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SOUTH CAROLINA.

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ANOTHER TERRIFIC STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION AND LOSS OF LIFE.

Scarcely may we say *is* the ink dry in our pen with which we chronicled the disastrous explosion of the *Anglo-Norman*, before we are again called upon to announce one of those terrific and heart-rending accidents, which carry in their train death, desolation and sorrow.

At half past six o'clock last evening, the steamer *Knoxville*, Captain Harris, bound for the Tennessee river, was just backing out from her wharf between Poydras and Gravier streets, and according to the best information we could obtain, had made three revolutions, when a terrific explosion took place on board, the report of which was heard with great distinctness over the entire city, and was even felt at Lafayette. So great was the shock in Tchoupitoulas and the adjoining streets, that many persons thought the houses were tumbling over their ...

After the smoke and steam had cleared away, it was found that both the boilers of the Knoxville had exploded and that the forward part of the boat was a complete wreck. The flag staff above standing unscathed, and the flag itself floating peacefully over the surrounding havoc and ruin. The terrible force of steam was evinced on this occasion in the same fearful manner as was evidenced at the catastrophe of the Louisiana last year. One of the boilers, a huge mass, thirty feet in length was projected to a distance of two hundred yards from the boat, alighting near the plank road on the Levee about fifty yards above Poydras street. By a miracle, we may say almost, this terrible engine of destruction was unaccompanied by any loss of life, but in the course of its rapid flight it took hold of two piles of flour and scattered the contents of some thirty barrels in every direction, besides knocking over any quantity of chicken and turkey coops that had just been landed from a neighboring boat.

The course of the other boiler afforded a more striking example perhaps of the immense force of the subtle element. Taking the opposite direction it went completely through the steamer *Martha Washington* lying on the lower side, tearing up her guards and nearly cutting her in two, and then alighted in the ladies cabin of the *Griffin Yeatman*, the next boat, making mincemeat of the cabin doors, state rooms &c. And alluding again to the tremendous shock, we will here mention that a man standing on the deck of the steamer *Hiram Powers* was absolutely knocked down by the concussion.

The steamer *Ne Plus Ultra*, lying on the upper side was slightly injured. An iron safe on the *Knoxville* was projected over the Ne Plus Ultra into the adjoining boat, the *Buckeye*, fortunately, however, without causing any damage.

And now we must proceed to the far more melancholy details, involving the loss and injury to human life. Of course under the circumstances it was difficult to obtain accurate particulars, but the following will be found to embrace all, we believe, that could be arrived at with any degree of certainty:

Captain Harris, the Commander of the boat—slightly injured.

B. Brown—First Clerk, do. do.

George Oldham—Second Clerk, do. do.

Joseph Johnson—First Engineer, do. do.

William Doordy—Second Engineer was fatally scalded and died at 9 o'clock last night in the Charity Hospital.

S. Shields, pilot—badly hurt.

The Carpenter of the Boat has not been heard from, and it is said also that another pilot is missing.

J. B. St. John, bar-keeper of the Martha Washington, slightly scalded.

Capt. Tobeson, of the Ne Plus Ultra, scalded.

On proceeding to the Charity Hospital last night, we found the following persons, composing a portion of the crew of the *Knoxville*, many of them lingering in great agony:

Wm. Henry—Pilot.
Burrel Henderson Franklin—Striker.
Abraham Young—Second Cook.
Henry Inman—Third Cook.
Patrick Connolly—Fireman.
John Collins— do.
John Burke— do.
Peter Mahan— do.
John Burns— do.
Patrick Connor— do.

At the Baronne street Watch-House, a negro fireman, belonging to the Pilan Estate, was admitted, and appeared to be in a dying condition.

The fate of the passengers, or many of them at least, is involved in fearful obscurity. According to the Steward's estimate, who escaped unharmed, there were eighteen passengers on board, he saw them at the supper table, and could therefore readily make an accurate guess. It appears that a few minutes previous to the explosion the passengers all got up from the tea table and went on the boiler deck. What became of many of them afterwards, we are unable to tell, for the most diligent enquiry on our part led to no satisfactory result, and we must fear, therefore, that several, or even the larger portion, were unfortunately burried into eternity. Some were no doubt blown into the river, but we could not learn of any being picked up.

