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STEAM PACKETS

FOR ST. LOUIS.—The splendid passenger steamer HIGHLANDER, Captain [illegible], is now receiving freight, and will leave for the above and intermediate ports on Thursday, the 18th inst. at 10 o'clock a. m. For freight or passage, having fine accommodations, apply on board; or to [illegible]

FOR LOUISVILLE & CINCINNATI.—The new and splendid light draught steamer GENT. FIFF, Chas Ross, master, will leave for the above and intermediate ports on Thursday, the 18th inst. positively, at 12 o'clock, precisely. All persons are requested to be on board at, at which hour passengers are requested to be on board opposite Lafayette square. For freight or passage apply on board or to HARTWELL, KIDDER & CARMAN.

FOR ST. LOUIS.—The regular packet SULTANA, H Prase, master, will positively leave for Louisville and all intermediate landings, on her next trip, on Tuesday the 30th inst. at 10 o'clock. Plenty of the cabins can be seen and state rooms engaged now. For freight or passage, apply to L F HUBBARD & CO, 93 T. houpitoulas

FOR ST LOUIS.—The splendid fast running passenger steamer ECLIPSE will leave for the above and intermediate ports on Friday the 26th inst. at 5 o'clock P. M. For freight or passage, having fine accommodations, apply to JOHN R SHAW & Co, Agents, a16 24 Poydras

FOR ST LOUIS.—The splendid fast running passenger steamer ALEXANDER SCOTT, Captain John C Swon, will start from above on Saturday, 20th inst. and will meet with her usual quick despatch. For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to JOHN R SHAW & Co, Agents, a16 24 Poydras

FOR SAINT LOUIS.—The splendid fast running passenger steamer ECLIPSE will leave for the above and intermediate ports on Friday the 26th instant at 5 o'clock P. M. For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to JOHN R SHAW & Co, Agents, a16 24 Poydras

UNITED STATES MAIL.—SEMI-WEEKLY PACKET For the Coast, Donaldsonville, Paincourtville, Baton Rouge, Port Hudson, Waterloo and Bayou Sara.

The splendid fast running steamer EVANS, Bailey (Guard) BRILLIANT, Capt Bass, will leave New Orleans every Wednesday and Sunday, at 10 o'clock A. M., and Bayou Sara every Monday and Friday, at 10 o'clock A. M. and arrive the next morning.

On the Wednesday trip, will go to Pointe Coupee and Tunica, as usual.

For the rest of Passage is the same as charged by all the Packets running the Coast.

For freight or passage, apply on board, or to WM AVERY, at Gravier st

☞ The attention of the public is invited to the hull, engines and furniture are entirely new, was Evans' Patent safety Valves to prevent explosion, allowing Evans' Engine to Ship an Inch of water before Deck to prevent fire, and starts with Iron Chains; and is provided with a Life Boat that can carry 50 persons. Every attention to the interest of those who favor the Brilliant with their patronage, money or time has been spared to give safety, speed, comfort and splendor; and the proprietors have no hesitation in offering her to the public as the best boat ever in the trade.

NOTICE.
REGULAR PACKET BETWEEN NEW-ORLEANS, BALIZE and intermediate ports.

The fine steamer FAME, Jourdain Martin, master, having been thoroughly repaired, will recommence her regular trips as formerly. The Fame will leave New Orleans every Wednesday at 9 o'clock A. M., and from Balize every Friday, at 7 A. M., and arrive at New Orleans on Saturday. Captain Jourdain respectfully solicits a continuance of the favors of his friends, to have their goods on board in time, as the boat will positively leave at the hour fixed.

Captain Jourdain hopes that merchants and planters will favor him with a continuance of their patronage.

For freight or passage, apply to the Captain on board, or to JACQUES LAROPE, 24 Old Levee.

P. S. Captain Jourdain Martin, having sold one half of the steamer FAME to Mr. Jacques Larope, he informs the public that they will spare no exertions to merit the continuance of those patronage. The boat will run in regular trips

ALEXANDRIA AND NEW-ORLEANS FORWARDING & COMMISSION HOUSE.
AND AGENT FOR THE SALE OF
Nichols Lapham's Patent Cotton Gin, Union Screw Press and Stevens' Patent Bale-cord.
70 Magazine street

H. DE GOLYER & RUFFLARD,
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ALSO DEALERS IN
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AND ALL KINDS OF
NEGRO WOOLENS AND COTTONS,
No 3 RUE DE GRES, Paris. J. RUFFLARD, New Orleans.
New Orleans, No 38 Chartres street.

