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NEW ORLEANS:
MONDAY MORNING, MAY 2.

Sales at Auction This Day.

By R. T. Montgomery, at 10½ o'clock, at foot of Commission street, 50 hhds double sugar cane, at 9¾ months' credit for Gould acceptance.

By D. E. Murphy, at 10 o'clock, head of Poydras street, 110 bales hay.

E. McCarren & Landry, at 11 o'clock, at their auction mart, Masonic Hall, furniture.

To the polite Patrons of the George Washington we are obliged for the usual courtesies

New Beefsteak. Those who desire a choice article of beef should refer to the advertisement of Thompson & Barnes, 41 Tchoupitoulas street.

McCarren & Landry advertise for their sale to-day, at their mart, a magnificent rosewood piano and household furniture, &c.

John Grace, No. 5 Bank Place, offers for sale a consignment of corn, sloops, schooners, Jamaica rum and other articles. See advertisement.

Diarrhea, Croup, Neuralgia, &c.—Mr. R. C. Hill, 117 St. Ann street, has, according to his advertisement, a sure cure for the above diseases. See his card in another column.

Western Produce, Groceries, &c.—E. S. Kenyon, 62 Poydras street, advertises a large stock of Western produce, together with a variety of groceries and other articles, comprising flour, hams, lard, butter, teas, pickles, olive oil, gum and sewing machine oils, all of a choice and desirable description.

Fresh Groceries and Provisions.—The extensive house of S. S. Bevans & Co., corner of Levee and Tchoupitoulas streets, announce the immediate receipt by steamships of a shipment of family and fancy groceries, such as Goshen butter, Goshen cheese, fresh lima beans, and tomatoes; in addition to which they call attention to their large stock of tea, coffee, sugar, lard, pork, candles, &c., &c.

Dealers and speculators in hardware will find it to their interest to attend the large and sure revival sale, which is advertised by D. E. Murphy auctioneer, for this day (Monday), at 10 o'clock A. M., in store No. 67 Magazine street. See the advertisement.

To close in sugar and sugar brokers should see R. T. Montgomery's sales this day, Monday, May 2, at 10½ o'clock, on the Levee, foot of Canal street, 30 hhds choice sugar.

At 11 o'clock, on the Levee foot of Customhouse street, 50 hhds choice sugar.

We are requested to inform our readers and customers that all purchasing elegant and costly furniture—carpets, curtains, mirrors, sevres, china and exquisite Bohemian glassware, solid and rich oil paintings, of great merit and by the first masters, valuable works of art and ornaments, statuary and statuettes, etc., etc., to the residence No. 42 St. Peter street, between Chartres and Royal streets, on Monday and Tuesday, 2d and 3d inst., between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M., and minutely examine the articles which will be sold on Wednesday, 4th inst., at 11 o'clock. Catalogues are now ready to facilitate visitors in the examination.

D. E. Murphy, auctioneer, will sell, in lots to suit purchasers, on Monday 2d May, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the Levee, head of Poydras street, 40 bales choice hay.

Arrival of the U. S. Mail Steamship Washington.—The U. S. Mail Steamship George Cromwell, Commander, arrived in the river last night, bringing the U. S. mails and following passengers:

C. L. Gridley, A. W. Gale, A. S. Public, Capt. F. R. Abbott, Mrs. M. A. Wood, A. T. Wood, A. C. Passon, R. Thompson, J. De Rivadi, Mrs. Rivadi, John Minor Malone, Boyland, Bird, Mrs. A. Bird, Mrs. Mary J. Cooper, Mrs. M. N. Fowler, J. C. Kelly, Mrs. Kelly, Miss Ann Sarah Nesbitt, Rev. Mr. Nesbitt, Mrs. Andrews and son, Mrs. M. Rogers, Mrs. C. Fry, J. Richardson, A. Kerr, Sergeant A. Foust, Q. [illegible], J. C. Hebert.

One Day Later from the North.

Arrival of the Geo. Washington.

Important from North Carolina.

Return of the Ram at Plymouth, and Union Gunboats Destroyed.

Capture of the Rebel Steamer Bloodhound Up in St. John's River.

Interesting from Washington

Fighting in New York — Cotton 80 to 81.

By the arrival of the steamship George Washington we have files of New York papers to the evening of the 23d April, from which we take the following intelligence:

North Carolina.

The Ram Attacked—The Rebel Ram at Work—Two Gunboats Sunk.