After the explosion, the boat took fire, but the engines arrived promptly on the spot, and notwithstanding the discouraging report that there was a large quantity of gunpowder in the boat, they went to work with their usual intrepidity, and succeeded after two hours hard labor in quenching the flames. By that time, however, the Boat was nearly in a sinking condition. The effects of the explosion moreover, have rendered her a complete wreck, as nothing forward of the wheelhouse is standing. When the boiler passed through the Martha Washington, it cut her mudvalve, and as she had steam up at the time, a large quantity of water was projected into the Knoxville. But for this it is believed, the ill-fated boat would have been burnt up entirely.

Among the miraculous escapes, of which there were no doubt many, we may mention the Captain of the *Griffin Yeatman*, his wife and two ladies, who, an instant prior to the explosion, left the ladies's cabin, and proceeded to the supper table. Before they were fairly seated, the *Knoxville's* boiler entered the ladies' cabin, and made a wreck of the room.

It is fortunate indeed that this terrible accident took place at such an advanced hour of the evening. Had it occurred at sundown, when that portion of the Levee was crowded with clerks, merchants, draymen and pedestrians of every kind, the consequences would have been appalling. It is not unreasonable to imagine that under such circumstances, the huge boiler which traversed the Levee would have stricken to the ground a large number of persons, whilst other projectiles would have carried death to near and distant spots.

But nevertheless the loss of life is fearful, for we are left entirely in doubt as to the passengers and a number of the deck hands and firemen and calls for a rigid investigation into the causes which led to the melancholy catastrophe. Some strange rumors were afloat last night to the effect that the boilers had been pronounced bad or unserviceable, but we state them only as reports and hope they may be disproved. One thing however is certain. The frequent repetition of such accidents—to call them by so light a name—gives to New Orleans, a character for recklessness, which to say the least is not an enviable reputation. We trust therefore that the matter will be strictly examined into, not in the light of a *sens-faricial* procedure, such as has before been witnessed, but rigidly, impartially and thoroughly. Public interest demands it, and the far higher considerations involving human life, call loudly for a judicial investigation.

CENSUS OF KENTUCKY.—The Louisville Courier says that complete returns from seventy-three counties of the State show a population of 707,173. There are twenty-eight counties yet to hear from, which will undoubtedly increase the entire population of the State to 760,000. By the census of 1840, the population of Kentucky was 779,828. The increase in ten years has been about $150,000.

☞ On Sunday, the engineer on the railroad train from Lagrange, when about six miles from the city, discovered a man lying on the track. He sounded the whistle and made attempts to stop the train, but failed. After the persons in the cars were stopped, and he was a negro. His head was severely hurt and his face disfigured as if done with a hatchet. The persons who saw him believed that he had been murdered and his body thrown on the track by the murderer, to escape detection.—*Louisville Journal*.

MINERAL RICHES OF ARKANSAS.

We had yesterday quite an interesting conversation with Mr. SHELL, the well-known Lithographer of our city, who has just returned from a journey into the interior of Arkansas. Mr. SHELL is an accomplished chemist and mineralogist, and while travelling in Arkansas he employed his scientific attainments with marked success in exploring the mineralogical treasures of the country. He informs us that he found the interior and mountainous portion of the State full of indications of mineral and metallic wealth. He collected a large number of specimens of silver, iron, lead, copper and zinc.—There are reasons for believing that some of those metals exist in great abundance, and that veins may be worked to great advantage.

In the course of Mr. SHELL's researches, he discovered unmistakeable signs of the existence of extensive coal beds. In some places the strata were quite thick. He has brought down a number of fine specimens, which prove indisputably that the quality of the coal is similar to the Pittsburg variety, and not at all inferior in combustibility and colorific power to that article.