SAMUEL TOBY,
Commission Merchant,
New York. 130

CANDLES—500 mould, bleaching and for sale by
a26 THOS & SIMMONS, 60 Magazine st

BEEF—6 tcs Prime and 17 bls Mess, for sale by
a16 R W MILBANK & Co, 36 Poydras st

LARD—in bls and kegs, for sale by
a16 R W MILBANK & Co, 36 Poydras st

BEEF—150 bbls at inspection for sale by
a19 JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras

LARD—100 bbls and kegs for sale by
a19 JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras

OLIVE OIL—200 kegs & now landing, for sale by
a 2 BLANCHARD, DIMER & Co, 24 Bienville

FRENCH THREAD—20 bales for sale by
a 2 BLANCHARD, DIMER & Co, 24 Bienville

EXCHANGE ON PARIS—For sale by
a 2 BLANCHARD, DIMER & Co, 24 Bienville

TALLOW—150 bbls prime for sale by
a21 JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras

DRIED BEEF—30 tcs in store for sale by
a21 JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras

DOUBLE FORK—18 reels for sale by
a20 JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras

BARLEY WH. SEED—20 kegs in store, for sale by
a19 SHULTZ, HADDEN & LEACH, 36 Poydras

WHISKEY—100 bbls Pure Cincinnati rectified, for sale by
a19 JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras

PORK—250 bbls mostly qualities at inspection for sale by
a24 JOHN R SHAW & Co, 24 Poydras

HAY—800 bales prime North River hay for sale from store by a12 FOSDICK & BRO 74 Camp

SNUFF—30 jars and 8 kegs for sale by
a17 FOSDICK & BRO 74 Camp

VERDIGRIS—20 cases of pure ground in oil for sale by
a24 FOSDICK & BRO 74 Camp

PAINTS—in cases assorted, ground, viz: white lead, Spanish brown, yellow ochre, &c for sale by
a24 FOSDICK & BRO 74 Camp

CLOCKS—20 wooden clocks for sale low, to close an assignment, by a22 FOSDICK & BRO Camp

CORDAGE—100 bls Manilla, for sale by
a22 FOSDICK & BRO 74 Camp

Cordage by a22 FOSDICK & BRO 74 Camp

ALE—10 bls Albany cream ale for sale by
a24 FOSDICK & BRO 74 Camp

SOAP—20 bs No 1 brown soap, in store and for sale by
a23 FOSDICK & C. 74 Camp

HAVANA COFFEE—For sale by
a27 O H SHEPHERDS, 24 Old Levee

HAVANA SUGAR—For sale by
a27 O H SHEPHERDS, 24 Old Levee

HAVANA TOBACCO—For sale by
a27 O H SHEPHERDS, 24 Old Levee

COGNAC BRANDY—For sale by
a27 O H SHEPHERDS, 24 Old Levee

MARSEILLES WINE—For sale by
a27 O H SHEPHERDS, 24 Old Levee

COPPER—300 bbls prime clean rivets, in store and for sale by
a20 TUFTS & HOBART, 29 Gravier st

COPPER BUTTER—100 bbls prime clean rivets, for sale by
a20 TUFTS & HOBART, 29 Gravier st

CANDLES—Stearine and patent stearine candles for sale by a20 DITTRICH & Co, 141 Magazine

SOAP—Bar best yellow soap for sale by
a23 DITTRICH & Co, 141 Magazine st

SPERM CANDLES—800 lbs for sale by
a24 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee

ALUM AND EPSOM'S SALT—10 bbls for sale by
a23 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee

TANNERS OIL—10 bbls for sale by
a23 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee

DOSTON SALARATUS—100 pkgs for sale by
a23 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee

INDIGO—30 cerrons for sale by
a23 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee

GLASS TUMBLERS—100 doz various patterns for sale by a23 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee

RED LEAD—50 kegs for sale by
a23 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee

LITHARGE—50 kegs for sale by
a23 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee

PUTTY IN BLADDERS—10 bbl for sale by
a23 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

MALAGA RAISINS—1000 drums fresh for sale by
a23 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

SMYRNA FIGS—1000 drums fresh for sale by
a23 FIELD & Co, 30 Old Levee.

