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Notice to Assessors.

The Assessors of the different Representative Districts of New Orleans and of other Parishes of the State, are notified that the Assessment Rolls for the present year, are ready to be delivered, on their receipt at the office of the Bee.

THE NORTHERN MAIL came through yesterday with the latest dates.

☞ We are indebted to the officers of the steamer *Bride*, for late St. Louis papers.

SENATOR SEWARD.

This arch demagogue, who, during the late session of Congress, seemed willing to repent of his political heresies, and to atone at least by his silence, for the outrageous revolutionary doctrines promulgated by him a short time previous, has finally thrown aside the mask of duplicity, and openly allied himself with the Abolitionists and fanatics of Massachusetts. Having been invited to attend a meeting of the higher law faction in Boston, Mr. SEWARD dispatched a letter in reply, in which he takes occasion at some length to proclaim his opinions and purposes. In this precious epistle he denies the Fugitive Slave law, pronouncing it singularly unwise, and calculated to provoke sedition. The following passages from Senator SEWARD's missive will enable the reader fully to comprehend his views, and to understand the jesuitical arguments by which he essays to support them:

The attempt by this government has aroused constitutional resistance, which will not cease until the effort shall be relinquished. He who teaches another faith than this, whether self-deceived or not, misleads. I think, also, that the attempt was unnecessary; that political ends—merely political ends; and not real evils, resulting from the escape of slaves, constituted the prevailing motives to the enactment.

I think also, that the details of the measure are indefensible; that the denial to the alleged fugitive of a trial of his alleged obligation to labor, and of his escape from it, by a Court, and nothing less than a Court of Justice, constitutionally organized, and proceeding according to the course of the common law within the State where he is claimed, is palpably in derogation of one of the rules that the rules of evidence, which the law prescribes are oppressive of the weak and defenceless, and that Christendom might be searched in vain for a parallel to the provision lately made to escape from bondage a crime; by a law retroactive in its effects, and without limitations of time to favor the presumption of freedom, which confer rigorous penalties compel freemen to aid in the pursuit of slaves, and which offer unmistaken inducements to false claims and false judgements—finally, whatever changes of opinions others may have undergone, I retain my entire conviction that the Constitutional provision on which the law purports to be founded, is merely a compact between the States; and that the Congress of the United States have no jurisdiction of the subject.

Nor is the law, which is so obnoxious in itself, recommended to my favor by its connexion with what are called the other means of compromise. Compromise implies a mingling of right and error, light and wrong. One of those enjoined measures denied the admission of New Mexico, because she had determined to come in as a Free State, and remanded her, with pretences it to come back in the barbarism of slavery. Another distinctly intimated to the Missionary the consent of Congress that they should, if they could plant a Slave State in the very recesses of the continent. A third abolished a public slave mart in the city of Washington, without abating either the extent or the duration of slavery in the District of Columbia. A fourth obtained peace on humiliating terms from one of the youngest and feeblest members of the Confederacy, in an act side of sedition. While a fifth only reluctantly admitted California as a free State, when she had refused to contaminate herself with slavery. Which one of these measures has superfluous merit, to be received as an equivalent of the Fugitive Slave Law? But we are told, that had as these measures were, they were the best that could be obtained in the country, there was always wiser enough for the admission of California. The Thirty-First Congress might have admitted her, and left the [illegible] the people might have done better, and certainly could not have done worse.

After denouncing the Fugitive Slave Law at considerable length, this saintly hypocrite proceeds to make the most extraordinary professions of attachment to the Union. He remarks apropos in substance to this: That the law and his colaborers will continue to agitate; that they will resist by all practicable means the execution of the law; that they will tender advice only for its repeal; but that they are in the Union and intend remaining there. In other words, Senator SEWARD proclaims himself ready to do every vile act by which the Confederacy may be dismembered; and at the same time seeks, with three-distilled duplicity, to palm himself off upon the people as a most ardent and devout lover of the Union. He is like a pensilvie who caresses her paramour while plundering him; or like an assassin who, while embracing his victim, and vowing eternal friendship, stabs him under the fifth rib. We have no patience with such nauseous manifestations. They are a thousand times more disgusting than the rampant disunionism of the Southern Nullifiers. The latter are honest in their hatred to the Union, and frankly admit the enormity of their intentions—they are bold and fearless in their guilt; but the Sewardites are a pitiful set of midnight assassins, too cowardly to assault by day light, but seeking darkness and secrecy to pounce upon their destined victim.

We are glad the leader of this contemptible band of skulking scoundrels has thrown aside his disguise. He is now known, and may be passed with the Phillipses, the Garrisons, and other of his own beautiful kidney.