Mr. SHELL showed us a lump of gold which he picked up nearly imbedded in sand and rock, in Johnson county. He discovered this solitary sample of the most precious of the metals in a crevice in a reef of rocks projecting out in the Arkansas river, near the mouth of Shoal Creek, where he thinks it was deposited during high water, and from which it could not easily escape. It has the appearance of the quartz gold of California, being mechanically blended with the rock. It weighs twelve dwts., and is worth about nine dollars. The surface of the specimen seems considerably worn by attrition, and it had evidently been carried, within, doubtless, a cycle of many years, from some remote point, until it reached the chink into which it fell, where its specific gravity prevented it from being washed away. Mr. SHELL is of opinion that there is no gold in the immediate country where this specimen was found, but thinks it altogether probable that valuable deposits exist in the distant mountains.

Mr. SHELL will arrange his specimens in a few days, at his establishment, No. 33 Camp street, where those who feel an interest in the subject may call and examine them.

FIRE EXPLOSION AT ST. LOUIS.—Between 8 and 9 o'clock on the night of the 9th inst., four two story brick tenements, situated on Biddle near Sixthteenth street, St. Louis, were destroyed, together with the greater portion of their contents. The fire originated in the fire-work factory belonging to Charles Muller, from what cause is not known. Shortly after the flames broke out, and whilst Mr. Muller with several neighbors were endeavoring to save his property, a quantity of powder, supposed to be a keg at least, ignited and blew the whole of the front wall and a portion of the roof into atoms. Mr. Muller, with one or two others, were in the room at the time of the explosion, and it is believed a young man was killed and afterwards consumed in the flames. The first person to leave the building was Muller, who, distracted with pain, jumped from the second story to the ground, and ran in a frantic manner some distance, when he was overtaken and conveyed to a drug store in the vicinity, where we last saw him in the hands of several physicians. His injuries are great. It is thought that he cannot survive his injuries. He states positively that a young man, whose name he did not know, was in the room with him when the explosion took place. This person was not seen afterwards, which leaves but little doubt of his death.

From Havana and Key West.

By the *Isabel*, at Charleston, intelligence from Havana to the 5th, and from Key West to the 9th, has been received. There is no news from Cuba worth mentioning. The Cholera was still lingering in several parts of the Island.

HAVANA, Dec. 7.—Our last was under date of the 21st ult., and we now do ourselves the pleasure to address you, handing our printed report, which we hope you may find useful.

There is little to add as yet about our markets.

There seems, however, to be every prospect of prices for new Sugar opening high, a contract having already been made for Sperry, at 7 1-2 — 11 1-2 rs. for delivery by March, which, considering the present price nominally paid for the whites, makes that for yellow equivalent to about 8 1-2 rs.

Spanish vessels are very numerous, now waiting for cargo, and they will take off the first Sugars, as these prices cannot be paid for the United States.

Of Molasses, small parcels of the new crop are making their appearance, and contracts for first cargoes have been made at 3 a 3 1-4 rs. Large ones for early cargoes are not to be obtained, even after than Feb. 10, have been concluded at 2 1-2 rs.

KEY WEST, Dec. 30

BETHELL *et. al.*, &c., Cargo of Materials of Austrian bark *Gr. Adm.* G. Battinich, respondent. Nov. 21, 1850. The parties interested, met this day, and after hearing testimony, have awarded Bethell 50 per cent on the gross amount of sales, equal to $14,000.

In the case of bark Ranger, Merrill, previously reported, the Court has filed its decree and awarded Libellants 33 1-3 per cent., equal to $4,040, for services rendered said bark and cargo, which amount will be advanced by bottomry.

The British sloop Cygnet, of Nassau, Wright, master, from Nassau, N. P., bound to St. Mark's, was driven on the 24th inst., in distress. The cargo, consisting of salt, was sold on the 27th inst., at auction, at 12 1-2 cents per bushel. A survey has been called.

The U. S. steamer Monticello, Capt. Freeman, arrived here on the 26th, from Indian river and Cape Florida, and will leave to-morrow evening for Tampa.

The residue of wrecked Austrian bark Graziella's cargo, in the sand, was sold at auction on the 25th ult., at 10 3-4 11 6-16 cents per lb., about 335 bales.