The New York evening papers of the 23d have the following:

Baltimore, April 23.—The following highly important intelligence was received from Fortress Monroe this morning:

On Sunday last the rebels assaulted our works at Plymouth, N. C., and were twice repulsed.

On Monday morning, at one o'clock, the gunboat Bombshell ran up the Roanoke river to the mouth of Jarbis-mon-shad ran reported coming down.

Soon after passing our works the Bombshell was fired into by a rebel battery, and sunk.

About 4 o'clock the rebel ram came down, passed our batteries, and then ran into the gunboat Southfield and sunk her.

The gunboat Miami, a very strong vessel, lay near the ram, and Capt. Flusser, one of the most excellent men in our navy, steered her decks [illegible] and fired nine-inch shells at the rebel ram, which rebounded from her sides, exploded and killed Capt. Flusser.

The Miami was then immediately run down to prevent her going out of danger.

The rebel ram, so far as heard from, has not had a shot, and now has possession of the river and Plymouth.

The garrison at Plymouth is cut off from all communication.

The fact, however, is well garrisoned, and a body of people are already organized and armed.

General Butler is confident that it will withstand the assault that the rebels can [illegible] from Newbern say that Little Washington is threatened by the rebels.

Butler has sent an army of gunboats [illegible] to open communication with Washington and the navy vessels to destroy the ram.

Butler has also sent a gunboat to re[illegible] Smithfield.

[illegible] on the N. Y. Herald, 23d April.]

Washington, April 25.—1864—Special advices received from Norfolk and state that Brig. Gen. Wessells arrived there yesterday from Plymouth. Via Morehead City, we have possession of for the past [illegible] 12 portmont dispatches to Gen [illegible]

[illegible] reported that a rebel ram came down the river to Plymouth, N. C., and commenced attacking our fleet, and [illegible] and one other gunboat, name [illegible]

[illegible] artillery existed at Plymouth, [illegible] evacuated and half destroyed [illegible]

[illegible] that General Peck would be [illegible] with [illegible]

Washington, April 25.—The Rebel ram which came down the river about three o'clock on Monday morning, floated down with the current and was first observed until close under the guns of the Miami. Lieutenant Commander Flusser rebel forward, sighted and fired the [illegible] gun, which struck the [illegible] rebounded, and instantly killed him, a piece of the shell penetrating his breast. The ram then attacked the gunboat, and she sank in five minutes. The Miami was somewhat injured. The ram passed the guns at Plymouth with no being discovered. She is 150 feet long, and [illegible] about eight feet of water, and carries only two small guns.

General Affairs in North Carolina.

[illegible] OUT PROSPECTS FOR THE REBELS

[From the N. Y. Herald, April 23d.]

The despatch steamer from Roanoke Island to the North Carolina sounds in the Department of the Potomac, brings the following intelligence:

Governor's Council, which has [illegible] Raleigh, declined calling the Legislature together in extra session, fearing it would array [illegible] against the confederacy.

The Henderson (North Carolina) *Times*, published in the western part of the State, advises [illegible] in that section to return to the [illegible] army, and remain at home and [illegible] themselves.

The Wilmington *Journal* is gloomy at the [illegible] affairs generally in the Confederacy, and deplores the sad lack of food, but takes [illegible] the same encouragement that several hundred [illegible] rifles are manufactured daily in the armory there for the rebel service.

Governor Vance and Mr. Holden, the two candidates for Governor, are invited by the citizens of Anson to address them in joint discussion.

The enemy are ascertained to be in force in front of Plymouth, with the determination of attempting the capture of the place, in order that their iron-clad ram in the Roanoke may enter the sounds, and thus obtain possession of the inland waters of North Carolina.

From Florida and South Carolina.—Evacuation of Pilatka.

Hilton Head, S. C., April 17.—On Thursday last the town of Palatka, on the St. John's River, which has been occupied for the past few weeks by Col. Barton's brigade, was evacuated. The troops brought away everything in the shape of military stores. They were not molested in the least by the enemy. A number of families and quite a large troop of contrabands, accompanied the troops on their departure.

Destruction of the Steamer Geo. Hunter by a Torpedo.