EXCHANGE ON FARIS—For sale by
a22 BOUTIN, GALLY & Co, 66 Royal

SUGAR—White and Brown Havana in store, for sale by
a20 J M CABALLERO, 30 Old Levee

ANILLA CORDAGE—100 lb to 7 inch, for sale by
a20 FIELD & BRO, 84 Gravier

BLANKETS—2 point three or three-qrs in store, for sale by
a23 GEO. GREEN & BRO, 80 Gravier

NAILS—400 kegs assorted sizes in store, for sale by
a19 T BOGERT, 70 Camp

FINE FLOUR—150 bbls fine flour, in store, for sale by
a19 H J BRYAN & Co, 28 Commerce st

NEW ENGLAND RUM—78 tcs Ration rum in store, for sale by a19 H J BRYAN & Co, 28 Camp

GUNNY BAGS—2000 small gunny bags in store for sale by a19 J A MERRITT & Co, 53 Camp

COFFEE—75 bags good Havana coffee in store, for sale by a19 H J BRYAN & Co, 28 Camp

SOAP—500 boxes different qualities No 1 soap in store for sale by a19 J A MERRITT & Co, 53 Camp

LYE—400 kegs for sale by a19 W J BRYAN & Co, 28 Camp

FOR SALE by the undersigned—Varnished leather; enamel do. G M LUCAS, 30 Bienville a16

COFFEE—Laguayra coffee for sale by
Cuba SCHMIDT & Co, 98 Bienville

LARD—100 kegs in store, for sale by
a16 SHULTZ, HADDEN & LEACH, 36 Poydras

FLOUR—1000 bbls for sale by
a16 SHULTZ, HADDEN & LEACH, 36 Poydras

EXCHANGE ON HAVANA, at 3 days sight, for sale by
a16 JOHN R LAFLEUR, 30 St Louis

STRINGES—9 cases for sale by
a17 NUMA LACOSTE, 182 Royal

COFFEE—Laguaya coffee for sale by
a17 SCHMIDT & Co, 98 Bienville

MATTING—120 rolls Canton matting, 4-4 5-4 and 6-4 for sale by WM FROST & Co, 28 Old Levee

SALERATUS—15 casks Boston extra Saleratus, for sale by a16 JARVIS & ANDREWS, 20 Commerce

PALM LEAF HATS—50 cases assorted qualities, for sale by a16 ISAAC BRIDGE, 76 Magazine

BACON—6 casks in store, for sale by
a16 HUBBARD & Co, 96 Tchoupitoulas

PICKLED HAMS—50 bbls in store, for sale by
a16 CLYMER, THOMPSON & Co, 40 Tchoupitoulas

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DRIED BEEF—A few tierces for sale by
a16 CLYMER, THOMPSON & Co, 40 Tchoupitoulas

OIL—10,000 gallons winter and fall sperm oil, for sale by
a16 CLYMER, THOMPSON & Co, 40 Tchoupitoulas

CANDLES—300 box sperm country, for sale by
a16 WM FROST & Co, 28 Old Levee

SOAP—400 boxes Boston No 1 soap, various brands, for sale by a16 WM FROST & Co, 28 Old Levee

SALERATUS—25 barrels saleratus, for sale by
a16 WM FROST & Co, 28 Old Levee

CANDLES—500 boxes in bond, sperm and stearine, for sale by
a16 LINDLEY & RUSSELL, 92 Tchoupitoulas

BOLT ROPE—Also the hemp and sheeting, for sale by
a16 LINDLEY & RUSSELL, 92 Tchoupitoulas

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:
HENRY CLAY.

NEW-ORLEANS:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 24, 1844.

The news from England by the *Sheridan* presents no features of especial interest, unless as connected with the parliamentary debates, and particularly in regard to the action of the House of Commons upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer's proposition to reduce the rate of interest upon that portion of the British debt, known as the 3½ consols—which amounts to about *ten hundred and fifty millions of pounds sterling*. The proposition of Mr. GOULBURNE as to reduce the interest upon this debt to 3½ per cent. immediately, to guarantee the continuance of that rate of interest for ten years, at which time it will be further reduced to 3 per cent., with a guarantee that no further reduction will be made for twenty years thereafter.

This arrangement will save the treasury at once £635,000, and at the expiration of ten years double that sum annually.

The various members of parliament, who expressed their opinions upon this project, applauded it as being a beneficial, wise and honest proceeding—so unanimous indeed were members in favor of it that the Chancellor felt constrained to rise in his seat and thank the House for the unparalleled liberality with which he was supported by all parties.