Dec. 2.—The bark Maria, Sproul, master, from St. Mark's, with a cargo of Cotton, bound to New York, also a Schr. from Tortugas, on Saturday, 21st November, put in. She received assistance from the wreckers, who took out about 273 bales. The bark is somewhat injured, having broken her rudder, &c. She was consigned to Boud & Curry.

The ship Rebecca, from Liverpool, bound to New Orleans, put into Tortugas Harbor on the 18th inst., for water, having many passengers, and proceeded next day for New Orleans—all well.

Dec. 2—5 P. M.—A large ship has just been discovered ashore on the American Shoals, 22 miles from our place—all the vessels in port have gone to render assistance.

Dec. 3.—The schooner G. L. Bourne, Roberts, has just arrived from the ship—she is the ship Aguilla, from Boston, cargo hay, &c., bound to New Orleans, has received assistance from sloop America and schrs. Euphemia and Victor. The America is now loading.

Dec. 4.—The ship Aguilla and cargo has been libelled for salvage, and set for trial in Admiralty on the 5th inst.

Dec. 5.—Carey, et al. vs. ship Aguilla and cargo—Norwell, respondent.—In Admiralty.—The Court met this day, S. R. Mallory for plaintiffs, and Thomas F. King for respondent. After hearing testimony and argument, and by consent of parties interested, the vessel was valued at $14,000; cargo, ice and hay, $2,275—total, $16,275. The Court pronounced its decree, and awarded libellant Carey for services rendered by himself and consort, 15 per cent., equal to $2,400, as a just and fair compensation, which amount and expense will be advanced through agent of underwriters; and the ship will proceed on her intended voyage by the 6th instant. The surveyors appointed have reported her in good condition, and from appearances there is no strain or injury sustained to the hull. They also employed competent and sworn divers, who reported that, after diving under larboard side, found shoeing forward gone, and forepart of her keel, say about five copper wrinkled on each edge of keel.—Above the bilge, discovered the length of two sheets of copper entirely off, and in width of two sheets in one part, per said report; said survey recommend that she is fit to proceed on her voyage, as she makes no water; and after her arrival at port of destination, such repairs as are necessary be placed upon her there or elsewhere, at the option of the master.

The salvage on cargo and materials of Austrian bark Graziata, previously reported, is about $14,333, equal to 50 per cent., as gross salvage amounts to $28,666 32.

Dec. 8—It is now blowing fresh, what is here called a Norther, together with some rain; thermometer at 69 degrees, and yesterday was as warm as August and quite as sultry. The Norther commenced last evening, and will probably last for some days.

GEORGIA CONVENTION.—The Convention agreed on the 10th to appoint committees from the several districts, with instructions to submit an outline of measures for the Convention to act upon. On the 11th the Committee was as follows:

Middle District—Jenkins, Lawton, Floornoy; Eastern—Bartow, Cooper, Smith; Southern—Blackshear, George Wilcox, Gatlin; Southwestern—Crawford, Taylor, Irvine; Chattahoochie—McDougald, Clark, Bivins; Cowetia—E. Y. Hill, Murphy, Stoughter; Choroko—Tamlin, Lawton, Chastain of Gilmer; Western—Hall, Hill, Knox; Northern—Gilmer, Baxter, Long; Cherokee—Kenner, Sanford, Merriwether; Flint—King, Williamson, Collins.

THE ASIA'S NEWS.

FRANCE.—*Paris, Nov. 21.*—Everybody is talking to-day of the following letter of General Cavaignac to the *Monsieur du Soir*, contradicting a statement in that journal, that he had said that, if Louis Napoleon should be elected by the people in 1852, in spite of the Constitution, he would place his sword at his service.

"I have just seen an article in your journal of this evening. I give a public contradiction to whoever may pretend to have heard me utter a single word which was not expressive of the deepest respect for the fundamental law of the country. I give a formal contradiction to whoever shall pretend to have heard me say, in a message from the Mayor who was entrusted, by the General Council had appointed a Committee to take the necessary steps for the proper observance of the eighth of January, and assert should select a committee to co-operate with the same. Mr. Rihieds moved that such a committee be appointed. Carried. The chair appointed on the committee Messrs. Shields, ——.

