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NEW ORLEANS:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 8.

Sales at Auction This Day.

By Julian Neville, at 10 o'clock A. M., on Thalia street, between Prytania and Hayades sts., desirable furniture, also a library, stereoscope, chinaware, &c.

FLOUR AND HAMS, JUST RECEIVED.—E. S. Kemp & Co. 62 Poydras street, has for sale just landing from the Henry Amos, 200 barrels Pulverize and 500 Washington mills Extra; also 50 tierces Rice & Culverwell cured hams.

Succession of Wm. Rice, Esq., Julian Neville, auctioneer, will sell to day, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., at the residence on Thalia street, between Prytania and Hayades streets, the elegant furniture, pictures, silver and glass ware, &c., belonging to the above succession, and will continue the sale to morrow for wines, library &c. For further particulars see advertisement in another column.

Constitutional Convention.

TUESDAY, June 7, 1864.

The report of the Judiciary Committee was taken up, and after adopting substitutes providing for an elective manual of an appropriative system, the report was adopted as amended, and the Convention adjourned.

DEATH OF JUDGE T. H. MCCALEB.—We learn by an obituary announcement elsewhere, that the Hon. Theodore H. McCaleb died on the 29th of April, at the Hermitage plantation, Claiborne County, Miss., in the fifty-fourth year of his age. Judge McCaleb occupied for twenty years the bench of the United States District Court for Louisiana, the period of his incumbency extending from 1841 to 1861. He was also a Law Professor in the University of Louisiana, and at one time the President of that institution. The deceased was distinguished, in his judicial capacity, for uprightness and impartiality of purpose united with both dignity and suavity of manners. His private worth, in domestic as well as social relations, was such as may well cause the news of his death to be received with feelings of deep regret throughout the circle in which he was known and appreciated.

M. Thiers on the Armament of France.

M. Thiers made one of his "great speeches" to the French Legislative Chambers on the 5th. In the course of this speech he declared that when he heard the word "disarm" it greatly affected him. To talk about disarming was to utter Europe to understand that France was armed. He declared that France was the only Power in Europe on a peace footing with an army of 400,000 men. It was an unfortunate thing to say that France was in arms, for it was to inspire fear, and to expose her to be every day called upon to disarm. He could tell who were in arms in Europe. It was Italy, with a view to Venetia—which was quite natural. It was Austria on account of Venetia—quite natural also. Russia has in arms, not only on account of Poland, but on account of the diplomacy directed against her for the last two years. Prussia was half armed. England was not armed, but in gross works of fortification. France, and France only was on a real peace footing, and he could prove it in two minutes. It was constantly said that France had an army of 800,000 men. Now, those 400,000 were certainly a peace establishment. There were 100,000 out of the territory.

There would be as many even after the troops returned from Mexico; for Africa, although it had made great progress towards annihilating itself to France, would always require 70,000 men. France had troops in Italy, and must always have troops in her distant possessions; in a word, she had always more than 100,000 men out of her territory. At home, they had 50,000, such as the gendarmes, veterans, &c. Deduct these from 500,000, and there remain only 250,000 troops of the line in the country. These 250,000 men were exhausted in the service of peace, and those 400,000 men, composing the ideal of their effective army strength, were necessary to fill up the *cadres*. It may be said that there were too many of these; but with those they had they could at most muster from 300,000 to 340,000 men, and before reasoning the possibility of such a war lasting, a complete moral revolution should take place in Europe. That moral revolution was, that Italy should no longer look for Rome, and that Austria would be enough to surrender it; that Russia would give up Poland, and that Poland should no longer think of rising in revolt; that nobody should long to dismember the Turkish empire, that Prussia should be content with her territory, already so large, some states belonging to her dear cousin, and friend her.

Until that should come to pass, France would not be able to see her fighting as her *cadres*, if necessary, the element of from 400,000 or 500,000 men. In the absence of the army, therefore, could the people be armed? And, for those of the army, they must return from distant countries to the reinforcement of their ranks. Office they could not be found, and in the experiment of the disbanded army. The consoling passage of M. Thiers appears from great applause from the bounces over him. He said

"I hope that if the Emperor had do not doubt, persons in his way policy of restoring to us our liberty, liberty which we by her confidence, but does not deserve all the evil that has been said of her. But it is true that she did deserve it, there is one reflection I wish to make, the truth of which you will admit—a reflection which you have all made, no doubt, that the country has made, and that I have often and often made—it is, that if liberty deserves all that has been said against her, it must be admitted that it costs very dear to replace her."

[Washington Dispatch to the Cincinnati Gazette.]

A Political Fracas at Hotel Table in Washington.

