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THE NORTHERN Mail failed yesterday from beyond Chattanooga. That due the day before passed through.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE. We publish to-day Mayor Crossman's to the main body of Council. It refers to our subjects this year of unusual interest, we propose to review it in detail. It is the most important document which has emanated from His Honor. The Message is written with marked perspicuity, and with plain business-like pages, specializing on a variety of subjects of local interest, and abounding in sensible suggestions. The Mayor alludes to the Consolidation of the Cities, the immediate and prospective benefits of that great measure. He refers to the spirit and energy awakened amongst our citizens, and to the several railroad projects in which he traces the progress of the Great Northern and Great Western roads, and assigns the enhanced value of property to all those projects combined.

The necessity of providing for a thorough drainage of the Swamps in the rear of our city is strongly urged, and various substantial reasons are alleged in favor of the scheme. The Water Works Company are extending their pipes, so as to afford adequate supply of water to the thousand and Third Districts.

Public education is in a prosperous and advancing condition. The number of pupils in the schools of the four Districts is 10,858, being an increase of 22 9-22 per cent. since last year. Two hundred and three teachers are employed in these schools. The current expenses for the present year will require appropriations to the amount of about $600,000.

To the Fire Companies of New Orleans, the Mayor pays a high and well deserved tribute of praise. Their zeal, efficiency and intrepidity, as well as their admirable organization and freedom from jealousy and backstanding, render them second to none, and superior to most of the Companies in other cities.

It is properly recommended that the Council should prohibit the storing of cotton in our streets, beyond the time necessary to secure its removal on shipboard or to depots, as the contiguity of this material renders its presence highly dangerous in case of fire.

The Mayor reviews his arguments in favor of the establishment of a House of Refuge at present, which we have often, but vainly endeavored to impress upon the minds of the city authorities. We trust that it will be considered more worthy of their attention, now that it has received the unqualified recommendation of the Mayor.

The House of Refuge at present contains 151 inmates, of whom 99 are girls. The Commissioners have performed their duties faithfully — By an ordinance of the Council, a fine tract of ground of the Quotilly Road has been purchased and fitted up for their reception, and the Commissioners propose immediate transfer to this spacious and healthy location. The expense of the maintenance of the House of Refuge for the year ending 31st December last, amounted to $8,000. The Work House has been well managed during the past year — It contains 300 prisoners, and yields a net revenue of $5,120.

The improvement of the neutral ground, in Canal street, is suggested. More attention is recommended to enforcing rigidly the proper cleansing of the sidewalks and gutters. The wharves are in good condition.

The system of requiring taxes on Coffee House sales to be paid at the Treasurer's Office, is injudicious. Many do not pay and large amounts are thus lost. The message suggests the return to the former mode of employing Collectors, and paying them a commission.

Since the Consolidation of the city $4,173,131-43 of the debt has been extinguished. The ordinary revenue of the city are insufficient to meet the expenditures, and a tax of ½ per cent., will have to be levied.

Very warm praise is bestowed on the officers of the existing police, who have labored with unbearable energy and zeal in their vocation, and the message concludes with a brief notice of sundry topics of minor importance.

☞ Our worthy and estimable fellow citizen, H. R. W. HILL, has been deprived by death of his amiable, benevolent and kind hearted consort, and he deeply sympathizes with his bereaved affection. Of all the bitter dispensations to which humanity is subject, we know of none more terrible than the remorseless stroke which separates husband and wife, tearing asunder ties and ligaments that are, as it were, interwined with our existence itself. Under a bereavement so distressing, Mr. Hill is now bowed down and crushed. Vain would it be to offer him the common place condolence of friendship. Grief like this seeks the sanctuary of solitude and silence, and can only look for comfort to that Higher power, which tempers calamity with mercy, and tinctures resignation, by making piety its prop.

The funeral of Mrs. Hill was attended last evening by a very large concourse of friends, anxious to assist in the last sad duties which the living are permitted to pay to the mortal vestment of those who have passed into a better and purer sphere of being.

NEW YORK, April 9 — The Spanish Government has decided upon emancipating its slaves. This measure has occupied the attention of the British Legation at Madrid for the last thirty years.

The above despatch appears in the *Picayune* of last evening. The statement is roundly made, but seems to us incredible, upon any known principle or motive. Spain is miserably poor, and derives a large moiety of her revenue from the Island of Cuba. Were she to decree the abolition of slavery, Cuba would be worth as little to her, as Jamaica is to England. Besides, Spain has never affected to be incensed with slavery institutions, and has recently encouraged the active trade in negroes. Spain would suddenly desire to curtail her means, and ruin the Cuban planters, is more than we can understand, even with the aid of the Telegraphic cor. spondent, who hints at the part played by the British Legation in Madrid, in effecting the object. We must hear more of this story before we can believe it.

LAST CONCERT OF GOTTSCHALK. It is surely superfluous to remind the public that Louis Moreau Gottschalk, the illustrious pianist, gives his third Concert to-morrow evening, at Odd Fellows' Hall; but when we state that this, in all probability, will be his *last* appearance for some time before his New Orleans friends, we mention a fact that should induce every one who has not heard him, to take a ticket, and if all who have heard him, to repair once more to the Concert room, and enjoy again the opportunity of listening to the great pianist of the age. Seats may be secured at HEWITT's, in Camp street.

MR. MEAGHER'S LECTURE.—Our citizens—most of whom have been delighted and instructed by Mr. MEAGHER's magnificent Lecture on "Ireland in '48,"—will be pleased to learn by the correspondence in another column, that the eloquent gentleman has responded to the pressing invitations of a number of his admirers, and postponed his return from Baton Rouge, to repeat his Lecture on Thursday evening next, the 14th inst. We have little doubt that the spacious area of the Odd Fellows' Hall will be too contracted to contain the multitude which will flock thither, once more to hear thoughts that glow, clothed in words that burn, from the lips of the inspired orator.

JACKSON MONUMENT.—The Mayor of this city has received the sum of $60 from the citizens of Jackson, Louisiana, as a contribution towards the erection of the Jackson Monument.

DR. WICHEL.—We understand that this most consist of humorists, is engaged at Dan Rice's Museum, and will appear for the first time this evening, in his celebrations are of the most quaint and laughable character, consisting principally of marvellously fanny lectures of Dr. VANDENKOP, but embellishing in richness and boundless of humor.

JAMBOY, Bookseller, the veteran manager of the old Hatter Cottage, died in Boston on the 31st ult.

FIRE.—On Thursday morning last a fire broke out in Silver port, consuming seventeen stores and warehouses.

☞ We hear it rumored about town, says the Baton Rouge *Gazette*, that Gov. Hebert has manifested his determination to declare the office of State Auditor vacated, and will fill the vacancy by appointment, until an election is had. We do not vouch for the facts of the statement.

Hon. GERRIT SMITH.—The Washington *Evening Star* says: It may surprise some of our citizens to learn that the Hon. Gerrit Smith, member elect of the next Congress, has purchased a dwelling house on Capitol Hill, intending to erect his family after there during the legislative career.

GARRIGUE CASE.—On the 3d instant, the day was principally occupied in argument upon the motion of the testimony of Partridge respecting the genuineness of the signature upon the mining title and accompanying documents. The evidence was mostly ruled out.

Dom. Stephen Bonnet, U. S. N., testified to having met Dr. Gerrigue in May or June, 1848, in the Pacific Ocean, on the Pacific. He made a long voyage and frequently rode out with Gerrigue. Witness knew Gerrigue that he was a mining engineer in search of mines. He was a man of good character. He was persona in good standing. He was a man of good character. He was a man of good character. He was a man of good character