The Treasurer's weekly report showed the following exhibit:

Balance on hand last report,	$764 08
Received this week,	6,186 05
	$6,950 97
Disbursed this week,	4 534 00
Balance on hand this day,	$6,425 97

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Of J. L. Florence, praying that he may be permitted to erect a Verandah on his property opposite Streets and Landings, with power to act.

Of Dennis Cronin, praying for relief and payment of a contract. Referred.

By Chas Petre, relative to a suit for false imprisonment of a negro, entered against him. Referred to the Committee on claims.

From the Superintendent of the House of Refuge complaining of Watchman Gallagher. Referred.

Mr. Lawrason on behalf of the Finance Committee reported in favor of sundry bills and accounts. Adopted.

Mr. Renshaw presented a resolution to allow Robert G. Brad to deliver a free lecture in the Lyceum on Hindoo Literature, on the 19th inst. Mr. Hale professed to understand nothing of Hindoo Literature, and as the Lyceum had recently given rise to serious discussion, he moved that the matter should lay over. Mr. Caldwell said that the matter ought to have been preferred to the Board of Directors of Public Schools, and that therefore he would withdraw.

Mr. Lawrason in the Chair—On a motion to suspend the rules on the resolution referred, the motion was lost.

Mr. Renshaw, Chairman of the Committee on streets and landings presented several resolutions which were approved.

Mr. Caldwell resumed his seat—Mr. Renshaw offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sell at public auction the contracts for making a plank Road on Common street, from St. Mary to Galvez streets. After some discussion the resolution was adopted by a vote of 13 to 9.

Mr Renshaw presented a resolution, that the ordinance compelling Captains to use the screws on the wharves to adopt moveable platforms of the width of vessels, be rescinded. Mr. Hooper moved to amend, by requesting the General Council to fix a fine on stevedores who may refuse to comply. Some argument ensued on the damage done to the wharves by the use of hooks. Mr. Renshaw contended that the wharves suffered no injury beyond the ordinary wear and tear. Mr. Hale thought differently. The hooker, said the gentleman eloquently, are differently shod from other animals and their nails pareir is deeply studded. If dray horses are allowed to go unshod, ought to have the same privilege. (Cheers in the lobby.) Mr Hale dwelt at some time on the difference between cork-shod horses and those animals who did not possess this necessary distinction. After a lengthy debate, the resolution offered by Mr. Renshaw was adopted, by a vote of 12 yeas to 8 nays. Mr Hooper's amendment was laid over.

At this moment we heard of the explosion of the Knoxville, and we left the Council.]

FIRST INSTANCE COURT—*Judge Strawbridge*.—This Court continues to be occupied with the case of Parodier, Lawrason & Co. vs. the Ætna Insurance Company and Union Insurance Company. Claim 34,000 dollars on merchandise shipped by the Plaintiffs to California. The case will probably last the week.

BAR ROOM.—A body was picked up in the river yesterday, in the parish of St. Bernard, near the Battle Ground—supposed one of the victims of the explosion of the Anglo-Norman. The pockets of the pantaloons were turned inside out; thus leaving it to infer that the remains had been previously robbed. A report was generally current that the body was that of the unfortunate Jimmie Reese, but up to late hour last evening we could hear no positive confirmation of the report.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT—*Judge McCaleb*.—The Court was occupied yesterday in the prosecution of the case of Gen. Henderson, charged with having been engage in the Texas Expedition and whether his trial should be entered upon. After an interesting argument, the Court stated that it would take the matter under advisement.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—*Finding of the Grand Jury*.—The Grand Jury after having been out a short time, returned a bill against Pauli Trieou for smuggling, and one true bill against Sam for perjury. Bail was fixed on the first named at $5,000, and on the latter case at $3,500.

STEALING A COAT.—Joseph Fleet was brought up yesterday before Recorder Caldwell, on the charge of having stolen a coat from Jas Middleton. After hearing the evidence being considered conclusive, the accused was committed for trial before the First District Court.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Recorder Genois issued a warrant yesterday, for the arrest of a man named Rotta, who on Sunday last, unmercifully beat and struck Francisco Nietto, on two different occasions.