Washington, May 26.—The following is believed to be a strictly accurate account of the disgraceful assault last night on Senator Chandler in the public dining hall of the National Hotel: Mr Chandler, with Dr. Clark, of Detroit, and a lady with her two children, were taking dinner, at a table in the centre of the room, in the course of conversation on political matters, he denounced in strong terms Copperheads generally, and particularly those of the Western States. Mr. Voorhees, of Indiana, sitting at another table beside him; with Mr Hannegan, also of Indiana. Mr. Voorhees arose from his seat and approached Chandler in an excited manner, demanding whether he referred to him, to which he replied: "Who are you, sir? I don't know you." At the same time rising from his chair.—Voorhees replied: "I am a Democrat of Indiana," and saying the action to the word, struck Chandler on the side of his face. The two then closed, and Chandler was rapidly getting the better of Voorhees, when Hannegan came to the latter's assistance with a heavy milk pitcher, snatched from the table, which he broke on Chandler's head. The contents of the pitcher splashed over the whole company.

Chandler was stunned by the blow, and had not fully recovered himself, when Hannegan dealt him a second blow with a chair. At this juncture the spectators interfered, and the belligerents were separated. Mr. Chandler's head was slightly cut by the pitcher, and his shoulder and arm were considerably bruised by the chair. Though not able to since he hand, he has been out to-day, attending to his official duties. Voorhees is quite as large a man as Chandler, probably a little heavier. Persons seated at the table are positive that Chandler made no use of Voorhees' name and no reference whatever to him personally.

Startling Developments.

[From the Albany Knickerbocker.]

During the past few months several respectable young girls of our city, as well as others in the Western part of the State, have mysteriously disappeared from their homes, and no trace could possibly be ascertained of their whereabouts, notwithstanding the most diligent search was made for them. Recently, however, some startling developments have come to light through the arrest of a young girl named Jennie Thompson, Utica, who was induced to make babiliments, and went under the assumed name of James Thompson. Upon searching her some incriminating documents were found, leading startling revelations. There was a manuscript copy of what purported to be the constitution and by-laws of the "K nights of the Secret Circle." In this document the objects of the Circle are said to be to kidnap and send to New York city scores of prostitutes, young and virtuous girls. It is stated that after their being kidnapped a drug is to be administered to them, and they become under an influence which destroys their virtue, so that they are virtueless. If not, they are to be murdered. We may say here that there is no drug with which will determine any such question.] The manuscript is signed by twenty-four persons, members of the Secret Circle. This is one of the most damnable organizations ever conceived by wicked minds.

Gold-Water Treatment of Wounds.

The Louisville Journal contains a well written article from a writer, who professes to be familiar with the subject, on the cold-water treatment of wounds. He contends that many of the surgery has been of late carried to excess; that it has become, indeed, with army surgeons in particular, not only a fashion, but a perfect furore, to them results are scarcely less fatal in the hospital than the shot and shell of the enemy on the battle field. The plain nature of the abuse of cold-water is unqualified practice, the writer thinks, is the too positive and general assumption that intense inflammation exists in cases of amputation, when, in fact, there may be symptoms at all of the place where the operation has been performed. In the case of his theory of the healing of wounds is quite interesting, and he urges, as his great objection to the excessive and constant use of water, that it retards the natural adhesion and reinvigoration of the wounded parts by destroying certain agencies necessary to that end. This anti-hydropathist says:

As soon as the cut edges of a wound are placed and secured in contact by stitches or adhesive strapping the extreme capillary vessels, as well on the cut ends of arteries as the retention, together with deep seated ones in the immediate vicinity, coming from them a small amount of blood; which coagulates in the interstices, and which unites the two sides together firmly. If nature is not interfered with in her healing process.

As to the working and effects of an indirect minute cold water dressing, he remarks:

The mechanical result is this, viz: the water diffuses the serum of the blood, which is the cause to lose the lips of all other cut points of the wound together. Therefore no union takes place, or only imperfectly, and no adhesion takes place. Deep down in the intestine, however, out of the reach of the water, the healing commences. Then the cut of right—out of

reach—plays, in spite of theoretical interference, may be doing well while the lips of the wound become soft, lose their vital elasticity—the stitches lose out on the strape let go, and, to the surprise of the surgeon and the alarm of the patient, the parts retract, and ulceration or an unhealthy condition is discoverable.

Cold water thus constantly applied reduces the temperature below the vital standard where it is necessary. It is necessary in the economy of the living system that the temperature should be raised above the general warmth of the body, in order to seal the cut sides together. It heats the glue, as the blacksmith would say, and unites the matter, and in a common-sense manner, too, so that it will stick.

After waiting for the adhesive process to proceed uninterruptedly, should a dangerous amount of local inflammation supervene, then it would be in accordance with acknowledged principles in surgery to reduce it with cold water, but not otherwise.

