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FOR GOVERNOR

HENRY JOHNSON,

NEW-ORLEANS:

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 23, 1841.

☞ We publish to day on our first page the list of Acts passed by the Legislature in their last sitting.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have received a communication signed "*A Fireman and Subscriber*," which contains some useful suggestions. They shall receive early attention.

Notwithstanding the boasted superiority of the British press, it exhibits upon occasion a blundering stupidity, that would disgrace the most mediocre village thumb paper in America. Its leading editorials upon American affairs, since the capture of McLeod, are replete with the silliest speculations upon the genius of the government of the United States and the temper of our people. Of our history it is grossly ignorant, and with the geography and statistics of states it lacks the most superficial acquaintance. It was somewhat amusing to observe the *Liverpool Mail* locating Navy Island in the St. Lawrence,—and this too in a long article which berated the good citizens of Schlosser in round terms for an act, which according to its own showing, they could not possibly have had any agency in. It was not to be expected that British editors should be well acquainted with the localities of Schlosser or Lockport; but when they were getting up a war fever about matters that transpired opposite Navy Island, they would have discovered a better acquaintance with what they were writing about, had they located the scene of action some hundred miles from either of them. It behooves the subjects of Queen Victoria to be better advised on this head, and we throw out this hint that they may know where to find McLeod when they undertake his forcible liberation.

But whilst we act the part of a Mentor to the British populace, it would not be right to neglect our own people; and as an act of precaution we subjoin an extract from the London *Standard* to let them into a secret which will astound them as effectually as *Dandini's* disclosures did the Baron *Pompolino*. That paper, speaking of McLEOD's detention, says,

"The present outrage upon justice is directed in malignity to England, but as surely as there is truth in history, it seals the doom of the States as a united people, and will not improbably end in the solidification of some of the states to be received once more into the honor of dependence upon the British empire, and this whether peace or war shall follow the present quarrel."

"The honor of dependence upon the British empire!" And how think you this state of "proud submission and dignified obedience" is to be brought about? The same journal has obligingly furnished the answer.

"Foreign powers must in their own defence form diplomatic connections with each state. Such diplomatic connections may not be at first ostensible, but they will arise, in the course of time, upon considerations of necessity and of reciprocal advantage; and in the end—sooner and nearer than may be at first thought—they will become part of the recognized policy of the Union. Then will come in aid of this active principle of separation the now avowed doctrine of the supremacy of each state in the administration of justice. When jealousies occur, as occur they must, it is certain to give general satisfaction. If a star be inadequately supported, the deficiency in the stock company becomes more glaring by contrast. The public are willing to put up with an ordinary performance, if it exhibit nothing that is grossly censurable—on the contrary, they are exceedingly unforgiving towards a representation wherein the principal parts may be admirably sustained, while the others are wholly murdered. Hence the advantages of a good stock company, and hence the secret of the brilliant season of the *American*.

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GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.—We are indebted to CUNS for the April number of the Lady's Book. It is, as usual, embellished by a beautiful frontispiece and a spirited engraving of the fashions. Its contributions are excellent—among them, we notice tales and sketches from the pen of Professor WALKER, formerly a resident of this city.

Snow by one foot on the ground in New York on the 13th April.

CONTESTED ELECTION FOR MAINE.—The late Governor and Council of Maine having declared JOSIAH LOWELL (V. B.) elected to Congress from the Washington district, by 2 votes majority, gave him a certificate of election. But the present Governor and Council, having been petitioned to investigate the returns, and having discovered many illegal votes polled for Mr. LOWELL, considered Mr. NOYES, his whig competitor elected. They, however, did not consider themselves authorized to deprive Mr. LOWELL of the certificate given under the old Council, to claim a seat in the House, and that his claim must, *prima facie*, be admitted. But, they add, that he cannot with decency, and, they think, will not, attempt to take his seat, under the circumstances notoriously existing.