Now to our minds, this scheme has a squinting of repudiation in it. The government had the undoubted power to reduce the rate of interest upon this portion of its debt, or pay it off at the option of the fund holder. But the wrong done the creditor consists in the advantage taken by the government of an unusual and extraordinary plethora in the money market, to offer the alternative of payment or reduction of interest. A combination of circumstances has reduced the rate of interest in England, for the time being, to 2 and 2½ per cent., and the government improves the occasion to propose a reduction, when, if the fund holder should refuse it, it accord to the arrangement the treasury can create a new debt, at a less interest to pay off the old one. If the government was in the practice of obeying the interest when money was scarce, it would be justifiable in reducing it when money was abundant. But it is a small business for a great nation to take advantage of a fortuitous state of the money market to exact concessions from the public creditor. Was the principle of the reduction sound in morals, the government ought to reduce the interest on the consols to the current rates paid, out doors, for indubitable paper. Instead of this bold or tax payer is roughly dealt with by this equivocation. For if the principle is right the reduction should be made to the level of the current interest; if wrong, the fund holder should not suffer on account of the fluctuations of the money market.

By this operation the debt of England may be said to be reduced, by the difference in the value of stocks caused by the reduction of interest—but is that the debt has been reduced some fifteen millions of pounds sterling by an act of Parliament—an amount equal to more than 50 per cent of the whole debt of the States of this Union—for it should be borne in mind that the National debt of Great Britain is permanent, as much so as her Church and charters, and the amount of interest due upon it the only liability that she respects and provides for. Hence a reduction of interest is a reduction of the debt, in the ratio that the amount of reduction bears to the amount of interest.

This reduction has been made on account of the abundance of money. The excess of the means of payment has suggested the expedient of getting rid of a large portion of the National debt. Ought not a people—whose government does these things, with the approbation of parliament, have a little charity for those States, whose necessity has compelled them to postpone their obligations longer than they would otherwise do? If England avails herself of an extraordinary, a fortuitous, a transient activity in the money market to reduce her debt, Englishmen ought not to complain over much if misfortune, poverty and general distress should compel some of their American creditors to prove backward in paying up. A little patience is a commendable virtue in all seasons. If the Rev. SYDNEY SMITH would employ his sarcasms at home they would stand his countrymen in better stead, than dealing them out upon the debtor States of this Union. Had that God serving man been in league with the Devil, he could have scarcely devoted his time to less advantage than in abusing this country. The States of America, if they are not goaded, and taunted and vilified beyond endurance will come out of their troubles, purified by afflictions.

EIGHT DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

By the packet ship Sheridan, Capt. Depeyster, we have intelligence from London to the 13th, and from Liverpool to the 16th ult., her day of sailing. The news is of little interest.

The Hibernia arrived at Liverpool on the day the Sheridan left.

Ireland was tranquil, though in some sections of Connaught the humbler classes were suffering extreme distress for want of food. The London Times says that the regular agitation has ceased, and that Messrs Shiel and Ecthy square Dotts 70 72 pence. No effort whatever is made to speculate in British securities. The foreign Bond Market was also quiet, with little business.

From the London Times.

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FRANCE.—Our advices from Paris are to the 10th ultimo.

The dispute between the Church and the University was assuming an exceedingly serious character. The *Moniteur* contains a letter from the Minister of Justice to the Archbishop of Paris, condemning in the strongest terms a memorial, addressed by him and four of his suffragans of the Arch diocese of Paris to the King, on the subject of public instruction, and the publication of that document in the journals.

Abbe Combalot has been convicted for a libel on the University of France, contained in a pamphlet published by him in the month of January last, on the dispute between that establishment and the church. The sentence pronounced upon him, "liberal opinions" still exercise in France—namely, a fine of 4,000 francs and 15 days' imprisonment.

The Journal du Havre says:—"Persons who have a direct intercourse with the Court of the Tuileries inform us that it is arranged that, about September next, Louis Philippe shall proceed in person, with all his Court, to England, in order to pay a visit to Queen Victoria. The interview will not take place in London, but in the Isle of Wight. It seems to be believed at the Tuileries, that after his visit to the Isle of Wight, Louis Philippe will persuade Queen Victoria to make an excursion to Paris.

In almost all the principal streets of Paris, many of the largest shops have been closed, through the inability of its owners to meet their engagements.