CRYSTALS AT MILLAUDONS.—We learn from a gentleman just returned from the scene of the disaster, that at 5 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday last, a land-slide occurred on the Levee, about 80 yards above Mr. MILLAUDON's Sawmill, in the Parish of Jefferson, by which 120 feet of the Levee, and the road, were carried into the river. A crevasse was immediately formed, the water having a perpendicular depth of 6 feet in the spot occupied by the Levee, with a mean depth of 4 feet beyond the line of the land-slide. At the last accounts, active efforts were making to close the breach.

DEATH OF JUDGE BULLARD.—We record with unfeigned regret the demise of the Honorable HENRY A. BULLARD, late Representative to Congress. He died on Thursday evening after a lingering illness. He was one of the ablest jurist, nisest scholars, and most polished gentlemen in Louisiana.

THE FIRE AT GRAND GULF.—The loss by the destructive conflagration is estimated at $100,000. There were some twenty houses consumed, and nothing but a sudden shifting of the wind saved the city from total destruction.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A VOCALIST.—Mr. Austin Phipps, well known as a vocalist, fell dead in Wooster street, New York, about 11 o'clock on the night of the 8th instant. He was found in the area of house No. 116, just five doors from his residence, No. 106, Wooster street. His body was taken to the 8th Ward Station-house, and subsequently to his residence. The Coroner held an inquest yesterday afternoon, and the verdict rendered was "death by apoplexy."

CALAMITIES AT BOSTON.—A telegraphic despatch to the *Delta* states that on the 16th, the lower part of the city was inundated. The custom-house cellars, and all the buildings on Long Wharf were inundated, and many houses in different parts of the city are greatly injured.—The various Railroads have suffered serious damage, by the rails having been swept away, and the embankments destroyed. The Baptist Church, in Charleston, was blown down and a man who was passing was killed in the street. A schooner was wrecked on Chelsea beach, and every soul on board is believed to have perished.

A despatch to the *Picayune* of the 16th says that a destructive fire had occurred in Boston. The office of the *Transcript* was partially destroyed, and several important State documents were burned.

☞ On referring to our advertising columns, our readers will find a choice lot of real estate, which is to be sold THIS DAY, by Messrs. Beard & May, comprising a large and valuable number of Lots, situated in Bonligny, (now Jefferson City,) belonging to the estate of Madame Avart and others. Also well located property in Lafayette and New Orleans. At the same time will be offered the delightfully located Tracts of Land on the [illegible] ing the Gulf, a situation well known to be [illegible] to be one of the most pleasant situations [illegible] interests in the southern country. For [illegible] pamphlets, see advertisements.

Meeting of the friends of the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad.

The friends of the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad, via Madisonville, held an adjourned meeting yesterday morning in the room of the U. S. District Court; Alfred Hennen Esq., in the chair.

The report of Thos. S. Harper, Esq., Engineer, from the parish of St. Tammany, was read, in which that gentleman states that after a complete survey of the road from Madisonville to the State line, he has never seen the same distance over which a good and substantial road could be constructed at so small an expense.

The report goes on to state:

I have divided the route into two sections: the first being (on the line of survey,) twenty-six miles, and [illegible] hilly; will require from six to twelve culverts per mile. The second, a distance of nineteen miles, requires at least four culverts, of fifteen feet width, per mile, to insure a dry foundation at all times.

The iron I propose is the T, or edge rail, the weight of which is 54 lbs. per yard, equal to 83 tons per mile, at the cost of $48 per ton, delivered on the levee, as per contract with the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad Company.

This rail will require the following dimensions of timber in order to make a substantial road—viz: mud sills 12 by 12 inches, cross-ties 6 by 6 inches, of the heart of pine, and the following estimate is based upon those dimensions of timber:

FIRST SECTION.

	(per mile.)	
Clearing,		$ 200 00
Grubbing,	"	400 00
Culverts,	"	800 00
Excavations, embankment and filling,		1,200 00
Superstructure,	"	1200 00
Laying rail,	"	200 00
		$4,000 00
Iron rail,	"	3,984 00
		$7,984 00

SECOND SECTION.

Clearing,	(per mile,)	$ 200 00
Grubbing,	"	400 00
Culverts,	"	300 00
Levelling and filling,	"	500 00
Superstructure,	"	1200 00
Laying rail,	"	200 00 $2,800 00
Iron rail,		3984 00—6,784 00

RECAPITULATION.

1st Sec. 26 m's, at $2,3-10 per m,		$297,584 00
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Captain Warren A. Grice submitted a hydrographic report of the navigation of Lake Pontchartrain and the river Chefuncta, and his estimate of the cost of one steamer to transport a train of thirty-five cars is $70,000. Until the road connected with Jackson, one boat would be quite sufficient for the business. According to these estimates it would only therefore require $100,000 to put the road into successful operation from New Orleans to the State line, whereas the other route would cost $1,000,000.