LARCENY.—George Purcel, a lad, was arrested yesterday in the First Municipality, in the act of stealing a little box containing five dollars in silver from A. Michaud's store on the Levee. The Recorder committed him for trial before the First District Court.

FIRES.—Two Draymen were fined $10 yesterday by Recorder Genois, for endeavoring to force the barricade in Chartres street, where the levee is being repaired. They were warned by an Alderman of the Municipality not to do so, whereupon they abused him in the grossest manner.

COMMERCIAL.

The Markets.

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec 17, 1850.

The Cotton market still continues very dull, the recent accounts from Europe, together with their effect on the Northern market having in a measure paralyzed operations. The sales to-day comprise 3,000 bales.

We notice sales of 700 hhds. Sugar at 4¾@5c for fair. Of Molasses, 2,000 bbls. were sold at 20c @ gallon.

The Flour market is active; sales 4,000 bbls including 3,000 Ohio, at $4 25@$4 35. Of Corn, 9,500 sacks were sold at 56@59c @ bushel.

There is no change in Provisions. Mess Pork is retailing at $12@$12½. Bacon is scarce and in demand, at full prices.

Whiskey is selling at 25¾ cts. @ gallon for rectified.

Exchanges rule as before quoted, with a fair demand. Sterling, 107¾@109. Paris, 5f. 98¾@95c. 92½. Bills on the interior, at 60 days, 1¾@2¼ @ cent. disc. Checks, ¾@¾ @ cent. discount.

Nothing was done to-day in Freights.

THE undersigned beg leave to inform their customers and the public in general that they are ready to receive and execute all orders that they may be favored with, and with the same promptness as heretofore, notwithstanding the slight damage their Bakery sustained by the fire of this morning.

F. D'AQUIN & CO.,
No. 3 Bakers.

New Orleans, December 17, 1850. d18-3t

MRS. TRAUTMANN,
MILLINER AND DRESS MAKER,
185 CHARTRES ST., Corner of Toulouse.
Ladies' Dress Goods and Materials for Sewing, MILLINERY and Fancy Articles.

COFFEE—100 bags Rio Coffee, in store and for sale by
B. JOHNS,
No. 3 Front Levee.

City Intelligence.

PLAGUE'S VISITATION.—To-night the entertainments begin with the farce of "Where there's a Will there's a Way," after which we have a comic Divertissement, in which Mlle. Historiot and Mons. Maugin will appear. Besides this, the highly-admired pieces of "Adelee Ginet," and "The Chaste Salute," will be played. There will also be a vocal interlude, in which Mr. and Mad. Leeds and Mr. Reeves will perform.

COUNCIL OF MUNICIPALITY No Two.—This body met last evening pursuant to adjournment, Recorder Caldwell in the chair, and fifteen members present. A message from the Mayor was received, stating that the General Council had appointed a Committee to take the necessary steps for the proper observance of the eighth of January, and suggesting that the Council of the Second Municipality should select a committee to co-operate with the same. Mr. Shields moved that such a committee be appointed. Carried. The chair appointed on the committee Messrs. Shields, ——.

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From the Superintendent of the House of Refuge complaining of Watchman Gallagher. Referred.

Mr. Lawrason on behalf of the Finance Committee reported in favor of sundry bills and accounts. Adopted.

Mr. Renshaw presented a resolution to allow Robert G. Brad to deliver a free lecture in the Lyceum on Hindoo Literature, on the 19th inst. Mr. Hale professed to understand nothing of Hindoo Literature, and as the Lyceum had recently given rise to serious discussion, he moved that the matter should lay over. Mr. Caldwell said that the matter ought to have been preferred to the Board of Directors of Public Schools, and that therefore he would withdraw.

Mr. Lawrason in the Chair—On a motion to suspend the rules on the resolution referred, the motion was lost.

Mr. Renshaw, Chairman of the Committee on streets and landings presented several resolutions which were approved.