The *Moniteur* denies the report that a conspiracy had been discovered among the troops in garrison in Paris, but admits that some soldiers had, by misconduct, incurred the displeasure of Government, and had in consequence been sent to the condemned companies in Algiers.

SPAIN.—We have received Madrid journals of the 4th ult. The marriage of Queen Isabella to her cousin, the Count Trapani, was not only pushed with vigor and adroitness, but nearly certain.

The last despatches from General Rossell, dated Villa Franquess, the 29th ult., state that early in the morning of that day, the insurgents of Alicant, to the number of 1,500 men, with 60 horses and two pieces of artillery made a sortie in the direction of the Cruz de Piedra, for the purpose of destroying the batteries in progress of construction on that side. They were, however, bravely charged by detachments of the regiments of Savoy and Lusitania, who occupied that point, and beaten back into the place, with the loss of 40 killed, and a large number wounded. The siege artillery had not yet landed, owing to the boisterous state of the sea.

RUSSIA.—The Silesian Gazette informs us that large reinforcements are sent by the Russian Government to the army of the Caucasus, and that the effective force of Russia in that quarter, will soon amount to 200,000 men.

PRUSSIA, Feb. 26.—It is said that the mitigation of the Emperor of Russia's ukase for the removal of the Jews had been made at the instance of the King of Prussia and the Grand Duke Michael.

HUNGARY.—Imperial Diet of Hungary had adopted, without any discussion (say our accounts from Presburg of the 16th February), and by a majority of 41 votes against 8, a motion for the emancipation of the Jews.

GREECE.—Advices from Athens, of the 10th ult. state that King Otho has had a narrow escape from being poisoned, owing to the carelessness of his cook, who prepared a dish on a new stove, with sludgers had been allowed to collect. The illness, however, soon gave way to the proper remedies.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

AMERICAN THEATRE.—This evening's entertainments have been set apart for the benefit of Mr. MONDELLI, scene painter of this Theatre. Apart from the unusual attraction offered this evening, Mr Mondelli deserves the encouragement of the admirers of scenic effect, being one of the oldest and oldest scene painters in America. The evening's entertainments will commence with "Rob Roy," after which a lady has volunteered to sing the "Casta Diva" of Norma, by Bellini; Mr. Bennie will dance "La Cracovienne," and Mr. Archer will sing "The Wolf." The performance for the evening will conclude with "Lovely Thereza," during which Madame Arraline will introduce the celebrated "Shawl Dance" of La Havadère, assisted by the whole Corps de Ballet. The Italian Company of Monpheetes du Monte Vernon, will attend in full uniform. We trust the public will not lose this occasion of encouraging an eminent artist.

MADAME DAMORPAC CISTI and MR ANTOY left our city yesterday in the steamboat *Concordia* for Natchez, where they will remain a short time, and thence proceed to Louisville. We bespeak for these accomplished artists the favor of all musical *dilettanti*.

TEXAS MEETING.

The Committee appointed at the Preliminary Meeting of Monday night, have attended to the duties assigned them. A public meeting of the friends of the re-annexation of Texas will accordingly be held this evening, (Wednesday, April 24,) at 7 o'clock, at Banks' Arcade. All the friends of Texas, in the city, whether citizens or strangers, are invited to attend.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—Coroner Davis yesterday held an inquest upon the body of a white man, name unknown, found dead at the corner of Love and Victory streets, in the Third Municipality. Verdict—Death by visitation of God.

CRIMINAL COURT.—The following persons were yesterday arraigned for trial—William Baker and Louis Morris, charged with larceny. The former pleaded guilty to the charge.

André Napoleon and John Myers for assault and battery. Both of them pleaded guilty.

Eldridge Perry, for larceny—pleaded guilty.

George Williams was put upon his trial for larceny He was accused of stealing two pair of shoes from a store in Royal street. In consequence of another person of the same name, who was confined in the Parish Prison for burglary, having been brought into Court by the Sheriff, (who had mistaken him for the present accused,) and who was tried and convicted for the offence, the Jury returned a verdict of Not guilty, they not considering his identity as being fully established.

Frederick Skelunski was put on trial, charged with assault and battery, and found guilty.

ARRESTED.—A man named John O'Neil was yesterday arrested by Captain Winter and officer Lyons, charged with robbing Mr. Patrick McGloon of $350 in gold half Eagles. He will be examined this morning before Recorder Baldwin.