Lieutenant Smith likewise submitted his report, and went into a lengthy and very interesting analysis of the advantages that would result from the adoption of the Madisonville route.

NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON RAIL ROAD CONVENTION.

The Convention met at 5 o'clock last evening, Mr. Robb in the chair. The President moved that Mr. Baldwin preside as an ineligible to the Committee on Ways and Means to bring in their report.

Mr. Robb, chairman of the Committee presented the following report and resolutions:

The Committee respectfully report that while having well considered the report of Ways and Means of constructing a Rail Road from the city of New Orleans to Jackson, they are authorized by the errors derived from past experience to place but a limited reliance on the aid of voluntary subscriptions; and that the only expedient other than the taxation of real estate or of employing the public credit does not furnish any reasonable guarantee or assurance of success.

Your Committee are impressed most favorably with the plan adopted in other cities for promoting every kind of internal improvement by taxation, and believe it to be one best adapted to the inhabitants of New Orleans and the adjoining parishes. They know of no other mode that recommends itself by arguments more conclusive, and believe it only necessary to unite these in one common effort to secure the concurrence of a large majority of the population of Louisiana, and the aid of the Legislature in carrying the plan into execution. The arguments which your Committee will briefly submit are, that a tax on real estate is the most legitimate object of taxation for the purposes of Internal Improvements. That the taxation is equal in its operations on the citizens who are able to contribute. That its exaction does not diminish the value of the property of the citizen, but, according to all received experience, contributes immediately to advancing its value. That it gives to the community interested a voice in the proposed improvement. That it invites a vigilant and active interest on the part of the entire property community in the progress of the undertaking. That it does not subject it to the invidious charge of monopoly, as there can be no monopoly where all participate equally. That it does away with a system of favoritism and credit, always fruitful of mischief and alike detrimental to public interests. That the policy of the plan is that of one entire cash system, and of necessity one of economy, and such as will best ensure justice to all; and finally, that it is a limitation of responsibility, public and private, conservative in its influence, and when in operation, will impart to the spirit of enterprise life and activity, which alone can relieve Louisiana and New Orleans from an inaction that threatens ruin to her best interests.

Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend to this Convention to invite the Councils of New Orleans and Lafayette, and the presidents of the parishes of Louisiana to memorialize the Legislature to enact at their first session a general law, providing that any parish, city or town may subscribe to any railroad within the limits of the State of Louisiana, or out of the same, and to levy a tax on real estate, to be called the Railroad tax, to cover the amount of subscription made by such parish, city or town; provided, however, that all taxes thus levied and collected shall entitle the person paying them to certificates of stock in the road subscribed to, to the extent of the tax he pays, and that no subscription shall be made, or any tax levied without the consent of a majority of the voters of the parish, city or town.

Your Committee urge upon the Convention the most respectful and earnest manner the necessity of prompt and energetic action in furtherance of the questions that have engaged their deliberations.

Your Committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the New Orleans and Jackson Rail Road bring a work eminently public in its character and calculated to promote the general prosperity of the State and immediately enhance the value of the entire property situated on the line of the route, and it is *therefore*, justice requires the means for its construction be at the expense of all who are to share in its benefits.

2. That until more mature deliberation shall have perfected a plan of organization for carrying out the entire completion of the project, it is expedient to confine the present action of the convention to the adoption of such measures as shall secure the making of the road to the State line; leaving for future consideration the expediency of consolidating the company with one to be formed for the continuation of the road from the State line to Jackson, Mississippi, or of devising other means by which the two roads can be worked in unison.

3 That in order to cover all contingencies including the cost of locomotives, carriages, depots, &c., it is expedient that the capital of the company to be organized, consist of $1,500,000.

4. That a company be immediately formed, under the general corporation law of this State, with a capital of $1,500,000, divided into shares of $100 each.

5. That a memorial be presented to the Legislature of this State, praying the passage of an act providing substantially, as follows—viz:

That the several Municipal Councils of the city of New Orleans, those of the parish of Jefferson, and the police juries of the respective parishes situated on the line of the Road, be empowered to levy a special tax on the real estate lying within their respective limits, to be called the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad tax; provided that no ordinance thus passed shall be binding until approved by a majority of the legal voters of the locality thus taxed, at a special election called for that purpose. And that the tax thus paid by any individual, shall entitle him to an equal amount of stock in the company.

6. That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to prepare and print a detailed report developing the principles embraced in these resolutions, and carrying out the details of organization in conformity therewith.