On the 15th the steamers Cosmopolitan and Geo. Hunter were sent to Pocotaligo to bring down the provisions left there the previous day. The steamers were loaded and steamed down the river towards their destination. The Cosmopolitan came through safely; but the Geo. Hunter, while passing Buckies Bluff, about twelve miles above Jacksonville, encountered a torpedo, which exploded under her bow and blew the forward part of the hull into fragments. She sunk in less than three minutes, carrying down with her the quartermaster at the wheel, who was undoubtedly injured by the explosion, and a heavy load of commissary and quartermaster's stores, which will prove a total loss. The officers and crew, with the exception of the man in the pilot house, took to their boats and reached Jacksonville safely, but in their night clothes.

The General Hunter was a river steamer, built by Captain Hedrick for some forty miles, and was owned by the government. She was commanded by Capt. Lester and J. J. Coombs, instructing them to vote for the renomination of Lincoln and the other, at the Union League Room, elected Lewis Clephane and John R. Elvans delegates, without instruction. These were exciting scenes while in progress.

The Prospects of a Fight in Virginia.

People who are predicting some fine battles in Virginia, will doubtless be disappointed, unless Gen. Lee either assumes in force, or else takes a desperation toward Pennsylvania.

The Defences of Richmond.

The latest authentic intelligence from Richmond states that the rebels are busily engaged in throwing up new defences around the city and mounting them with guns of heavy calibre. The opinion prevails there that there will be no further retrogrades when Grant advances, and that no considerable resistance will be made along the line of the Rapidan.

The State Governors.

Washington, April 23.—Governor Curtin, with the Wisconsin delegation, waited on the War Department this morning.

Military Rumors.

The city to-day is alive with speculations, of which the greater portion have no foundation in fact.

Rebel Rams and Torpedoes.

The Navy Department has positive information from the Southern blockading vessels of the completion of the long talked of rebel ram and of torpedo boats of a peculiar construction, and very precautions have been taken to all quarters to guard against surprises.

From Cairo—News and China.

San Francisco, April 21.—Arrived bark Catherine from Hong Kong, with 1,000,000 pounds of sugar for San Francisco refinery.

Arrived, ship Sea Witch from Hellsingore, St. Charles from Hong Kong, and Gushing Starfrom Boston.

Sailed, ship Robinson, for Callao.

Market quiet.

China dates to Feb 23 have been received. Maj. Gordon had marched to attack Hong Cheau. The body guard of the Governor General had been causing trouble again at Canton.

Two Japanese Ambassadors had arrived at Shanghai for Europe.

New York Markets.

According to the New York morning papers of the 23d inst., the gold market of the previous day opened at about 1.54½, and closed, says the *Times*, at 1.51.

The *Commercial Advertiser* reports at 12½ P. M. the 23d April—

Gold opened at 1.54¾, rose to 1.55¾, dropped to 1.52, and rose to 1.53 at 1 P. M.

Our correspondent reports gold by the raising of the steamer at 3 P. M., at 53.

New York, April 23, 3 P. M.—Cotton—The market is firm. With sales of 500 bales at 80 to 80c for middling uplands; at 80 to 77c for low middling.

Whisky—Market irregular, and unsettled. Sales 1,000 bbls, at $1.25 to $1.28, shrift at $1.25.

Flour, &c.—The flour market is irregular, unsettled and dull, with no price advance. The sales are 7,500 barrels at $7.40 to 7.60 for superfine State; $7.70 to 7.85 for extra State; $7.85 to 8.10 for choice do; $7.70 to 7.65 for superfine Western; $7.70 to 7.85 for common to medium extra Western; $8.15 to 8.30 for common to good shipping brands extra round hoop Ohio; and $8.30 to 9.00 for trade brands. The market closing quiet, with no buyers at the outside quotations.

Coffee—The market continues quiet, with sales since our last of 1,200 bags St. Domingo at 36c.

Sugar—Is higher with a better demand. Sales since our last 2,000 hhds at 11c for Porto Rico; 11 to 11c for Cuba Muscovado; 11¼c for Manilas, and 11 to 12c for Havanas. Molasses is firm. Refined are steady with a good demand at 17¼ to 18¼c for soft yellow 20 to 22c for soft white, and 23½c for powdered, crushed and granulated.

Molasses—The market is without material change. There is since our last 100 bbls. New Orleans at 70 to 71c, and 70 bbls. Porto Rico at 81c.

The Raid on Wildcats.

[From the Indianapolis Journal, April 20th.]