INQUEST.—Coroner Davis last evening held an inquest upon the body of a man supposed to be a sailor, found drowned in the river opposite the Sugar Refinery. Verdict found drowned.

SECOND MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Council last evening, the following weekly report of the Treasurer was received:

Balance on hand,	$16,910 36
Municipal Notes in circulation	27,500 00
Treasury Certificates,	41,630 00

Messrs. Hill and Layet were appointed a Committee to examine the returns and qualifications of Mr. Dana the member elect from the Second Ward to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr Snowden. The Committee reported that they had met the necessary investigation and found the member to be in possession of the necessary property qualification.

A communication from Mr. Francis Quatles, the Harbor Master, informing the Council he had caused watchmen on the Levee in front of the shipping to notify the property there situated, estimated in value at $2,000 000, to remove their cotton bales and sales not lapse of that period, a further reduction of another quarter will take place, with a guarantee that no further reduction will be made for twenty years. Under this measure, the public will save from October, 1844, to the same month in 1854, $625 000 per annum; and after 1854 the annual saving will be $1,250,000 per annum.—The plan met with the unanimous approval of the House of Commons.

On the 11th, Mr. O'Connell presented forty petitions from different parts of Ireland for the repeal of the legislative union between the two countries. He then gave notice that on an early day after Easter, he would ask for leave to bring in a bill to define the law of conspiracy, and the evidence applicable thereto; also, that he would after Easter move for leave to bring in a bill to repeal all the acts upon the relation of landlord and tenant in Ireland passed since the union, and to substitute other provisions upon the subject.

Mr. Hume moved for a select committee to examine into the present state of the tobacco trade, and to inquire what effects have been produced by the changes in the laws relating to it; and whether any, and what legislative measures, compatible with the general interests of the country, can be made, in order to promote the trade or to check smuggling in tobacco; and to report their observations thereupon to the House.—The question was carried to.

The Baltic mail of Feb. 1st, brings an intelligence of interest, besides that of the battles fought and won by the Anglo Indian forces on the 28th and 29th of December, an account of which has already published.

Rear Admiral Sir George Seymour, one of the Lords of the Admiralty, will succeed Rear-Admiral Thomas as Commander-in-Chief in the Pacific. The Admiral will hoist his flag in a line of battle ship, either the Albion or the Rodney.

DUBLIN, March 4.—THE LORD LIEUTENANT.—Notwithstanding all the reports to the contrary put in circulation within the last three weeks, I believe it may be now authoritatively stated, that the Gray line of steam packets intend to extend the duties of his high office. It is believed that before the close of the ensuing autumn the noble earl will feel it necessary to relinquish the Irish Vice-Royalty, in order to avail himself of the benefit of a continental tour; a step rendered absolutely requisite for the restoration to his wasted energies of an enfeebled constitution.—*Times Correspondent.*

LONDON MONEY MARKET, Tuesday, March 12.—Consols were sold at 92½ to 5/8, the commissioners being supplied at the latter fraction. New Three and a half per Cents. alternated from 102 1/4 to 3/8; and Exchequer Bills 70 72 pence. No effort whatever is made to speculate in British securities. The foreign Bond Market was also quiet, with little business.

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☞ We copy the following from the Bayou Sara *Chronicle* of the 19th inst.—

Our quiet village was put in commotion on Wednesday last by a report that a number of runaway negroes had assembled in a thicket about three miles from town, and bid defiance to their pursuers. About 11 o'clock, Daniel Turnbull, Esq. came to town, armed, to solicit some help, when about twenty of our citizens (always ready for an emergency) set out immediately for the place designated; but when they reached the spot, the negroes had fled—no traces could be had as to their whereabouts, and all parties had to return without the scalps. The evening following, Mr Turnbull caught two of his own runaway negroes, and Mr Fair caught one belonging to the State of Louisiana. Mr Fair acknowledges all that may have been charged with, but the boy belonging to the State says that he had nothing to do with the other runaways.

Since the above was in type, a large mulatto man, armed with three pistols and a tomahawk, was shot by Mr Mayo Gray in the neighborhood of James R Dupré's plantation. He lived a few minutes after he was shot, and all that could be elicited from him was that he belonged to Mr W. H Johnson of Mississippi. He was dressed in a woollen roundabout, cotton pantaloons and drawers, and a white cotton shirt; he was supposed to be from 45 to 50 years old We must confess, that since this occurrence, our fears have been somewhat aroused for the safety of helpless families; at least there should be a very strict police kept up for some time to come.