In rising to urge the passage of the resolutions, Mr. Robb stated that he approached the subject with exceeding diffidence, were it not that he came armed with the panoply of truth. The committee had recommended the levying of a special tax on real estate, for the reason that the system of voluntary contributions had hitherto failed. Why did we ask for that tax? Because New Orleans was without public credit. He said so with humility, but he was compelled to acknowledge it. A debt of $3,000,000 had been entailed on us by the old corporation, for which we had nothing to show. The Municipalities each had their separate debts. The Second was best off, and paid when they had the ability so to do. The First was still more uncertain. The Third scarcely condescended to pay at all.

Any combination to command means was useless unless we had credit abroad. That we did not possess and he was in consequence strongly in favor of the tax proposed by the Committee. We had two classes of population in New Orleans—the property-holders, who, by accident, enjoy their princely revenues, and the toiling and diligent merchant, who was constantly engaged in endeavoring to add to the resources of the community.

He had never been before the people in a public capacity, but humble as he was, he would vouch that by the simple force of argument he would compel every property-holder to pay this tax. (Long and prolonged applause.) He was rejoiced to find his sentiments echoed; it argued conclusively that a spirit was abroad that must ultimately rear into existence a broad and comprehensive system of Internal Improvements.

He came forward to vindicate the merchants from the imputation so freely flung at them, that they lacked the requisite spirit of enterprise. He denied the charge most emphatically. The merchants of New Orleans—and he had lived long amongst them and spoke from experience—were prepared to second every project having for its aim the advancement and prosperity of the city. But they were trammelled to a great extent by the opposite class, between whom he wished to discriminate, and for whom the hard-working merchant toiled and labored, in order to garner up for the lordly land-owner a princely revenue.

Mr. Robb then alluded to the rich class, who revelling in wealth and living abroad, little cared for the energies which wasted themselves in order to afford him the means of living in magnificent style abroad. They were mostly to blame for this charge of a lack of enterprise so freely attributed to the citizens of Louisiana.

Mr. Robb then went into an elaborate argument concerning the monopoly of banking now existing in Louisiana. That system had been wisely entailed on us by the convention which framed the present constitution. He himself was a banker, and did not claim for himself the possession of any undue liberality. He was therefore free to confess that he had reaped profits from this monopoly. But he wished the system abolished; it was a wrong, a pernicious, a most suicidal system. He did not wish to prosper by such an exclusion; it was antagonistical to his feelings. In a few years my from 1849 to 1853 we would lose 9,000,000 of capital and how was it to be replaced. There were no means of so doing under the present constitution. In the mean while the commerce of the city was augmenting, whilst the means for carrying it on were daily decreasing. How can we prosper under such a condition of things?

Mr. Robb then dwelt in forcible language on the fact that we were solely dependent on commerce. Our trading population consisted of factors and agencies, many of whom came here to transact a large business, whilst they kept no office, and boarded at an hotel for $50 a month.

The lack of public credit which now prevails, apart from its direct injury, tended to demoralize the community. He attributed nineteenths of what we had lost to the bad administration of our public affairs. When he was abroad last year, he had been frequently asked in the London market, why, with such a preeminent position as we occupied, why our public affairs were so badly managed, our bonds and our interest allowed to remain unpaid.—[illegible] was indeed a difficult one to answer.

The only remedy he saw was for the property owners most interested in the matter to put their shoulders to the wheel. But these were the people who complained most and acted least. No man in this country ought to be allowed to enjoy the comforts and protection of this happy government, without participating in his share of the burdens.

Another advantage in favor of the tax, was that we could not resort to the city of New Orleans in our dilemma. Nor if we could do so, was he in favor of applying for such assistance. Besides this, the time was eminently propitious for raising taxes, not only in the city, but throughout the State. In the interior the planters for two or three years past had generally made a good crops, and had obtained high prices for their produce, whilst in the city every consideration of interest prompted to the adoption of a measure, which, in its final results, could not but add largely to the value of property.

Mr. Robb then enlarged on the immense advantages that would redound to New Orleans from the adoption of a general railroad system. We were essentially a community that produced nothing—we had no industry to boast of. A communication with the distant sections of the Union could not fail to develop those industrial trades of which we so unfortunately experienced the lack. Commerce itself and its sole cultivation would always leave us in the back ground. Indeed what did our commerce accomplish for us. Why foreign agents come here, stayed six months, and then departed comparatively with their winnings to spend them elsewhere.

We boasted very much of our transient population, but it was a great mistake to suppose that it was as numerous as we would fain imagine. Why, said Mr. R., in one month more strangers pass through New York than is the case in New Orleans for one year. If, on the other hand, we had a well-developed railroad system our transient population would be immeasurably increased. Small shops would necessarily spring up to supply the demand created by this increased influx of people, and nothing tended to add more largely to the real prosperity of the community than the augmentation of that useful class who are engaged in the small commerce of life.