I. O. O. F.—The beauties of Odd Fellowship, says an Atlanta paper of the 3d inst., were strikingly exhibited on yesterday. A gentleman from New Orleans by the name of Hoff man, who had been residing here for nearly a year, died early in the week, after a severe and protracted illness. It was not known until several weeks before his death that he was a member of the Order. Night and day did the Odd Fellows of this city watch by his bed-side and minister to his wants. Yesterday Barnes and Central lodges turned out almost en masse to pay the last, and tribute of respect to a departed brother. Though far from his home, he found friends in his brothers here, and his wife will not suffer for want while there is a single member of the Order left in theeity. The members of Barnes and Central lodges are bright exemplars of "Friendship, Love and Truth."

[From the London News, May 7.]

A Remarkable Criminal Case in Paris—A Theme for a Novel from Real Life.

In any novelist in search of an interesting story. Let him betake himself to Paris and attend the trial of Count de La Pommerais for the murder of his mistress, Madame Pauw, which began next Monday. An English indictment furnishes very meagre indications of the facts which are about to be laid before the jury: those who desire to understand the whole story must piece it out from the fragmentary evidence contained in the depositions. But a French *acte d'accusation* is a work of literary art. The facts are grouped together in artistic fashion, and read like a little "Woman in White," or a *histoire vite* of De Balzac. The story of La Pommerais alleged crime has seldom been surpassed for interest. The circumstances of the case are so singular, that at first sight they appear all most incredible, but yet they are so strangely consistent with each other that it is difficult to help believing them true.

At the beginning of last November there lived in a small lodging on a second floor in the Rue Bonaparte a widow, Madame Pauw, with three children, Paul, her husband, an attaché, died in 1858, and it was only by hard work and frugality that she managed to maintain herself. Her husband had been a friend of Count de La Pommerais, a physician named La Pommerais. Following the instincts of his countrymen, this man made love to the wife of his friend in the time of her distress. The intimacy continued until 1861, when La Pommerais married Mdlle. Debray, and until last summer he saw nothing of Madame Pauw. Her daughter Blanche had refused to visit her sick children. But in June last he reappeared in the second floor of the Rue Bonaparte. Madame Pauw was surprised, and perhaps gratified, because La Pommerais came to announce that he had his upon a plan for providing for herself and her children. But how? His proposal was that she should insure her life for £2,000, that so she was poor he would pay the premiums, and that the policies should be assigned to him. So far it was simple enough, but Madame Pauw nor her children would derive any benefit under such an arrangement, whereas her object was to secure to herself and her children some immediate relief from poverty. His plan for overcoming this difficulty was ingenious to a degree. It was that after the proposed insurance should be effected Madame Pauw should proceed to the office of the Imperial Guard, and consent to go to those offices with the policy, and that they should cancel the policies on the terms of paying her a life annuity of £400, to run from Jan. 1, 1862; and this annuity Madame Pauw was to share with La Pommerais. Madame Pauw, we are told, "had not the courage to reject the strange proposal." The grateful and unconscious plender adds, "She was incapable of suspecting the real designs of La Pommerais, overwhelmed as she was by misfortune and by him, a passion now twisted and stronger than ever." Accordingly a broker was employed to effect those insurances with eight companies—the story being that the policies should be in Count De La Pommerais, was desirous of providing for his children by Madame Pauw by insuring her life, which was an excellent one. The insurance was effected. The eight policies were signed last July, and transferred to La Pommerais, who also paid the first premium.

But there was a weak point which La Pommerais was obliged to meet. Why should Madame Pauw transfer more than £20,000 to La Pommerais—why should she deprive her children of all possible benefit in so large a sum of money? It was necessary for La Pommerais to establish the position of a creditor. Therefore, taking the precaution of having the policies transferred, La Pommerais obtained a written admission that she had advanced money to the widow to an amount equal to that secured by the policies. The admission he got her to make in various forms, and even induced her to make a will in which she bequeathed all her interest in the policies to him. Thus, if the £22,000 ever was paid, it would probably find its way into the doctor's pocket.

But the premiums were large. They were due in January, and it was obviously of importance that La Pommerais should receive himself from his liability by inducing the Company to buy up the policies, or rather to exchange them for an annuity. Besides, it was the obvious interest of Madame Pauw that the annuity should begin as soon as possible. But in order to get the policies bought up on the most advantageous terms it was necessary that Madame Pauw should feign illness.

The poor woman seems to have entered into the spirit of the transaction. She pretended to have had a fall; she complained of pains in her stomach, she consulted several physicians, accepted their prescriptions, but instead of following them locked them away to her paramour. Notwithstanding all this hypocrisy Madame Pauw went about her usual occupations, but in November her health began to fail, and to keep her bed. Madame Pauw was daily expecting that the doctors from the companies would visit her—and it was absolutely necessary that when they did they should show signs of illness. La Pommerais had promised that he would administer some drugs to her that would produce all the symptoms of aphthous ulcers, and she showed that she was doing all this because, as she told her friends, "if I succeed, my fortune and that of my children is made. All I have to do is to keep my bed for about a fortnight."