The extraordinary success of Mrs. FITZWILLIAM at the *American*, is the best evidence that the people of this city are not indifferent to the claims of genuine and high histrionic talent. This lady is now fulfilling, if we mistake not, her sixth engagement in one season, and we truly believe, that during fully forty nights performances, she has not once played to a thin house. She has left us repeatedly, and been as often wooed to return and won to remain by the enthusiastic plaudits of brilliant and crowded audiences. Some folks may mourn as much as they please, and groan and lament over the decay of theatricals and perversion of public taste, but the wonderful success of Mrs. FITZWILLIAM proves their jeremiads to be groundless. It is not, however, this lady alone who has attracted the million to the theatre. Other engagements have proved profitable alike to the managers and the actors, when contracted with real talent, and when that talent was adequately and efficiently sustained. Mr. POWER, at the St. Charles, put money in his own and the proprietor's pockets—and why? Because Mr. POWER is an actor of extraordinary merit—he took immense pains in drilling the corps of the St. Charles into something like activity—he compelled them to sustain him, and such was his matchless art, and his power of filling the stage, as it is termed, and dispensing with the services of the inferior performers, that when the latter balked and blundered, he covered with infinite tact their failures, and almost prevented the audience from perceiving that things were going wrong.

Tolerably accurate and careful observation has convinced us that it is the merest humbug in the world to accuse the public of apathy and insensibility to the claims of the drama. We have never yet seen a good company fail to draw good houses, and we have never seen a performer of sterling ability deserted by the public, unless his performances were marred and mangled by the incapacity or the indifference, which is worse, of those who sustained the minor parts. These are certain truisms which managers are too apt to forget. If a play be tolerably well performed throughout, it is certain to give general satisfaction. If a star be inadequately supported, the deficiency in the stock company becomes more glaring by contrast. The public are willing to put up with an ordinary performance, if it exhibit nothing that is grossly censurable—on the contrary, they are exceedingly unforgiving towards a representation wherein the principal parts may be admirably sustained, while the others are wholly murdered. Hence the advantages of a good stock company, and hence the secret of the brilliant season of the *American*.

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OFFICIAL.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Joseph Riner, to be Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Henry Harrison, Register of the Land Office at Dubuque, Iowa, vice Benjamin R. Petrikin.

John Wells, Jr. to be Justice of the Peace for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia.

ATTORNEYS.

Abealom Fowler, for the District of Arkansas.
Charles Chapman, for the District of Connecticut.
Joel Eastman, for the District of New Hampshire.
John Holmes, for the District of Maine.
Charles Davis, for the District of Vermont.

MARSHALS.

Joshua Howard, for the District of Michigan.
Minor Walker, for the Middle District of Florida.
William H. Russell, for the District of Missouri.
William Prentiss, for the District of Illinois.
Isaac Otis, for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
Sylvester Hartshorn, for the District of Rhode Island.
Israel W. Kelley, for the District of New Hampshire.
John D. Kinsman, District of Maine.

GEN'L HARRISON'S LAST LETTER.

The following touching incident is related in the New York Commercial Advertiser of Monday afternoon. It proves more clearly than a volume of studied eulogy could have done the genuine kind-heartedness of the late President:—

On Saturday, a hardy, weather beaten, but very respectable looking seaman presented himself to the collector, at the Custom-house, and, inquiring for Mr. CURTIS, said, "Gen'l HARRISON told me to give this letter into your own hand. He told me to give his respects to Mr. CURTIS, and said Mr. CURTIS was his friend, and would be my friend." Mr. CURTIS opened the letter, and found it to be, from its date, one of the last, if not the *very last* letter written by Gen'l HARRISON. It bears date of the day when his illness commenced. The reader will see, from a perusal of it, that amidst all the cares and troubles of his high position, he was true to the humblest of his old friends—Tucker says the General made him come to the dinner table with the great folks, and when he hesitated and intimated that he had better go *below* for his dinner, the General said, "Tucker, you and I have been shipmates, and a long time together. You are an honest man; come and eat your dinner with me, and come here again to morrow morning and get your breakfast with me."

Tucker says the General invited him to stay in Washington, and told him he would take care of him, but his wife prefered his being in New York, Tucker preferred to return. He says Gen'l HARRISON led him into the grounds on the east side of the White House, and then walked with him arm in arm; that the Gen'l had no hat on, and when Tucker adverted to his hability to take cold, he waived the remark by saying he was already unwell. Having received the letter from the General, Tucker says he followed him to the door and shook him by the hand, saying "Go to my friend Mr. Curtis, and after you have been to him don't forget to write to me that you and your wife and children are happy."

Tucker says he had no money to come home by land, but he did not let the general know that, for he knew he would give it to him in a minute, and he did not wish to take money from the good old man who had been so kind to him. And so Tucker went on board the schooner L. L. Sturgis, at Alexandria, and worked his passage home to New York. When he came to the Custom house he had not been absent thirty minutes, and having first heard the sad news of the death of his kind benefactor as he passed up the Old Slip dock, the abundant tears that fell down his hardy cheek testified that his is no ungrateful heart.