THE TOWN ELECTIONS in the Cataract county of New York, (Niagara,) exhibit a large Whig gain. Last year, the county was Locofoco. This year, the Whigs gain one town, and exhibit an aggregate majority of nearly 600.

WHIG VICTORY IN PORTLAND.—At the second trial for Mayor of Portland, Mr. Elephalet Greeley, the Whig candidate, was elected by a large majority—between 250 and 300.

A duel occurred in Bladensburg, a few days ago, between two young bloods from Philadelphia. It, however, proved harmless, two shots being exchanged without effect.

WANT LONGER TIME.—The Eutaw (Ala.) *Whig*, of a recent date says:—"There has been a wagon in the street almost this week, desirous of selling for cash, when Mr. Clay is elected to the Presidency. Not sold yet. People in these parts want a longer credit."

QUINSAC AND DEATH.—Three men are in jail at Schenectady on charge of causing the death of a woman named Jane Gillespie, of Oswego, on the 23d ult. The Recorder says, they took the woman from a wagon and compelled her to run before the horses for a mile through the mud. Arrived here, they took her to an unoccupied house in Governor's Lane, near the river, where they remained all night, violating and otherwise abusing her. On the morning of the 23d, at about 7 o'clock, screams of distress were heard to issue from the house—and those who arrived there witnessed an awful spectacle—the woman lying on the floor, her clothing entirely burnt from her, and she literally roast alive! She was immediately taken to the almshouse, where she was properly cared for, and she lingered till the next morning in great agony, when she expired.—*Albany Advertiser.*

MR CLAY AT RALEIGH.—We learn from a gentleman who arrived here yesterday morning from Raleigh, that Mr Clay reached that city on Friday afternoon, and was received and escorted to the Government House, where he sojourns during his stay.

Mr Clay addressed a large concourse of citizens of North Carolina on Saturday, at about ten (noon) on Saturday, from the Western portico of the Capitol, in a speech of two hours and a quarter. A notice was to be given from the Governor's office—at the Governor's House, and Mr Clay was to leave Raleigh for Petersburgh on *Thursday morning.*—*Norfolk Beacon.*

[COMMUNICATED.]

ANIMAL MAGNETISM.

The DOUBTERS in this science ought to witness the exhibitions of Mr Wolcott, now making at the St Louis Ball Room, in this city. I have attended them—and although not fully satisfied heretofore—all scruples are now removed. I am obliged to be convinced, whether I will or no. The experiments made, and successfully made, are so numerous, and then they are of such difference and opposite characters and kinds, to talk of any collusion or of any human means in devising them, is altogether ridiculous, and cannot receive a moment's consideration by any intelligent person.

Those who have not seen these experiments ought surely to do so. They are worthy of the notice of all who value science, or who take pleasure in studying the wonderful works of the Almighty.

Tonight, at the St Louis Ball Room, Mr Webster has another exhibition.

A WITNESS.

☞ We are requested to call the attention of the public to a Meeting to be held this Evening at 7 o'clock in the Church of the Annunciation, Mr Clapp, rector, for the purpose of hearing a *Statue of Franklin* executed by *Powers* the distinguished American Sculptor, now in Italy, for the embellishment of our city.

The lower part of the Church will be reserved for Ladies and the gentlemen who accompany them. It is hoped that none who are desirous of the encouragement of the Arts, and of the highest order will fail to attend. Several gentlemen of distinction will address the assembly.

COUNCIL OF MUNICIPALITY No. THREE.

SITTING OF SATURDAY, 20th APRIL, 1844.

The Council met agreeably to adjournment.

Present—Messrs. Bloxsman, De Buys, Durigmand, Nadaud, Wills and Chaffe.

Absent, The Hon. A. Vinvent, President of the Council, and Mr. T. Boylan.

In the absence of Mr. Vin. De Buys was called to the Chair.

The Journal of the last sitting was read and approved.

A letter from Mr. Erasme Legonstier, asking to effect a settlement with the municipality, in relation to a certain claim against the city, for damages caused to his property at the contemplated opening of Claiborne street, was read.

On motion of Mr Durigmand, said letter was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A letter from the Surveyor, relative to the casting of a bell, and to the sale of the metal of the one broken, was read.

On motion of Mr. Bloxsman, this letter is referred to the Committee on the Surveyor's Department.

A communication from Mr. Wm. De Buys was read, and on motion, said communication was laid indefinitely on the table.