There is a strong effort making to drive out of the West all Eastern bank notes. They have left Indiana at a discount of 2 per cent, and in Chicago has recently adopted the same policy, while Milwaukee, Toledo, Cleveland and other Western cities are following the same policy, and soon there will be little demand for anything in the West but greenbacks and good local currency. We have before us, says the *Cincinnati Gazette*, a letter from a Pennsylvania country banker, which last fall had, upon a capital of a million and a quarter, a circulation of near four millions and at which time it probably ran still higher. And this, there is very good reason to believe, is the way in which the Eastern Wild Cat Banks have been shoving their circulation. These banks never let a dollar in specie. They don't mean to. They could not redeem to-day in greenbacks. And now, as their notes will not be taken upon them, they will either refuse to redeem them in greenbacks, or they will close their doors. It will be seen, therefore, that the action of the Western people, in deciding to refuse Eastern paper altogether, has not been taken any too soon. There are many Eastern banks which are sound; but, as the people can not discriminate, the safe way is to make a clean sweep and reject all.

[From the Lafayette (Ind.) Journal, 14th.]

We are pleased to notice that Chicago, which for years has been the Cincinnati of the North through which the millions of wild-cat trash has poured into the West, has at last become tired of the worthless stuff and shut down upon it. It would have been well for the West had it done so long ago, but blinded with speculation it has opened wide its doors to the rag mills of the East, until at last it finds itself obliged to put a check upon it. But few people stop to think where the money comes from if so be it is plenty, is properly signed and passes current.

Let the rag mills be taxed out of circulation. Let the people repudiate them, and force them to fair and honorable business. We are glad to see that our own Legislature have taken the bull by the horns, and after the 30th inst. will have nothing more to do with it.

Gen. Butler Hazed.—Gen. Grant, it appears, in a short visit to Fortress Monroe, found out the true vocation for General Butler, and has accordingly ordered him to the level and controlled station of chief of police and military magistrate of the Peninsular Department. In this role he is empowered, and is defining the laws of loyalty, chapter and verse, to cussing, swearing, [illegible] intemperate rebels in crinoline, negro [illegible] and other [illegible] of Jeff Davis. General Butler will be in all his glory. He luxuriates in the shining of a doubtful character who makes his eyes open the chance of slipping through the loopholes of the law; and, as a strict constructionist, he plays with a Southern expounder as a cat plays with a mouse. *N. Y. Com. Advertiser.*

Both houses of the N. Y. State Legislature have adopted a resolution providing that the interest on one State debt shall be paid to both foreign and domestic creditors in United States legal tender notes. The resolution was adopted by the Senate about six weeks ago, but not by the Assembly on Saturday, the vote on its adoption in the latter house being sixty-one yeas to thirty-two nays.

Steamship Communication with Brazil.

[From the New York Journal of Commerce, April 20.]

Last Thursday, in the House of Representatives, after an able exposition of the necessities of direct steam relations, Hon. J. B. Alley, chairman of the Committee of Foreign Relations, brought forward the "Brazil Steamship Bill," which, after a short discussion was passed.

It author see the Postmaster General to unite with the Post-office Department of Brazil in establishing a mail communication between the two countries, by means of a monthly line of first class sea-going steamers of not less than two thousand tons each, of sufficient number to perform twelve round trips per annum between a United States port north of the Potomac river and Rio Janeiro, touching at St. Thomas, in the West Indies, and at Bahia and Pernambuco, provided that the expense to the United States shall not exceed $200,000 per annum.

The Postmaster General is authorized to advertise for proposals for such service sixty days in one or more Newspapers in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, such contract to go into effect on or before September 1, 1865.

On the same day we received from Rio de Janeiro the progress of the Brazilian Parliament on the same subject, wherein we can see the energetic part taken by Hon. Tavares Bastos, and other Liberals, to further this matter by a subsidy from the Brazilian Government. We also see in the newspapers of Rio de Janeiro that portion of the report of the Minister of Public Works in which are to be found the propositions of those several parties who desire to undertake the steam navigation between Rio de Janeiro and New York. In addition to this is the correspondence between the American Minister (Hon. J. Watson Webb) and an Anglo Brazilian merchant on the same important subject.

We find, in summing up the position of affairs, to less than six parties in this country and Brazil were are willing to comply with the conditions mutually entered into, so soon as the bills in Rio de Janeiro or Washington shall become laws.