We are glad to hear that Mr. CURTIS immediately appointed Mr. TUCKER an inspector of the customs.

THE LETTER.

"WASHINGTON, 26th March, 1841.

"DEAR SIR:—The bearer hereof, Mr. Thomas Tucker, a veteran seaman, came with me from Carthagena; as the mate of the brig Mantilla, in the year 1828. In an association of several weeks I imbibed a high opinion of his character, so much so, that (expressing a desire to leave the sea) I invited him to come to North Bend and spend the remainder of his days with me. Subsequent misfortunes prevented his doing so, as he was desirous to bring some money with him to commence farming operations. His bad fortune still continues, having been several times shipwrecked within a few years. He says that himself and family are now in such a situation that the humblest employment would be acceptable to him, and I write this to recommend him to your favorable notice. I am persuaded that no one possesses, in a higher degree, the virtues of sobriety, honesty, and indefatigable industry, and, [illegible] of indomitable bravery, if that was a quality [illegible] for the kind of employment he seeks.

"Yours, very truly,

"W. H. HARRISON.

"EDWARD CURTIS, Esq.,
"Collector, &c. New-York."

We Copy the following phrenological portrait from Professor COMBE's new work entitled "A phrenological tour through the United States."

"*Colonel Burr* (vol. i. p. 144)—"I examined an authentic cast from nature taken after death, of the head of the celebrated Colonel Burr, who killed General Hamilton in a duel, and afterward attempted to get up an insane expedition from Blannerhassett's Island in the Ohio, the precise object of which is not ascertained. He died at an advanced age, and the brain may have shrunk; the head at death was of average size, the intellectual region was moderately well developed, the organs of individuality, size, and weight predominating. The organs of amativeness, philoprogenitiveness, combativeness, destructiveness, acquisitiveness, self-esteem and firmness, were large.—Those of the moral sentiments, particularly conscientiousness, were remarkably deficient. The moral religion shallow and also narrow. In short it was a kind of head which is generally found in criminals. It indicated sensual, fierce, vindictive, cunning and selfish disposition, unrestrained by justice or humanity, but combined with great courage, determination and perseverance. The intellect is erratic but neither profound nor comprehensive. But was an infamous and heartless seducer, a vindictive duellist, and an adept in plausibility and falsehood. He only had some degree of intellectual reputation, but his general character indicated that he was a shallow politician, a nonentity as a statesman, any a third-rate lawyer. He loved his daughter dearly, and this was his only virtue."

"*Portrait of General Washington*," vol. i. p. 203.

"I visited the studio of Mr. Rembrandt Peale. He is the son of the celebrated portrait painter that America can boast of, and his father seems to have taken an enthusiast in the art, (as the gentleman is himself) for he named two of his sons Rembrandt and Titian, and educated both as painters. Mr. Rembrandt Peale was personally acquainted with General Washington, and executed a large equestrian portrait of him which he presents in his studio. The expression of this whole picture appeared to me to possess much merit as a work of art, and the likeness has been pronounced to be faithful.

"Washington's head, as here delineated, is obviously large, and the anterior lobe of the brain is large and fine; the organ of benevolence is seen to rise, but then the moral organs decline and become hair. The temperament is fibrous—sanguine; the action of the muscles of the mouth strongly expresses secretiveness and firmness, and the eye betrays these qualities combined with continuousness. The general expression of the countenance is that of sagacity, prudence and moderation.

"Mr. Peale mentioned that his father painted a miniature of the General in his head quarters for Mrs. Washington.

"He had been was so small that it admitted only of one chair, which was dedicated to the painter, and Washington sat on the foot of the bed. It was the only apartment occupied by the General; his common attendants were in the other room crowded together. A messenger arrived, and a despatch was put into General Washington's hands. He read the contents and a part of the contents, and walked with the world handed it to an officer, one of his aide-de-camps, who was present, and he continued conversing with the painter. The officer read and returned the despatch, Washington then read it deliberately from beginning to end, and at the distance of a few inches first perusal of the despatch, and the manner in which it is an account of it." Mr. Peale mentioned that Gen. Washington sat to him three times for his portrait in an apartment in the State House. The hour was seven in the morning. The first sitting was when the State House clock struck the first roll of seven, the door opened, Washington entered with his watch in his hand, and he was seated the first stroke of the hour striking the hour. The second sitting was at 9 o'clock, walking in the State House yard, he was going from the stairs when the first stroke of seven reached his ears; he wheeled instantly, walked quickly back, ascended, and was in the room before the clock had finished striking the hour. The third sitting was at half past 3 o'clock, a very large fire was raging in the upper part of the Second Municipality, near the Water Works.