After Thursday, the 12th of November, Madame Pauw never seems to have left the house, and that night La Pommerais left Paris for the Quest. On the evening of Monday, the 16th, he remained a long time with her; and when the servant came in on Tuesday morning she found the woman extremely ill, and the floor stained by vomiting. Her daughter proposed to send for a doctor, but her mother refused. La Pommerais came, and remained a long time in the bedroom alone, but he did nothing to relieve her, nor did he express any alarm. About the middle of the day another doctor came, but it was only in a race without examining her, because he discovered that his prescriptions had been neglected. La Pommerais returned again. He was again alone with her. But as before, he did nothing to relieve her. About half-past six o'clock the same evening Madame Pauw died. La Pommerais arrived at eight o'clock. He was told that the poor woman was dead. But the news caused him no emotion. He went up stairs, coolly approached the corpse of her who had been his mistress, assured himself that she was really dead, and then withdrew, leaving it to be supposed that she had died really been caused by a fall on the staircase.

Such is the story of the poisoning, as declared Mdlle. Burimond, "Madame Pauw never fell down stairs."

Incidental circumstances were such as to excite grave suspicion. Within a few days the sister of the deceased made a charge against La Pommerais. The [illegible] was issued. The man himself was [illegible] evidence of the doctors was [illegible] upon, [illegible] of Dr. Tardieu have been discovered in the intestines and in the [illegible] upon the floor of the room which the woman inhabited; while the effects produced by this particular poison on animals are familiar to those in which it appears were produced upon the poor woman. And to that that La Pommerais was a man well informed as to the nature of poisons, and that he was in possession of a considerable quantity of *aconitine*. Of course if it be proved that the woman died of poison, there was no one who had greater interest in supporting her death than La Pommerais, and in any event it is extremely difficult to explain why he should have inserted her life for £2,000. Perhaps, however, the most singular part of the whole is, that when La Pommerais was arrested he produced no fewer than 23 letters written by Madame Pauw to himself between June 10 and November 16. From this it would appear that the mode of insurance adopted by the deceased was chosen by herself entirely unsuggested by another. The letters are certainly genuine, but they bear no postmark, and no one knows how they reached the hands of La Pommerais. Can it be that they were written by the poor woman under duress and as part of a scheme to defraud the insurance offices, in which she herself was an accomplice? These are matters which must be cleared up as an explanation. And that explanation is likely to form part of one of the most interesting trials which have occupied even the Palais Court of justice.

Lastly, the prisoner stands was published in London, the ingenious and heartless swindler and murderer, Pommerais, has been convicted and sentenced to death.]

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Provost Court.—*Lieut. Col. Wadsworth Presiding Judge.*—A motion was made in regard to the sentence of the negro who was sent to the penitentiary for having two bags of powder in his possession. The object was to have the sentence commuted to a fine, as he claimed that the money was to provide for a family. The attorney of the court agreed to advance the money to pay the fine, which was $500.

Gerard Stevens, of the First Maine regiment, lodged at the upper City Hall station, was fined $50 and costs, or to be confined to the Station house.

Thomas Hagan was charged with having furnished liquor to soldiers in his saloon, during a drive to the races. It was unable to appear that one was drunk, and Hagan was discharged on the arrest of the Provost Guard and Hall-way house and Lake house were ordered.

A soldier who proved himself to be of Gen. Banks' body guard was arrested as a deserter in uniform drove. A wash woman, where he had changed his clothes, was arraigned with him. The man said he only wanted to go on a whisky hunt. He was returned to the regiment and the woman was informed that she would be severely punished if she offended this again. She claimed to be the laundress of Gen. Banks' body guard.

Julien Caesian promised not to keep a disorderly house and resort for soldiers again but that she would live as an honest soldiers wife. She had resided at No. 207 Julia street as a nuisance to the neighborhood. She was discharged on trial and removes from her old residence.

John Casey was found with a lot of Government cotton in his possession, wherein he expected to better the state of his finances. He was brought before the Provost Court, however, and fined in the sum of $50.

Wm Miller, who kept a bar room, was tried on the charge, preferred by a soldier, of having sold them liquor when visiting his place. The establishment of accused was closed by order of the Court.

Charges of Larceny—Little John was sent to prison for fifteen days, for stealing a box of wine from Schutt's store, on Canal street, and Ph Grisler, who bought the property had to pay $5 for the deficiency of the original consignee. John had to pay a fine of $5, for pilfering wood, and has to give bonds for her good behavior in future. The colored man T. Taylor had to give $500 bail to answer the complaint of having stolen $100 from Conrad Hetzel, at Hickock's Landing.

Drunk—Mrs. Williams was drunk again, and went to the Workhouse to be kept sober for sixty days. Th. Williams had the choice of ten days imprisonment or to pay a fine of $10. He preferred to pay. Wm. Ford, under the same circumstances, was required to pay $5, and Nancy Gibson $2 50.