In the city of Santa A. Rayner *et ale* of the "New York Mail Steamship Co.," whose steamers now ply regularly between New Orleans and Havana, propose to their general to run first class steamers monthly between New York and Rio de Janeiro, touching at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, for the sum of $175,000 per annum. Touching at St. Thomas gives us, through the royal mail steamer lines, intercourse with all the West Indies and Venezuela; and Para being a port of call, we are placed in contact with the great Amazon region, whose resources are yet undeveloped, and though not much would be expected of it from Para, yet the American merchants and manufacturers have important interests there which ought to be developed, and this port lies in the direct route to Bolivia. At Rio de Janeiro this line, as all the others proposed, would be in connection by English, French and Brazilian steamers with Montevideo and Buenos Ayres.

2d. A company in Boston which has a charter from the State of Massachusetts, offer to establish a line in conformity with the bill quoted

3d. A company of capitalists in this city are applying for a charter in the New York State Legislature. But as their plans are not yet fully developed we know not the conditions proposed.

Mr. Robert S. Webb son of our Minister to Brazil, is now in this city, and has also been to the Brazilian Government to run steamships of not less than 2,000 tons between New York and Rio de Janeiro, touching at Para as well as the ports named on the bill passed on Thursday by the House of Representatives.

Mr. Through the Brazilian Minister at Washington, Corneline Garitano and Sons of the city, former President of the St. George's Society, in a letter dated New York, Sep. 29, 1863, make a proposition on behalf of the New Corneline Garitano is well known to the connection with the steamships in the California trade, and Dr. Reale is known to the mercantile community in connection with the steam line to Venezuela.

4th. The Brazilian Steam Packet Company, whose steamers run from Montevideo to Para, touching at all the principal places in remediate, propose to extend their line to New York, touching at Barbadoes, St. Thomas and Charleston, which last includes that the Brazilians still believe in the United States.

We have thus summed up the various propositions. Now Congress is identified for action we know. The Brazilian Steam Packet Company will not do. On account of touching at so many ports is a decided objection to the steamers so far as we are concerned. An American one, with strong ones ships touching at few ports, is all we have to see. The bill proposed by Mr. Alley wisely leaves the matter open for competition, and we hope the Senate will be as prompt in this important subject as the House has shown itself.

Success of the Re d'Italia.

The Re d'Italia has successfully crossed the North Atlantic Ocean, and at the worst season of the year, and has proved herself the best steamer constructed of all. In spite of the combine of England and France have attempted cruising voyages in the summer season; for they have always met with some mishap—either by burning themselves in a head sea or rolling as bad y as to become almost unmanageable.

In every respect she is unsurpassed, and perhaps now the old fogies, of seven or more than that, on the head of our Navy Department, who have been crying her down, may learn a lesson from her. The engines were made by the Novelty Iron Works, of this city, and are a credit to American engineering talent.

The following interesting letter arrived yesterday, and is from Captain Comstock. It speaks volumes for the skill and ingenuity of our great American shipbuilder:—

CAPTAIN COMSTOCK'S LETTER.

Iron-clad Frigate Red Italia, Gibraltar Roads, March 27, P. M.

W. H. Webb, Esq.—Dear Sir—I am happy to announce to you our arrival at this port in fourteen days and twenty hours' running time, via Madeira, where we coaled the ship, being detained there about three hours. The ship and engines are in perfect order, and, while we have had all the various kinds of weather incident to a North Atlantic voyage, we have passed through it as comfortably as any ship I was ever in. She rolls no more than ordinary ships, and in my opinion her seagoing qualities are in no wise inferior to the best sailing of iron plates. The engines were never stopped or even slowed at sea, but have performed their part in the most satisfactory manner. Four boilers only have been in use during the whole voyage, except on the last day of the passage from Madeira, and in all ordinary service four boilers are all that will be required, as she steams excessively easy, and at twenty-three feet draft can make forty revolutions with the steam generated by the above named number of boilers in moderate weather.

The whole distance sailed is three thousand five hundred and fifty miles. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH J. COMSTOCK.

The Bahama *Herald* closes a long article, headed "Bahama Interests," as follows:—Today, the Confederate ports of Mobile, Savannah, Charleston and Wilmington are less rigidly blockaded than heretofore, and good fast steamers can go in and out at least one, perhaps, three times per cent. Our readers must judge for themselves; but the point we aim to make is—that the blockade is not so formidable as it was, and consequently, just commenced our grand scale. Let, then, good, fast, large steamers come on, fi led with suitable supplies for the Confederacy and the people thereof, and if fair profits do not accrue, it will not be because it is disbelieved or undesired.