Mr. Robb enlarged on the friendly feelings which a general system of Railroad Improvements would generate between the city of New Orleans and the interior. It would tend to soften down sectional prejudices, would make us all better acquainted with each other, and would create one people, one interest, and one fellow feeling. Let us, then, make New Orleans the Capital of the South West, the City where those who love us so well can come amongst us and reach us in a few hours. Let us never cease to encourage that great system of Railroad Improvements until we are brought into close and intimate connection with the capital of our common country and the glorious capital of old Kentucky. (Mr. Robb sat down amidst loud and prolonged applause. Indeed, he was most vociferously cheered throughout the whole of his speech.

After Mr. Robb had sat down, a unanimous call was made for Mr. Benjamin, who promptly responded to the invitation. He commenced by observing that the eloquent remarks of the previous speaker left him nothing to say. He would, therefore, not indulge in any declamation, but would urge upon the members of the Convention the absolute necessity of providing for the ways and means which should bring the great Railroad system into speedy and successful operation.

The meeting of this Convention would be an era in the history of Louisiana, for it was the first occasion where the principle embodied in the resolutions of the Committee had been brought direct before the people of Louisiana. The gentleman who had previously addressed you had dwelt at large on the subject, but he had omitted accidentally to allude to that large class of property holders—absentees—who lived abroad, content to receive the rents of their property, without sharing to the slightest extent in administering the government, or employing their surplus means in benefiting the city from which they derived their revenue.

Mr. Benjamin then proceeded to take up each resolution of the committee *seriatim*, explaining with a lucidity peculiar to himself the advantages of the plans laid down by the committee on Ways and Means.

With regard to the particular resolution fixing the capital of the proposed company at $1,500,000 Mr. Benjamin remarked that notwithstanding the restrictive features of the constitution, it was the opinion of the most learned members of the bar, that chartered corporations could not exceed the limit of $500,000 laid down in the provision which was a sequel to the organic law. But be this as it may, there would be no difficulty in obtaining such an amendment to the corporation, as would enable the company to operate on the basis of the capital proposed.—Mr. Benjamin spoke very warmly and was most enthusiastically cheered.

After Mr. Benjamin had concluded, Mr. Walker of Holly Springs made a few remarks, whereupon the vote was taken on the resolutions presented by the committee of Ways and Means. They were unanimously adopted.

The convention then adjourned to 11 o'clock this morning.

By Magnetic Telegraph.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE N. O. BEE.]

[Southern Line.]

NEW YORK, April 17th.

Cotton—Sales of 1,400 bales, Middling, 11¾@12c. Waiting for the America's news. Flour—Sales 4,000 bbls., on change. Wheat—Sales 12,000 bushels, at $1. Corn at 66@68c., large sales, future delivery, at 62½@63, firm. Pork—Sales of 1,000 bbls. new Prime, at $12 50; Old Mess $15¾@15¾, and $14¾ asked, Prime 11¾. Lard—900,at 9c. Sugar, 5@6¼c. Molasses, 31@32c. Coffee—Sales 700 sacks Rio, at 11¼c. Tobacco, 156 hhds, at 11¾c. Whiskey is selling at 24½c. Sterling, at 10 @10¼c. Freights are unchanged.

The Africa's News.

The steamship *Africa*, Captain REID, arrived at he wharf, in Jersey City, on the morning of the 10th instant, with dates from Liverpool to the 29th, and from London to the 28th ult.

The commercial intelligence will be found under its proper head. The political advices offer little of prominent interest.

The feeling which prevails out of doors on the subject of the Papal aggression has found an echo in the House of Commons, where the second reading of the Ecclesiastical Titles Bill has been carried by 438 to 95. The minority consists of the Roman Catholic members, a few of the leading Liberals, and a section of the Peelites.

Sir James Graham, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Sydney Herbert, and Mr. Cardwell, voted against the bill, but the bulk of their party was found swelling the Ministerial majority. The Whigs and the Protectionists voted for the bill in nearly equal numbers. The bill will not go into committee until after Easter, and if the Ministry meet with no contre-temps in the interval, the probability is that it will pass the Lower House substantially as it was introduced in its amended form by Lord John Russell.