Suicide—Andrew Margongh, a native of Gurcuy, France, resolved to have committed suicide yesterday morning, his daughter being the first to discover his lifeless body suspended from a rafter on the premises. The deceased had been very nervous of late, and disturbed in his mind on account of having given security for another party who became a delinquent debtor to the amount of $1500 for which he was bound. The present disturbed and hard times, and the prospect of losing the amount involved by his being security to the estate of his family is supposed to have caused the suicide.

Decision Against Captures.—The case of the steamship Sir William Peel, captured off the mouth of the Rio Grande, for $51 last June, decided by Judge Durel of the U. S. District Court after a hard cobtest. The court held that the vessel was unlawfully captured in neutral waters and ordered the release of the vessel.

A Motion to Squash.—Judge Hughes, counsel for defendant made a motion to squash the form of the charges brought against the colored man Waite, accused of having bought stolen cotton during the period of three months from February last. The learned gentleman contended that the charges in the indictment were so broad as not to give even a vague chance to prepare a defence, as defendant and counsel were altogether left in the dark as to the specific acts whereon the indictment was based. The court sustained the motions and directed the prosecuting attorney to make out another indictment.

The Graveyard Monster.—A Mrs. Hennessey had a lady arrested on a summed up charge of insult, &c. It appeared at the trial from the statements of prosecutrix that she is jealous of her husband, who, she insinuated lived as the cotton took him with the accused, or another woman round the corner, seldom staying at home and then to ill-treat his doting and suffering wife. Other testimony held up the prosecutrix as a perfect tartar of very vivid, imaginations. Recorder Vennard held that his jurisdiction did not extend into domestic circles of this kind and dismissed the case.

First District Court—Judge Hostand.—James Dobson and James Nosi were tried for an assault, and battery committed on Arthur Montford. Dobson was found guilty. Nosi not guilty.

Jno Brady was found guilty of having committed an assault and battery on Pat. McEnroe and awaits his sentence.

The Late Railroad Accident.—Edward O'Meally, driver of the train, was held for examination on the charge of driving cars a girl, nine years old, named Lynch. Accused was arrested on Magazine street, and bailed in the sum of $1000. After a full examination the defendant was discharged.

Fighting and Disturbing the Peace.—The colored men Dennis Taylor, who gave so strikingly a proof of its regard for Gen. Butler when he ran in danger of getting killed, was fined $5, and required to give peace bonds, or to go to prison for six months.

Mrs. Smith in white and claims to be a lady. Recorder Vennard fined her yesterday $5, and required peace bonds for six months, for an unladylike assault and battery with considerable tongue lashing to the disgust of Mrs. Miller near the St. Mary's market.

The colored girls Anne Brown and Laura Davis had a mutual fight, which cost them $15 each.

Mrs. Burns prosecuted Mrs. Melin and Mrs. Connelly for insult and abuse. It appeared that prosecutrix was almost as guilty as the others, who were fined $5. Prosecutrix was bound for 6 months to keep the peace.

Mrs Monaghan was sent to the Work house for sixty days, as an interstate disturber of the peace.

Fire—Yesterday morning the house No. 134 Poydras street, owned by Mr. Toledano and occupied by B. Rosenberg as a clothing store, became a prey to a conflagration, the origin whereof is still a mystery. Rosenberg's stock was insured with the Merchants' Mutual Insurance Company The house No. 136, adjoining, owned by Thos. Markey, was used by Robinson & Bro as corn and spice mills, lost its roof and was otherwise damaged to the extent of about $1000 to $3000. The house No. 132 adjoining, the origin of the fire, is owned by Mme. Cliquin, and had an insurance of $2,000. Its contents were but slightly damaged by water to save the building. The upper part was used as a photographic establishment by Mr. W. Petty, whose loss is estimated at about $2,000. The lower floor, occupied by Widow Goddstein as a shoe store, and was comfortably damaged by the efforts to extinguish the flames.

Pilfering.—Clara, a colored wench, who had been abstracting small sums of money in a dishonest manner, had to go to the Workhouse for thirty days, to receive lessons in honesty.

Murderous Assault on an Officer—Recorder Leonard fined H. Mercier, in the sum of $50, for drawing a knife and threatening officer Taylor in the discharge of his duty. The same magistrate fined Mr. Mercier $25 for insulting and abusing Th. Cavanaugh. The defendant was further required to give peace bonds in the sum of $500 for 6 months. Mary Joe and four other colored females for a promiscuous fight, had to pay $5 each.

FROM OUR YESTERDAY EVENING OF EDITION.

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN OF PLAQUEMINES.—The death of Capt. Jourdan Martin is announced to have taken place at Pointe-a-la-Hache on the 4th inst. He was a native of the parish of Plaquemines, where he had always made his home, while engaged in the various pursuits of trading, steamboating, and planting. He was sixty years of age, and was held in high esteem by the community for his private worth.