POSTSCRIPT

☞ At two o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the Carriage Repository of the Messrs. Beach's in Royal street, which was entirely consumed with its contents. The adjoining buildings were on fire, but were got under.

It was rumoured that a Mr. Beach, Clark, and servant perished in the flames. Which we hope may prove untrue.

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AMUSEMENTS.

AMERICAN THEATRE.

BENEFIT OF MR. BUCKSTONE.
Mrs FITZWILLIAM in two pieces.
Friday evening, 23d April,
OUR MARY ANN.
Jonathan Funk ..... Mr Buckstone
Christine ..... Mrs De Bar
After which, (third time,) a new Matrimonial Duologue, written expressly for this Theatre, entitled the
SNAPPING TURTLE,
or
MR. AND MRS. T. T. TIMMS.
All the characters by Mrs. Fitzwilliam and Mr. Buckstone. To conclude with, by desire, the monologue by Mr. Buckstone, of
WIDOW WIGGINS.
Six characters, with songs, by Mrs. Fitzwilliam.
Box book now open. 223

ORLEANS BALL ROOM.
The subscriber will open his Ball Room on Saturday evening, 7th November, by a
MASQUERADE BALL,
and will continue every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, throughout the season.
GENTLEMEN, ... $2 per ticket.
MITEAUD

A CHANGE OF DAYS.
WASHINGTON AND AMERICAN BALL ROOM,
St. Philip st. between Royal and Bonrbon sts.
GRAND DRESS AND MASQUERADE BALLS,
Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, for white persons altogether, and on Monday and Friday evenings for quarteroon girls.
Admittance for gentlemen ..... $1 00.
Do. for ladies. (Gratis.) 11
TO PLANTERS AND PHYSICIANS.
THE subscriber is by leave to call the attention of planters and physicians to their stock of Fresh Drugs and Medicines which they are constantly receiving from Europe and the North, and which they guarantee to be genuine and of superior quality.
SICKLES & CO. Druggists,
No 40 Canal street.
march 30 3m is

THE subscriber informs the public that by virtue of an act passed at Bordeaux, he is the sole responsible agent for the house of Dumenil, Gaugnon & Co., of Bordeaux; that none but himself has the right to settle its affairs, and that he will acknowledge in no manner whatever the payment of liquidated or engagements undertaken by others than himself. CHARLES DUBROQUA.
apr 21 15 Conti st.

CONTI STREET BATHS.
Between Bourbon and Dauphin streets.
THE public are informed that the above baths are opened from 6 o'clock a. m. until 10 o'clock p. m.; and that nothing has been left undone to render this establishment worthy the public patronage.
In consequence of ladies frequenting the bath, gentlemen are respectfully advised not to walk on the premises in the interior.
The entry for ladies is by the garden, No. 119.
Prices—Bath with towels, ... 37½ cts.
Each towel extra, ... 6 "
A comb, ... 10 "
A soap dish bottom, ... 10 "
Persons bringing other things in the same bath, will pay only one bath for each. apr 19

THE co-partnership heretofore existing in this city, under the style of Wm. Freret & Co., is dissolved by mutual consent, since the 26th March last. All persons having claims against the concern, or the liquidation of the firm, and persons owing the same kind of business under his own name.
Those persons to whom the said firm may be indebted, are requested to call on Mr. DENNIS, the assignee, and those indebted to the same are to pay their bills with the above notice.
New Orleans April 19th, 1841.
MARIE A JARTOUX,
consort of Gallatin and Hospital sts.
MR. F. JARTOUX, offers for sale—101 brls plantation pork, 200 cases Cadiz Medoc claret, of 1836, 10 cases sherry of 1834, 10 cases Malaga, 10 pipes Malaga, 100 cases cordials, 200 boxes cordials, 100 cases Madeira, 100 cases Cognac brandy, 10 pipes Cognac brandy, 10 pipes Malaga wine, 10 pipes Madeira wine, 10 pipes Malaga wine, 10 pipes Madeira wine, 10 pipes Malaga wine, 10 pipes Madeira wine