ECCLESIASTICAL TITLES BILL.—The Morning Herald furnishes the following analysis of the division of this bill:

AYES.		NOES.	
Stanleyites,	220	Roman Catholics,	35
Peelites,	97	Peelites,	12
Whigs,	191	Pusseyite Protectionists,	6
		Whigs and Radicals,	40
	438		95

AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS.—One of the greatest curiosities among the American contributions is a packet called on Monday, which consisted of an air exhausted metal coffin, in which a human body could be preserved for ages without undergoing the slightest change towards decomposition. It contained a bouquet of flowers, which is as fresh as when it was first placed there. There is a large quantity of guano from Massachusetts; also specimens of Australian wheat in the straw, of tobacco, cotton, seeds, coal-tiles, oil, blacking, patent iron safes, catawba wine, stationery, books, bookbinding, oak tables, spring chairs, picture frames, looking glasses, pilot bread, water aid crackers, soap stone, specimens of flour and preserved meats, and of a self-acting safety valve.

AMERICAN INSURANCES IN ENGLISH OFFICES.—Percy M. Dove, Esq., the experienced and respected Manager of the "Royal Exchange Company," founded within about the last ten years in our good old town, and now styled of Liverpool and London, will, we hear, proceed by the steamer *Africa*, which sails on the 30th day, to form branch-offices to this successful Insurance Establishment, in several of the principal cities of the United States. However singular, it is true, that the English Insurance Offices—perhaps on account of their superior wealth—have a preponderance in meeting all claims—*Liverpool Mail, March 29.*

The *Manchester Guardian* alludes to some samples of cotton growing in Jamaica, which has been raised by a few competent judges, and pronounced to be a very gratifying result of four months experimental cultivation. It is very clean, and of good staple and color, and is valued at 7d. to 7½d. per pound. It is, however, somewhat uneven.

The new process of M. Claiseen for the production of flax cotton is now stated to have been commenced on an extensive scale at the Kildonnan estate, near Cork, belonging to Mr. Dargan, where the price of £4 per ton, without the seed, is offered for the raw material. Sixty tons of the cotton, it is said, are to be forthwith imported for the Manchester market.

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.—A communication from Vienna, under date March 21st, says: "The American Charge d'Affaires, Mr. McCurdy, accompanied by two attachés, arrived here a few days since, and has been very favorably received by Prince Schwarzenberg. The affair of Mr. Dudley Mann appears to have been satisfactorily explained. Mr. Ward, it is said, was really despatched to Hungary, that in case she should assert her independence, America might be the first to acknowledge it. He had not, however, any authority to assist directly or indirectly in the struggle. It is fortunate, moreover, that he did not take any steps in the matter, or even proceed to Hungary; for as affairs have turned he might have had an unpleasant reception. His Imperial Highness the Archduke Ferdinand Max will leave Vienna this afternoon for Trieste; whence he will start on his long journey to the Americas. The emperor, his brother, will accompany him to Trieste, so I suppose we may consider that Austria and the United States are shaking hands."

DEATH OF THE PRINCE OF SALERNO.—A letter from Naples announces the death of the Prince of Salerno, the King's uncle. He was a good-natured prodigal.

THE KING OF BAVARIA is reported to be seriously indisposed. The father of the present monarch, the ex-King, is said to be desirous of resuming the reins of power.

FRANCE.—The weather is very unfavorable; there is still a good deal of sickness, accompanied with much mortality.

According to the correspondent of the Globe, it was calculated that at a recent period not fewer than 100,000 persons in Paris were suffering from influenza, and the medical returns showed that at least 30,000 were confined to their beds.

The workshops and stores of M. Pleyel, the famous piano-forte maker, in the Rue Rochechouart, Paris, have been consumed.

A terrific hurricane was felt at Lyons on the night of the 22nd, and considerable damage was done to some houses.

M. de Rayneval, the French Envoy at Rome has been appointed to rank of Ambassador. M. David, Consul-General to Genoa, has been appointed to the Embassy of New Granada. A hurricane did considerable damage at Nantes, on the 22d inst.

Some rioting has taken place at Auriol, Bouches de Rhone, an the occasion of the conscription. The authorities, aided by the military force soon quelled disturbance.

The prospects of General Cavaignac's election to the presidency of the republic are not promising. The candidates most favorably spoked of among the Socialist Democrats are Barbes and Ledru-Rollin.

The hostility between the Legitimists and Orleanist is so bitter that the former are likely to assist the President in obtaining a prolongation of his power.

It is supposed that the present Cabinet will remain in office till the end of April or beginning of May.

SWITZERLAND.—Eighty-four peasants suddenly entered the town of Fribourg, in Switzerland, at 8 o'clock, on the morning of the 22d inst., and took possession of some guns in the establishment of the Jesuits. They were beaten off by the military, after a loss of eight men killed and wounded. Fribourg has been declared in a state of siege.

ITALY.—*Rome*, March 14.—The Pope and Cardinals have fallen into the depth of despair since the French steamer of yesterday distributed the fatal news of the restoration of the Russell Cabinet. I am told that the Post fell like a thunderbolt on the Vatican, and that, for the first time, Pio Nono and the Camarilla refused to credit the bad news. Cardinal Wiseman and his advisers, who had lately regained the position they had lost on the majority in favor of bringing in the bill being made known here, have again fallen into disrepute, and the Vatican is more irritated than ever at their indiscretion.