Mr. Caldwell resumed his seat—Mr. Renshaw offered a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sell at public auction the contracts for making a plank Road on Common street, from St. Mary to Galvez streets. After some discussion the resolution was adopted by a vote of 13 to 9.

Mr Renshaw presented a resolution, that the ordinance compelling Captains to use the screws on the wharves to adopt moveable platforms of the width of vessels, be rescinded. Mr. Hooper moved to amend, by requesting the General Council to fix a fine on stevedores who may refuse to comply. Some argument ensued on the damage done to the wharves by the use of hooks. Mr. Renshaw contended that the wharves suffered no injury beyond the ordinary wear and tear. Mr. Hale thought differently. The hooker, said the gentleman eloquently, are differently shod from other animals and their nails pareir is deeply studded. If dray horses are allowed to go unshod, ought to have the same privilege. (Cheers in the lobby.) Mr Hale dwelt at some time on the difference between cork-shod horses and those animals who did not possess this necessary distinction. After a lengthy debate, the resolution offered by Mr. Renshaw was adopted, by a vote of 12 yeas to 8 nays. Mr Hooper's amendment was laid over.

At this moment we heard of the explosion of the Knoxville, and we left the Council.]

FIRST INSTANCE COURT—*Judge Strawbridge*.—This Court continues to be occupied with the case of Parodier, Lawrason & Co. vs. the Ætna Insurance Company and Union Insurance Company. Claim 34,000 dollars on merchandise shipped by the Plaintiffs to California. The case will probably last the week.

BAR ROOM.—A body was picked up in the river yesterday, in the parish of St. Bernard, near the Battle Ground—supposed one of the victims of the explosion of the Anglo-Norman. The pockets of the pantaloons were turned inside out; thus leaving it to infer that the remains had been previously robbed. A report was generally current that the body was that of the unfortunate Jimmie Reese, but up to late hour last evening we could hear no positive confirmation of the report.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—*Judge McCaleb*.—The Court was occupied yesterday in the prosecution of the case of Gen. Henderson, charged with having been engage in the Texas Expedition and whether his trial should be entered upon. After an interesting argument, the Court stated that it would take the matter under advisement.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—*Finding of the Grand Jury*.—The Grand Jury after having been out a short time, returned a bill against Pauli Trieou for smuggling, and one true bill against Sam for perjury. Bail was fixed on the first named at $5,000, and on the latter case at $3,500.

STEALING A COAT.—Joseph Fleet was brought up yesterday before Recorder Caldwell, on the charge of having stolen a coat from Jas Middleton. After hearing the evidence being considered conclusive, the accused was committed for trial before the First District Court.

LARCENY.—A Portuguese was fined $10 yesterday by Recorder Genois, for endeavoring to force the barricade in Chartres street, where the levee is being repaired. They were warned by an Alderman of the Municipality not to do so, whereupon they abused him in the grossest manner.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Recorder Genois issued a warrant yesterday, for the arrest of a man named Rotta, who on Sunday last, unmercifully beat and struck Francisco Nietto, on two different occasions.

FIRE.—Shortly after five o'clock yesterday morning, a fire broke out in the bakery of D'Aquin Brothers, in Commerce street. The firemen were promptly on the ground, and by their untiring exertions the flames were confined to the upper story of the building.

FIRE AND ASSAULT.—Francis McCullough was brought up yesterday before Recorder Caldwell, on the charge of having assaulted and beat his wife, and also with having set in a house on fire. Remanded for further examination.

STEALING CLOTHES.—Mary Cox was arrested yesterday in the Second Municipality, on the charge of having stolen a bundle of clothes. She was committed for trial before the First District Court.

FIRE.—A fire broke out yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in No 65 Poydras street, occupied as a boarding house by Mr. Nosse. The flames were confined principally to the upper story—the carriage of the firemen, who were promptly on the ground, having prevented further from spreading.—We regret to say that a little negro child, one year old, was burnt to death.

STEALING.—Giovan Rosas was arrested yesterday in the First Municipality, on the charge of having stabbed Jean Hanart at a place store on St. Ann street. Jean seemingly reminded in the add-men and was unable to appear in court. The prisoner was remanded for further examination.