[From a Mobile paper.]

"The Soldiers' Prize Songster" is the title of a new work of that kind about to be issued in Richmond, Va., and which will contain contributions from Randall, Requier, Simms, Timrod, Meek, Jackson, (Henry L., of Ga.) Flash, Pike, Overall and other Southern poets. The best original song in the collection, or the one to which a premium was awarded as such is by an anonymous author and is entitled "Southland."

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Journeymen Baker's Procession.—Yesterday was a memorable day with the journeymen bakers of this city. Those neatest workingmen of all nations united yesterday morning, according to previous notice, with the President and members of the Benevolent Society of German Bakers, and paraded through the city in a long and imposing procession, with a band of music playing, the banners of various nationalities flying, and with all the insignia and marks of a strong and harmonious organization. They marched to the residence of the Acting Mayor whom they complimented with a musical tribute, and also honored the several newspaper offices with the performance of an appropriate air, the share of the office being the Marseillese, for which they have our cordial acknowledgments. They then completed their programme by proceeding on the cars to the City Park where they partook of a sumptuous banquet. It may be well to note in the connection that the journeymen bakers, from this time forth, will not bake on Sunday, with the condition, however, that they will provide in advance enough bread for the public consumption on that day.

A Deplorable Accident—Sergeant Graham found yesterday morning that a boy 12 years old fell from the levee No. 25, on the corner of Canal and Camp streets, and had one leg terribly crushed. The name of the sufferer is James Hughes. He was on the Sunday School with his sisters, and his parents reside on Louisiana Avenue. The youth was taken to the Charity Hospital, where medical aid was rendered. The driver of the car surrendered himself, and is in custody until an investigation be had. The opinion is that the man is free of blame; still, it is desirable that it be.

Another Accident—Capt J. C. Carter reports that a sailor named George Rider, about 70 years old, was knocked overboard from off the schooner Juno, in the lake at the mouth of the canal, and was drowned in the Rigolettes, near Fort Pike, on the night of the 23d of April between 9 and 10 o'clock P. M. Body not recovered.

At sea Post—Mr. Geo. E. Bovee, the polished and courteous young gentleman, who acted as clerk of Recorder Leasmont, presides to day at the desks in his new capacity as clerk of that court, he having been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Montamat becoming clerk of the First District Court.

Delightful.—A ride in the railroad cars to the suburbs and outskirts of the city is to the hot season a delightful treat, be it to the half way house, a visit to the cities of the departed or to Carrollton to enjoy the flora of the gardens, take leaves of the deciduous trees around by rear, or to feast on the performances of the artists who there hold forth, including such as serve refreshments in various styles. This was clearly shown yesterday after the cooling and refreshing shower of rain.

Ten years' penitentiary.—Jos. Robinson found guilty of stabbing with an intent to kill, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment and hard labor by the First District Court.—Small assault and battery cases were let off with from thirty to sixty days imprisonment.

"Call that a blind man?" said an actor, speaking of absent acquaintance, "a man who is away from his family and never sends them a farthing! Call that blindness?" "Yes unremitting blindness," Forrest replied.

[FROM OUR SUNDAY EDITION.]

Paris Gossip.

The new piece by Alexandre Dumas fils, called 'L' ami des Femmes,' pronounced to be the finest of the author with a next edition of a reasonable little work thus entitled:

The Contested Crown; a Debate of the Seasons. To be Performed at May Festivals. Written for St. Joseph's Schools, New Orleans, by Joseph A. McEvoy, M. D. 'Price Current Print, New Orleans, 1863.'

This is a very graceful, interesting and spirited form of presenting the ceremony of the coronation of the Queen of May. The contest for the crown is put in dramatic shape, accompanied with suitable scenes and incidents, and the characters and language assigned to the respective seasons and months are felicitously conceived and sustained with no inconsiderable literary skill and poetic fancy. The dialogue and action comprise five acts and sixty pages. There is nothing through the whole unobjectionable in word, thought, or suggestion.

