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Wednesday morning, March 21, 1849

Mr. Polk.

The ex-President of the United States will reach our City this morning by the mail from Mobile, which usually arrives at 7 or 8 o'clock. Every preparation has been made to give him a distinguished reception.

Death of James Dick.

We are called upon to record the demise of an aged and most estimable citizen—one whose whole life was marked by deeds of active benevolence and by a conduct that calumny itself could not impugn. Mr. James Dick—one of the oldest citizens in our city—died on Monday evening. He belonged to that small and decrepit group of men in this city who were so intimately connected with the progress and prosperity of New Orleans, that they may be said to have grown with its growth, and strengthened with its strength. JAMES DICK came to Louisiana about 40 years ago. Himself and his brother, who died a few years since, were the original founders of a commercial firm, which, under various mutations of name and vicissitudes of fortune, has continued to flourish up to the present day. The title of the house was first N. & J. Dick, afterwards N. & J. Dick & Co., then Dick, McLean & Hunt, and subsequently Dick & Hunt, which name it retained until Mr. Dick retired about two years ago, with an ample fortune, the well-earned fruits of untiring industry and undeviating probity.

The House, of which James Dick was the founder, is well known for the extensive nature of its transactions. Although it continued with the oldest existing commercial establishment in New Orleans, it was compelled to suspend during the terrible revulsion of 1837, which undoubtedly for the partial amount of its embarrassments, yet it survived the severe ordeal, by the energy, rigid economy, and an integrity that was alike proof against calumny and censure—the members of the firm in the course of a few years retrieved themselves from all their embarrassments, and re-established their firm on the credit and confidence of the community. The House of Hunt, McLean & Co. (the name it assumed after the withdrawal of Mr. Dick) made continuously at the head of the cotton trade in New Orleans.

On the private character of Mr. Dick we can speak with the confidence that friendship justifies. He was a man of enlarged and liberal views of unbounded minds, of exceeding kindness of heart, and of a benevolence of disposition that made no distinction had in its spheres to bind or secure. He was one of those rarely gifted beings, who could barter for its own sake and whose sympathy for suffering was limited only by the extent of its means. He was a man of strict integrity, of unlimited charity, of a high and honorable character