On motion of Mr Wills, the Hon. G. W. Lewis, Recorder elect, was invited to take a seat in the Council.

Calls of Committees.

The Committee on Claims, to whom had been referred the account of Judge Porter for court rent, amounting to $66, have the honor to report that they have carefully examined said account and found it correct; consequently, your committee beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to draw a warrant for the sum of $66 00, in favor of Judge Preval, on the Treasurer of this Municipality.

(Signed) D. O. NADAUD,
P. S. WILTZ,
P. A. CHARBONNET,
Chairman.

On motion, said report and resolution were adopted.

The same Committee, to whom had been referred the letter of the Sheriff of the District Court of the First District, in relation to a certain judgment rendered by the District Court in the case of Peter Brewer, vs. Municipality No. 3, have the honor to report, that, in the opinion of the Committee, the requisition made in said letter, ought to be granted by the Municipality; consequently your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Municipality pay to the Sheriff of the District Court, the balance due on the judgment rendered in the case of Peter Brewer, vs. Municipality No. 3, of four hundred and seven dollars 83,100 ($407 92,) in specie funds, to enable said Sheriff to satisfy said Esther Clem, one of the parties interested in said judgment.

(Signed) D. O. NADAUD,
P. S. WILTZ,
P. A. CHARBONNET,
Chairman.

On motion, said report and resolution were adopted.

Mr. Durigmand offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the levee be and be is hereby required to have immediately repaired, the road to Milneburg fronting on Lake Pontchartrain, from the rail road to the last house situated on the borders of said lake, the road lying to Bayou St. John.

On motion, said resolution was adopted.

The same member, the rules of being again dispensed with, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to appoint two persons, to collect, from the first day of May next, the additional tax levied by this Municipality on real estate.

Resolved, That said persons shall furnish, for the faithful performance of their duties, a security in the sum of five thousand dollars each, which said securities shall be freeholders of property unincumbered by legal or conventional mortgages.

Resolved, That it will be the duty of Tax Collectors to settle every Saturday with the Treasurer, the amounts collected by them during the week, and that a commission of four per cent on all sums collected shall be allowed to said persons.

On motion, said resolutions were adopted.

Mr. Charbonnet offered rules being dispensed with, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Council, who shall be absent at two consecutive sittings of the Council, shall be liable to a fine of $5, except good reasons be offered for such absence.

On motion of Mr. Wills, the Council took up a letter and accompanying documents from Mr. Pierre Bayhi, in relation to the claim against the Municipality No. 3, and that said letter be referred to a special committee.

Said motion having prevailed, the President appointed Messrs. Wills, Durigmand and Bloxsman on said committee.

Mr. Debuys, the rules being dispensed with, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which, on motion, was adopted:

Whereas, in the monthly lists made by the Surveyor of this Municipality, their values according to the figures which requires explanation, and which the Finance Committee wish to be explained—

Resolved, That said Surveyor be required to furnish to the committee the necessary information required by them.

On motion, the Council adjourned to Saturday next, the 27th instant, at half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Copy test, P. A. CHARBONNET, Chairman.

MONEY MARKET.

Commercial, ... 10@ 15 per cent. discount.
Consolidated, ... 77@78 do
Citizens' ..... 96 do
Improvement, ... 90 do
Atchafalaya, ... 90@95 do
Exchange, ... 90@95 do
Orleans, ... 90@95 do

United States Treasury Notes—
$1,000 bills, } per @ 1 do
$500 bills, }
$50 and $100 bills, } per @ 1 per cent. discount

Kentucky, ... per @1 per cent. discount
Commercial, ... 1@2 do
First Municipality Notes, ... 2@3 do
Second Municipality do ..... 2@3 do
Third Municipality do ..... 20@21 do
Alabama, ... 11@12 do
Ohio, ... 50@55 do
Illinois, ... none
U. S. Treasury Notes, ... 1@2 do
Texas Treasury Notes, ... 13@17 cents on dollar.
Do. Bonds, ... 30@31 do

Commercial.

NEW-ORLEANS, TUESDAY NIGHT,
April 23, 1844.

We have had a dull market in almost every department since our last, and have nothing to add to the subjoined remarks. The accounts by the *Sheridan*, which reach up to the 16th March, from Liverpool, have had no effect on this market.

COTTON—Arrived since the 19th inst. of Louisiana and Mississippi, 10,080 bales—Tennessee and