Among the steamboat officers and employés who so distinguished themselves for gallant and skilful conduct in running the river blockade at Columbia, is one who, with a loftiness equal to his courage, remarks, postcriptively in his report of the affair: "It is useless to add that, whilst running the blockade, your humble servant stood nobly at his post in the bold rendezvous the corn racks."

Southern News.

The Times of this morning has a collection of items taken from the Mobile *Evening News* of the 6th inst. We reproduce the following:

PIRACY ON THE TRANSPORTS.

Clinton, La., May, 4th, Steamer, ——, Sir: Within the last six days the line of boats belonging to Scott's command have fired into five Yankee transports, crippling three seriously, knocking out the steam pipe of one and driving off a gunboat that came to her relief.

The loss of life is not known.

Three stopped at Cat Island for repairs.

The forces in this district are rapidly increasing, and Col Scott is ready for any advance the enemy may make.

MILITARY MATTERS.

A correspondent, writing from Richmond on the 19th, says:

Beauregard's plan against Baldy Smith is much criticised, and Administration men, who have no love for Beauregard, say Hoke's plan was much better. But if Hoke had obeyed Beauregard's order to retire from Newbern, Baldy Smith would never have got within our interline of entrenchments.

The aim was to turn the enemy's right flank and cut him off from his gunboats. Ransom was entrusted with this flank movement, which was successful in spite of the enemy's artillery sweeping the open plain over which our men had advanced. Grade's brigade did a very full share of the dangerous work and acted gloriously. It is complimented on all sides.

If Grant's army, after being repeatedly reinforced, has been reduced to the size of Lee's. His apparent effort to turn Lee's right flank is really a movement towards his base, for Massaponax Church, which he has lately occupied, is six miles nearer Fredericksburg than Spotsylvania Court House. It is a significant fact that Lee has never called for reinforcements.

Yon will receive from your able army correspondent a very clear and interesting account of the defective formation of our line, which compelled the enemy to overpower Johnson's division. Ewell has paid heavily for his little success. Lee still entertains Grant's lion in Thursday's fight at 20,000 men.

If the Confederate Government was caught napping, it has atoned for its inadvertency by great energy in concentration. We have now a large army under Beauregard, and feel safe, although the Secretary of War is reported, on good authority, to have said, night before last, when Baldy Smith had been driven from the eastern side of the city, that Richmond was in extreme peril, and only the Almighty could save it.

FROM GEORGIA.

Atlanta, May 26.—The army having advanced from the line of the Allatoona mountains, our information comes most irregularly.

Fighting was heard last evening and again to-day, supposed to be about thirty miles from here, between Marietta and Dallas.

Two reporters have gone to the front.

Gov. Brown is here with the State reserve troops.

There is a feeling of hopeful confidence among all parties.

No communication has been received from Gen. Johnston to-day.

Atlanta, May 27.—Gen. Johnston advanced and came up with the enemy at New Hope, four miles east of Dallas, at noon yesterday.

Hood's Corps was first in the fight.

Parts of Stevenson's and Hindgand's, were engaged.

We had but one line of battle.

The enemy charged and were handsomely repulsed.

A private letter from Johnston's headquarters, at sunrise yesterday, says: "The affair Wednesday afternoon was handsome. We are having a renewal of it this morning."

During the day the firing continued, evidently receding from us, and a few guns were heard this morning, apparently at still greater distance.

Gen. Cummings was severely wounded in the breast and arm.

Gen. Reynolds was slightly wounded.

The army was moving up to the field yesterday morning in fine condition.

REPORTS VIA HONGKONG.—We read in this morning's *Times*:

We are informed by a gentleman who arrived here yesterday from Morgan as Bend, that a rebel courier had been captured near that place, with dispatches announcing that Grant was driving Lee into Richmond.

Some rebels recently captured by our cavalry announce the crossing of the Atchafalaya by a force of rebels. Gunboats were dispatched to the scene of this movement.

Gen. Lee's Supposed Plans.

The New York *Tribune* of the 28th May has a letter from its refugee correspondent at Washington, who professes to have late and trustworthy advices from Richmond. This writer's conjectures as to Lee's plans are indorsed by the *Tribune* as worthy of consideration. His theory is that Lee has no idea, in any event, of falling back to and maintaining a position at Richmond; and, enumerating the grounds for this belief, he says