Death of Ms. Albert Fabre.—*Le Messager Franco-Americain*, of New York, announces the supposed death, by assassination, in Richmond, Va., of Mr. Albert Fabre, formerly of New Orleans. Mr. Fabre was a creole of Louisiana, and was for some years a talented and valued collaborator of the press of this city He is thus referred to by *Le Messager*:

One of our countrymen, Mr. Albert Fabre, former typhramate [illegible] of the New Orleans *Bee*, who, after having in 1861 resigned the pen for the sword and joined the Tenth Louisiana Regiment, Col. Marigny, with the grade of Quartermaster, and sub-sequently retired from that position and held the place of translator in one of the Departments of Richmond, has mysteriously disappeared, and nothing as to the actual fate can be obtained. His friends are led to believe that he was assassinated one night in one of the streets of the Confederate capital when he was out at an imprudently late hour.

Jefferson and Reason.

A writer contributes to a New York journal an article on the religion, or rather the irreligion, of some of the early American statesmen, and reveals a letter of John Adams, in which Thomas Jefferson, after reasoning that he had long contemplated a work on religion, came up his idea of Christ in three memorable words: "The most innocent, the most benevolent, the most eloquent and sublime character that has ever been exhibited to man." Yet Jefferson was not a Christian. Between him and the divinity of Christ, between him and the utmost faith of St. Peter, between him and that eloquent enthusiasm, the deep, solemn, unapproachable reasoning of St. Paul, stood as an impenetrable barrier to the rationalism of the eighteenth century which he had imbibed in the cradle. His heart was with the Apostles, but his intellect was with Voltaire and Hume. And this, with a few exceptions, seems to be, to-day, the case with all the eminent Bibles of recent times. Rousseau was as impressed with the transcendent moral purity and infinitude of the Gospel that he was constrained to say that, supposing it to be only a "cunningly devised fable," the inventor of such a story would be more wonderful than its hero. Nor will the same author's remarkable parallel between Socrates and Christ be soon forgotten—"If the death of Socrates was that of a philosopher, the death of Jesus was that of a God."

In comparing such express opinions as these, from Rousseau and Jefferson, with the elaborate views contained in M. Renan's Life of Jesus, it is evident that enlightened and pious rationalistic infidelity has made no real progress in the last fourth century. Like her distinguished predecessor, M. Renan can account plausibly enough for the physical miracles recorded in the Gospel, but he dares not approach with a psychological doubt or sneer the supernatural moral miracle which it teaches.

That he does not venture to explain upon purely human possibilities, and he is conscious of his knowledge that it has nothing in it of the earth earthy," and that its concepts were impossible to uninspired humanity. In short, the most eloquent of contemporary infidelity echoes the remark of Rousseau that, while the homicide drinking Socrates, the wisest and best of the ancients, died as became a philosopher, the crucified Christ died sublimely as became a God.

Gen. Wister to Gen Dix on Recent Swindling, Kidnapping, Desertion, &c.

Headquarters, United States Forces, Yorktown, Va., April 15, 1864.

General—An extended epistle of deserter prevailing among the recruits recently received from the North, in some of the regiments of my command, has been brought to my notice, representing in apparently well authenticated information, which I beg respectfully to communicate to you in this unofficial manner, deeming it required by humanity, no less than of our common desire to benefit the service.

There seems to be no doubt that many, in fact I think I am justified in saying the vast majority of these men, were either deceived or kidnapped, or both, in the most scandalous and inhuman manner. In New York city, where they were dragged and carried off to New Hampshire and Connecticut, mustered in and outfitted before their consciousness was fully restored.

Even their bounty was obtained by the purloin and worse intrigues in these infamous transactions, and the poor wretches find themselves, on returning to their senses, mustered soldiers, without any pecuniary benefit. Nearly all are foreigners, generally both ignorant of and indifferent to the objects of the war in which they thus suddenly find themselves involved.

Two men were shot here this morning for desertion, and over thirty more are now awaiting their execution.

These examples are essential, as we all understand, but it occurred to me, General, that you would pardon me for thus calling your attention to the grosser crime committed in New York, of kidnapping these men into position where, to their ignorance, desertion must seem a vindication of their own rights and liberty.

Believe me to be, General, with the highest esteem, your obedient servant,

J. J. Wister.

To Major Gen. John A. Dix, New York city

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Old Alexandre, Pere, who disported himself at one of the first representations as having arrived from Naples expressly to witness the success of his beloved son, and was loudly applauded by his own table at the Sunday [illegible] where they were dragged and carried off to New Hampshire and Connecticut, mustered in and outfitted before their consciousness was fully restored.

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