The population of Rome consists of 170,284 inhabitants, including 34 prelates, 1,340 clergymen, 1,829 regular ecclesiastics, 1,467 cloistered nuns, and 321 students for the priesthood.

The railroad between Verona and Mantua has been opened.

It is stated from Toulon that the Austrian troops in the Papal States have received considerable reinforcements.

GREECE.—The *Kolner Zeitung* states, from Berlin, that the question of the Grecian succession has at length been decided. After the demise of the present King, the throne will fall to Prince Adalbert of Bavaria.

The Government treaty with the Austrian Lloyd's has been ratified by the Diet.

The city of Lavinal, in the island of Rhodes, has been destroyed by an earthquake.

GERMANY.—The Vienna Ministerial papers announce that arrangements have been made with Prussia on the question of the Presidency. Austria will preside in the Diet, and the two Powers will share the Presidency of the Executive Committee.

The Emperor of Austria left Vienna for Trieste on the 20th inst. He was accompanied by his brother, the Archduke Ferdinand Maximillian, who is about to embark at Trieste for America.

We learn from Vienna that the Emperor of Austria, before leaving that capital for Trieste, gave his sanction to the statute for the organization of the council of the empire; and ordered that a project should be ready on his return for the internal organization of the empire, which required a reform.

The *Constitutional Journal* says Prince Schwarzenberg has received a note from the British Cabinet relative to the Italian relations. A similar step has been taken by the French Cabinet.

TURKEY.—We have advices from Bosnia, of the 15th instant. Mustapha Pasha Melemendi, has marched from Travnik, against the insurgents of Krajna, attacked them at Jaiza, and pursued them after an engagement of two hours. One hundred of the insurgents were killed, and forty captured. In spite of this defeat the insurrection in the Krajna, continues with great vehemence. Omer Pasha, with nine battalions, and the Vizier of Bosnia, with all the troops at Serniavo, are marching against them.

We have letters of the 4th inst. from Constantinople, according to which, new had been received from Buchrest, that fresh troops of Russians had entered Bessarabia; they consist of the 11th and 15th divisions; each division is composed of 18 infantry battalions, 12 squadrons of cavalry, two Cossack regiments, and the necessary artillery. The whole army may amount to 70,000 or 80,000 men. The report of the Ministerial crisis in Constantinople, is entirely devoid of foundation; indeed, the Grand Vizier never stood higher in the favor of his Imperial master than at present. Nearly one-third of the population of the Turkish capital have the influenza.

The difference between the Porte and the Pache of Egypt have been accommodated; the Sultan has made some important concessions in his demands.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Advices have been received to the 5th Feb.

The Graham's Town Journal of the 27th January, contains the following: 600 Kaffirs have been driven away from King William's Town, by Major Armstrong; 24 were killed and several wounded. The British only lost one trooper, and one Fingoe wounded. In some districts the Hottentots had joined the Kaffirs, and were committing great havoc.

The state of feeling in the colony may well be imagined, when it was announced that the Hottentots on the frontier were found to be in league with the Kaffirs. The outposts were as well protected as they could be, but the limited disposeable force brought into service included all the aid that was obtained from Burgher volunteers and others. It is feared the hostilities may be protracted for months, and that the extreme points of our possessions on the frontier will suffer seriously from inroads made upon them by the natives.

By Magnetic Telegraph.

ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICA.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, April 18.

The Eastern lines all having been prostrated by the storm, we received the following despatch last night by the special express from Boston and New York. The steamship *America*, left Liverpool on Saturday, the 5th of April, arrived at Boston about noon to day, after a passage of twelve days.

LONDON, April 4.

The money market and commercial affairs are unchanged.

Consols for money 96¾ a 96¾. American securities without material change, and prices nominally firm.

LIVERPOOL, April 4.

The common qualities have declined 1-8, other kinds a shade lower, but not an eighth. Sales of the week 57,000 bales.

The demand for breadstuffs is on the increase. Holders of Wheat and Flour demand an advance on present prices.

Corn is 2s a 2s 6d.

Beef is steady in price, with moderate business doing.

Pork is in fair inquiry, and the stock is much reduced.

Bacon, slow sales and high prices.

Lard firm—42 a 47s.

Tallow is dull.

Rosins are dull, and without prospect of improvement. The steamship Pacific, Capt. Nye, arrived at Liverpool on Sunday, the 31st, at 1 o'clock, P. M., with 125 passengers, from Philadelphia, arrived in the Mersey at 9 o'clock A. M. on the same day. The Atlantic had been removed to Bushman's landing dock, and was minutely examined by a number of scientific gentlemen, of whom reported her to be in an imperfect state.