Thirdly, it is firmly believed by prominent Rebel officers and civil functionaries in Richmond, usually informed in regard to the plans of their Generals, that Lee is not desirous of and able to transfer the rest of war to the North. The evening before Mr. Harris left Richmond Lee had his Secretary of War, and there were quite a number of officers who are slightly wounded in the battles between Lee and Grant, in conversation with em most citizens, and the opinion was freely expressed that Lee was "getting Grant just where he wants him." It was stated to be Lee's plan to lead Grant on, when near the South Anna manifest a determination to make a stand, and quietly and suddenly slip away, and turn up where least expected. It was further stated that he would throw his entire army to Staunton, and by forced marches up the Shenandoah Valley compel Grant to fall back to cover Washington, when he (Lee) would push his force into Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Whether this is really the plan of Gen. Lee, or whether those who represented it to be such were indulging in wishful thinking and conjecture, remains to be seen. It is, however, certain that for several days prior to Mr. Harris's leaving Richmond, an immense number of cars and locomotives were sent from there over the Central road to Fredericksburg, a station on that road, in Gordonsville, and Fredericksburg, temporary tracks and bees constructed to make room for the hundreds of cars and locomotives until they should be required for use. Whether they are intended to convey Lee's army southward to Stanton pursuant to the supposed plan I have mentioned, or to some point further south, we shall see in a few days. But of this I am perfectly satisfied now, that Lee will not fall back to Richmond, or, if he does, will not attempt to remain there.

The Jeff. Davis Pistol.

A Washington correspondent of the New York *Tribune* in recent letter says:

Great efforts are being made to arm the cavalry with Jeff. Davis Pistol—or it might as well be called sabbing, as it can be used either—the invention of the Model President himself. It is said that his excellency designed and proposed to instruct the Ordnance Bureau of United States service when he was Secretary of War. He (he as it may), it will undoubtedly prove to be a very effective weapon.

The pistol is a large sized revolver (six barrels) similar to that used by the Federal Cavalry, with the difference in the handle, which is constructed to fit in the hand of the rider. The musket, except that it is lighter. The pistol is also attached to the butt at pleasure, thereby forming a weapon of great power in the hands of a man in close quarters, can be disengaged in a moment and used as a pistol. The bull is fixed to the pistol of the saddle after the manner of the holsters.

The Jeff. Davis Legion and Phillips's Legion, composed mainly of Mississippians, the special pets of the Rebel President, will be equipped with this weapon, and other regiments will receive it as soon as they can be furnished. It is said that these pistols are were manufactured for the Confederacy in Europe.

Mr. Gladstone on the Extension of Suffrage.

The speech of Mr. Gladstone on Mr. Baine's Borough Franchise bill seems to have had a startling effect in English political circles. The Liberal portion of the bill was liberal almost to a radicalism, and yet it was reported in a pharisaical speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, previously regarded as one of the most conservative members of the present English Ministry. Mr. Gladstone said:

What I want to know is where fairly lies the burden of proof in this matter. Is it upon those who maintain that the franchise ought not to be touched, or on those who say that it ought speedily to be amended. The honorable member for Calne says that it is for those who desire the present franchise the case of the British constitution will be that of the man who chose for his epitaph the words: "It was well, I wished to be better, and, here I am;" and that the effect of this motion will be to divert the attention of the public and pressing affairs, and to plunge us at once into all the excitement of a domestic revolution. Now, I entirely deprecate such language.

I suppose it is that of my honorable friend without entering into the question of whether the form or precise figure of franchise which we propose to establish would be best, whether we should base it on fancy or on population, or whether we should not have a higher or educational franchise, but this I say, in order that the case may be fairly stated, I apprehend the principle—and to it I give my be cordial concurrence—that there ought to be a considerable addition to the numbers of the working classes, at present almost individual, who are permitted to participate in the franchise. What I mean is, that there should be such an addition as would have been given by the bill which as a government we submitted to the House in 1860. Does the onus of proof as to the necessity for such a concession lie with us? What is the state of the constituency, any departure from which the honorable member for Shoreham deprecates as plunging us into domestic revolution? At present we have a constituency of which certainly [illegible] one tenth is composed of the working classes between one-tenth and one-twentieth, including town and country. I believe it to be a large proportion, and that one-tenth or one twentieth still leaves less than one-fifth of the whole number of male adults. Such is the present basis. I want to know whether we can fairly describe as if domestic revolution any attempt to add to such a state of things. I contend that it is on the honorable member for Shoreham that the burden of proof lies.

And in reply to an attack upon his premises in the following words:

Now, what I would say is this, that every man who is not incapacitated by personal unfitness, or whose admission would not be attended by political danger, is morally entitled to come within the pale of the Constitution.

Among the various newspaper comments upon Mr. Gladstone's unexpected course we observe the following somewhat pointed and significant paragraph from the London *Court Journal*:

Mr. Gladstone's speech is looked upon as a bid for power, and he will never be obtained through the leadership of the most advanced party in the House of Commons. Adieu to the University of Oxford! No man can make such a speech as that of the Chancellor's last Wednesday, and lie under the strong suspicion of advocating universal suffrage—no man can hold office under Lord Palmerston and continue to represent a University. He spoke as a Radical may again, speaking for Mr. G.; and welcome to Manchester, where we shall be at home with the Manchester school! This is the migration which the Chancellor is to contemplate, or which his friends contemplate for him. Egotism is the last thing to retain her greatest statesman much longer; and lastly, if Earl Russell become the next Liberal Premier, at least Mr. Gladstone's absence from the Ministry, and the burden of the leadership of the Commons, with the Premiership in prospect. At present Sir George Grey has been appointed leader of the House in Lord Palmerston's absence, and Lord Palmerston, in his chief in preference to the more brilliant but less popular story and less popular Chancellor. Meanwhile, Lord John Russell's speech at Blairgowrie, a poor old Premier must have been in reading the Chancellor's speech. Sir Rounsdell Palmer the Marquis of Hartington, and Sir Robert Peel seemed to represent the Conservative element in the Ministry, and were absent from the division. Mr. Lowe, relieved from the traumels of office, boldly voted with the majority.