STEALING A PRINT.—Martin Casey was arrested yesterday on the act of stealing a shirt from a clothing store on the Levee. He was committed for trial.

ENTERING A HOUSE.—Thomas King was committed yesterday by Recorder Genois for trial before the First District Court, having been found concealed in the restaurant of A. Mesquier, in Custom House street, probably with a view of thieving.

STEALING MONEY.—An affidavit was made yesterday before Recorder Genois, charging one Robert Dreher with having stolen ninety Five Franc pieces from Henry Kour, on St. Philip st. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

COMMITTED.—Geo. Douse, a colored man was committed yesterday by Recorder Genois for trial before the First District Court, on the charge of having violently struck a slave, and then resisted the officer who arrested him.

BURGLARY.—John Logue and Thomas Mahon were arrested on Monday night in the Point Shore of Pontchartrain in the Levee street, where they had concealed themselves with the intention of committing a robbery. The Recorder sent them for trial before the First District Court.

DISTURBANCE.—Jean Gene was examined yesterday before Recorder Genois on the charge of having some time since assaulted A. Castella with a dangerous weapon. The evidence did not bear out the accusation and the prisoner was accordingly discharged.

WANTED, LOST &c.

LOST OR STOLEN.—Yesterday from 11 to 3 o'clock P. M., on leaving the Bank of Louisiana, to the Municipal Exchange, a Pocket-Book, bound in red morocco, containing $225 in bank notes, a cash memorandum of Municipal No One (prior to $25), a due bill of M. Wilkinson, dated 14th December, 1850, for $150, a due bill of M. Wilkinson, dated 14th December, 1850, for $190 32, and sundry papers of no value whatever, except to the owner. A liberal reward will be paid to whoever will bring it to the office of the subscriber.
M. VILLAVASO,
Corner of Exchange Alley and St. Bernard.

WANTED—A lady speaking French and English, to attend to a Fancy Store. Apply at the office of this paper. d6tf

LOST—On leaving the Louisiana State Bank, on Saturday, at half past one o'clock, P. M., a POCKET BOOK, containing several receipts for rents of house, signed P. Isaureau; two bank notes of $100 each, also, several papers, which can be of no use but to the subscribers. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning the same to
PAUL, JUGE & Bis, 95 St. Louis st.

LOST—Yesterday, in Bourbon street, between St. Peter and Conti streets, a Lapine Gold Watch, double case hunting. Guilder engraved on it, No. 3272. A liberal reward will be paid to whoever will bring said watch back to Henry Garidel at the Bank of Louisiana.

Three Hundred Dollars Reward.
THE above reward will be paid by the undersigned for the recovery of the body of Capt. JUNIUS BEEBE, who was blown overboard from the steamboat Anglo-Norman, when she exploded, on the 13th inst., nearly opposite Greenville.
d17 tf BEEBE & CO., 13 Old Levee.

Masters of vessels are earnestly requested to examine in their vicinity at the Levee, in order that the earliest information may be received.

Lessons in Stenography.
Abridged by Travers, c'est prolonger la vie.
THE undersigned, author of the LOUISIANA STENOGRAPHER, proposes to give a practical course of Lessons in the Art. His method is rapid, easily acquired, and being adopted in the structure and analogy of the English words, it can be read at least this instant over the mere re copies of ancient and modern publications.
Application may be made, either at his residence, No. 6 Orleans street, or at the Orleans College, corner of Rampart and Toulouse streets.
d16 3t F. MENNY

Notice to Gas Consumers.
The Consumers of GAS are notified that from and after the 1st of January next, all Bills for Gas and Fixtures must be paid monthly, without discount, and in all cases where the bills is not complied with before the expiration of the month, the Gas will be suspended.
By order of the Board of Directors.
W. WOOD, Treasurer.
Gas Light Co, New Orleans, Dec. 16, 1850. d16m

LANDING from ship Holyoke, from Havre, for sale wholesale and retail, at the Drug Store, corner of Dauphin and