Political news of very little importance, either from England or the Continent.

ENGLAND.—The London Gazette speaks with assurance that the present Cabinet is at the entire disposition of the Queen, and will remain in office for some months, or perhaps even in a few weeks. The Gazette also says that Lord John Russell has the present Cabinet does, or that the duke of Wellington's resignation, and the appointment of Lord Derby to the Premiership.

The Russell ministry still hold their position, and are getting through business in Parliament with tolerable success. The budget was brought forward on Friday evening, the 4th instant, and reduction of the income tax agreed to.

A powerful political league has been formed in London.

Apprehensions are entertained that the immense number of foreigners now in England are considering a revolutionary project, which is to break itself during the great Exhibition. The matter was brought before Parliament, and in reply to an inquiry proposals to the members of the House of Assurance were given that the government was prepared for any emergency.

FRANCE.—In Paris all is quiet, but the spread of socialist principles causes uneasiness, amounting to alarm, in the capital and departments. The Orleans family property, which had been confiscated and sold, and all the public documents destroyed, and the Cabinet council was held in regard to the style of department Nanterre, 7 miles out of Paris.

A rumor prevailed at Paris of some disorder having taken place in Montpelier.—*Evening Delta.*

RHODE ISLAND.—All the vacancies but one having been filled, the Legislature elect stands as follows:

	Whigs.	Democrats.	Vacancy.
Senate,	15	17	-
House,	36	35	1
	51	52	1

The existing vacancy in the House is in the Providence district, where the Whigs have the power to elect their candidate if they are united.

CONNECTICUT ELECTION.—The Hartford *Times* gives up the Legislature—both Houses. It gives the Whig 13 to 8 in the Senate, and 113 to 111 in the House, with 1 in Sharon to hear from, where we know that a Whig was chosen in the second day by 17 majority. It claims Mr. Hall of Portland, who was voted for by both parties, and is confidently claimed by the Whigs. The actual state of the House is therefore 113 Whigs, 110 Locos, and Mr Hall disputed, but he cannot affect the general result. Both Houses are Whig, and the State officers will be so likewise—a change in every branch of the State Government from last year.

COMMERCIAL.

The Markets.

FRIDAY EVENING, April 18, 1851.

We have no very important changes to notice in the market. Business has been tolerably brisk, though the Cotton market after the momentary excitement consequent on the Africa's news, has relapsed again into a quiet state. Operators are anxiously looking for the America's news now fully due.

We have had very pleasant weather during the whole of the week, though rather cool for the season.

The river remains at the same stage.

P. S. Since writing the above, the America's accounts are at hand, advising a decline in the Liverpool Cotton Market, of ⅛d.

COTTON.—Arrived since the 11th instant, 19,915 bales. Cleared in the same time, for Liverpool, 11,118 bales; Havre, 2,765; Trieste, 2,386; Barcelona, 793; Bremen, 876; St. Petersburg, 1,701; Gottenburg, 218; New York, 916; Boston, 5,845; Philadelphia, 9,450; Baltimore, 244; together, 30,369 bales, making a reduction in stock, of 10,491 bales; and leaving on hand inclusive of all on shipboard not cleared this day, a stock of 213,705 bales.

STATEMENT OF COTTON.

Stock on hand Sept. 1st, 1850.....	bales 16,619
Arrived last week.....	19,815
Arrived previously.....	848 488 868,992
	884,833
Exported last week.....	30,309
Exported previously.....	640,921 671,130
Stock on hand and on shipboard.....	213,705

In our report of Friday last, we stated that the demand for Cotton had become active, in consequence of the favorable tenor of the Africa's advices. On the following day, however, the animation subsided, and though a tolerably fair business has been done during the week, yet prices have receded ⅛c from the extreme rates paid on Friday. The transactions on Saturday were 2,500 bales, on Monday 3,500, Tuesday 4,000, Wednesday 5,500, and yesterday 4,000 bales.

To-day, the America's accounts came through announcing a decline in Liverpool, of ⅛d., but the Banks being closed, and many persons regarding it as a holiday, only 1,800 bales were sold without any change in prices. Thus the sales of the week have amounted to 21,000 bales, taken chiefly for England.

LIVERPOOL CLASSIFICATION—LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI.

Trash.....	5—@ 7¼
Imperfine.....	7¾@ 8¾
Ordinary.....	8—@8¾
Good Ordinary.....	9⅜@10
Middling.....	10⅝@10⅞
Good Middling.....	11⅛@11⅜
Middling Fair.....	11⅝@11⅞
Fair.....	12⅛@12⅜