citizens before one would accept. To Judge J. B. Cotton, who did accept, I delegated the whole power given by the law, having full confidence in his discretion.

I am satisfied from his report that the law has not accomplished what was intended by the Attorney-General, in answer to a call on him made by the last Legislature, to report, in his opinion, the best means of preventing duels in the parish of the parish of Orleans, recommended an armed force.

Recent events have attracted a large share of attention to the militia system of the State of Louisiana. Towards the close of the month of August last there began, in the great commercial capital of the Union, a financial crisis, from the untoward effects of which neither the United States nor Europe is likely soon to recover. Commencing among the more or less hazardous dealers in credits, this crisis has gathered strength and violence as it progressed, until now not a single industrial pursuit of our people is left unaffected. A great and rapid decline in every staple of our State has taken place, and whilst the debt and liabilities of her citizens fixed and stationary, their means have had to undergo a revolution which has beggared many who thought themselves opulent, and more or less diminished the money and wealth of the whole community.

The obvious cause to this great revolution is now apparent to all. An undue expansion of credit in every shape and form in which credit could be afforded, must undoubtedly be considered as the great moving cause of this anomalous financial panic.

But the only form in which the credit system is definable, is it touches the State to examine, is the banking system. On the 14th October last the first distinct mark of peril to the bank of Louisiana was made in a manifest, when I immediately repaired to New Orleans to see that the laws were properly executed, and the interests of the State protected. Three of the free banks were forced to succumb to the storm and wholly suspend, and one of the chartered banks had partially suspended. In soon, however, as the first impulse of alarm passed away, the confidence of the public in the solvency and general good management of the banks was restored, and only a few weeks sufficed to reinstate the crippled institutions in their former position. The free banks first of November have steadily increased their coin resources, and now present an unusual degree of solidity.

In looking back at the condition of the banks, as reported by the President of the Board of Currency, it will be apparent that they were not in that degree of strength in August and September last which the then already rising financial distress demanded. The specie and bullion of the Board of Currency for each of these months reveal the fact that the real coin in vault differed from the tabular exhibit of specie by from six to eight hundred thousand dollars. So grave a discrepancy indicates a lack of fairness in the returns, or a defect in the law, which demands your attention. As we have already incurred most of the evils of a rapid contraction of the currency, it will be well to determine whether our banking laws might not be so modified as to permanently secure to us a more desirable metallic currency. If the circulation of the banks of the State were limited to issues of ten dollars and upwards, I am satisfied a great step would be made to accomplish this end.

I need not dwell on the obvious benefits which would arise from thus enlarging the specie basis of our currency. It only for me you to inquire whether our State is in a position to take a step which will ultimately prove so beneficial to the stability of our currency and commerce.

The wisdom of the last Legislature, in not breaking down, but rather strengthening the checks and guards which surround our banking system, is now triumphantly vindicated. Trust in the solidity of the banks of the State will now be to maintain those checks and guards with a vigorous and jealous tenacity. The lawful power of the State is never more imperilled than when the friends of the system would tear away those conservative safeguards by which wisdom and experience has taught us it is so necessary to curb their inevitable tendency to expansion.

I am justified, by passing events, in saying that all of our banks have been managed with more than the average degree of prudence and wisdom; and it is a matter of pride that our monetary system of Louisiana is so exceptionally good as to have elicited the particular notice of the leading minds of the commercial world.

Since my last communication to the Legislature, the domestic affairs of the federal government have been the well-disposed persons, seriously disturbed.

In the Territory of Utah a remarkable state of things exists. An absolute politico-religious despotism has been established over a portion of the common territory set apart for the homes of freemen, a union of Church and State, the most dangerous form has been carried into practical effect. Superstition has consolidated power; and Brigham Young is the head of a man who openly defies the authority of the government. United States troops have been ordered to the scene of rebellion; and it is not an irrational prediction to say that the clang of arms will soon be heard through the quiet valleys of the Territory. Should the contemplated emergency arise, and should circumstances require it, I know the people of Louisiana will exhibit their well-known traits of patriotism, and promptly offer the services of their State to aid the federal authorities in restoring quiet, and re-establishing its legitimate control over the Territory of Utah.

Events have been and now are occurring in the Territory of Kansas, which seem to threaten a full attainment of the result of the bloodshed and bloodshed inevitable. The indications are that a portion of the people residing there have received upon their fellow-citizens the right to vote by the law-abiding portion of the community to dispose of this fruitful field of agitation by admitting Kansas as a State into the Union. A Constitutional Convention, elected under the authority and in accordance with the provisions of a law passed by the Territorial Legislature, assembled at Lecompton in October, 1857, and closed its session in December of the same year. That Convention undoubtedly had the right to submit, or not, the Constitution which it framed to the popular vote for ratification or rejection. In the exercise of this right the Convention, animated by a spirit of justice and fairness characteristics unknown to those who oppose its acts—and with a desire to finally settle the question of slavery in Kansas, submitted that clause alone to a vote of the people. That vote was taken on the 21st of December last, and resulted in the adoption of the slavery clause.

Kansas has now assumed all the attributes of a sovereign State, and demands, and is entitled to an admission into the Union as an equal of the other States. It is to be hoped that the Congress of the United States, guided by the voices of the patriotic citizens of every State, will make prompt effort with the constitutional barriers to remove this disturbing question from the halls of Congress, by the speedy admission of Kansas, under the present Constitution, to the benefits and privileges of our glorious Confederacy. I know of no other mode by which to give this matter a quiet and satisfactory adjustment, which will take to the South and the conservative sentiment of the North. The theory of non-intervention by Congress, or other federal authority, with the question of slavery in the Territories, is coming to a practical solution; while the great principle of popular sovereignty is working out its legitimate results.

Under its operation, three new States are now knocking at the doors of the Union, the people of Utah, by a direct vote, through their representatives, duly empowered, have defined the nature of their domestic institutions satisfactorily to themselves; and, if, on examination, their fundamental laws prove to be republican in form, and not in conflict with the Constitution of the United States, it only remains for Congress to enroll their names upon the list of States, and to equip them forever in every respect. This is what the Southern States will require of their agents in Congress, whether the new States to be admitted have established slavery or not; this is the extent of the demands of the South upon their Northern brethren. We ask nothing but the practical application of the principles of the Constitution. We would not, consistently with our obligations to the Union, ask more; but we cannot take, and reserve our honor and constitutional rights.

A statesman is in the President's chair, chosen, by the main, by the people of the South, and it is confidently believed that he will consider it his duty to do us justice in securing our future growth.

Should the Clayton-Bulwer treaty be declared by the Senate to be abrogated, or give way to the more liberal construction of some Americans, that it does not prevent, but only requires us to secure the right of way, we should then be free to act. Our position would then be that of the United States, and we could then, by the construction of the Tehuantepec road, secure to ourselves the great benefits of the Nicaragua route, and to the world the immense advantages of a double communication between the two oceans