Among the passengers on the Columbia is Mr. Sullivan, delegate from Louisiana to the Baltimore Convention. Mr. Sullivan is the representative of a large number of New Orleans merchants, who have instructed him to lay before the Cabinet the fact that many blockades and serious obstructions are placed in the way of honest and legitimate trade in that city, and ask that they may be removed.

[*New York Tribune*, 28th.

Revelations of the Microscope.

Break a little of the fat from the wing of a dead butterfly, and in it fall specs a piece of glass. It will be seen on the glass a mass of golden dust. Slide the glass under the microscope, and each particle of the dust will reveal itself as a beautiful feather.

Give your arm a slight prick so as to draw a small drop of blood; slip the blood with a drop of vinegar and water, and place it upon the glass slide under the microscope. You will discover that the red matter of the blood is formed of innumerable globules or discs, which, though so small as to be separately invisible to the naked eye, appear, under the microscope each larger than a mote "o" of this print.

Take a drop of water from a stagnant pool or ditch, or stagnish brook, dipping it from among the green vegetable matter on the surface. On placing the water to the light it will look a little milky, but on placing the smallest drop

under the microscope, you will find it swarming with hundreds of strange animals, that are swimming about in it with the greatest vivacity. Those animalcules exist in such multitudes that any efforts to conceive of their numbers bewilder the imagination.

This invisible universe of created being is the most wonderful of all the revelations of the microscope. During the greater part of man's existence in the earth, while he has been fighting and cramming and studying the lower animals which were visible to his sight, he has been surrounded by these other multitudes of the creature's inhabitants, without any suspicion of their existence! In endless variety of form and feature, they are breeding through their active lives, pursuing their prey, defending their persons, waging their wars, multiplying their species, and sealing their careers, sometimes hour at each tick of the clock passing out of existence, and making way for new hosts that are following in endless succession. What other fields of creation may yet, by some inconceivable methods, be revealed to our knowledge!

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Mortuary Report—The following is the weekly report of the deaths in the city of New Orleans, from the 30th of May to the 5th of June, inclusive, furnished by Surgeon R. H. Alexander, U. S. A., Superintendent of Health:

Ages—Under 1 year, 30; 1 to 2 years, 28; 2 to 5 years, 28; 5 to 10 years, 12; 10 to 15 years, 4; 15 to 20 years, 9; 20 to 30 years, 14; 25 to 30 years, 8; 30 to 40 years, 6; 40 to 50 years, 11; 50 to 60 years, 8; 60 to 70 years, 4; 70 to 80 years, 2; 90 to 100 years, 4; unknown, 16. Total—171.

Nativity—England, 1; France, 3; Germany, 5; Ireland, 11; United States, 84; not stated, 68. Total—171.

Whites, 103; Blacks, 55; mulattoes 13 Total—171.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

SEE OFFICE,
TUESDAY EVENING, June 7, 1864.

A reference to the details under our Commercial head will show that there has been a large business done in cotton during the week, and the staple noticed in our last report has not only been maintained, but that a fair business has been done at even stiffer rates. Middling cotton, for the first time in our market, at 80c. per lb. in gold, appears to be an extreme rate even when reduced to the specie standard. Other departments of trade have been quiet, but with a general upward tendency to prices. Little or nothing has been done in the way of sugar, and only a moderate business in Western Produce. Flour, however, being in better request, and commanding stiffer rates. The general movement is still checked by the scarcity of money, and the consequent unwillingness of operators to engage freely, while a feeling of caution exists in mercantile circles, which might be expected after such a material advance in gold.

A fair amount of business was done in Domestic Exchange at an advance to par for New York sight, most freely the latter, and par for one day's sight. Boston sight also was passed at par, and three days' on Boston at ¼ discount. The Banks checked on New York at ¼ @ ½ per cent premium, and on the interior towns at par. Sterling was in request, and sold to quite a liberal extent. Dealers asked 8. There was rather more inquiry for Foreign Exchange, with rates nominally, to a moderate amount, at 215 and 207 for gold private bills. Some Bankers' bills (£4,000) were sold at 216, but the sables rate was 217c. The Canal Bank, with the view of retiring its circulation, commenced