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CALIFORNIA.

[illegible] ... Spanish Chief [illegible] ... Barracks and everything of [illegible] ... years ago, in quest of [illegible] ... golden sands of the Sacramento. The analogy does not cease here, for though the Elysium of Life was but [illegible] ... the gold of California [illegible] ... yet the sacrifice of ease, comfort, domestic happiness and social pleasures is the same, and the pursuit of gold [illegible] ... and often disappointing [illegible] ... those who have endured hardship [illegible] ... in his persevering attempts to search [illegible] ... to chase away the [illegible] ... Amazon. The exaggerations [illegible] ... Mr. Polk's Message [illegible] ... Mr. Clayton, but how much [illegible] ... Mr. Clayton refused positively to attend. Mr. Pearce, who had been substituted for Gen. Chapman, declined in a letter. Mr Peyton, who was named in place of Mr. Morehead, made no explanation of his absence, and Mr. Foote was called elsewhere. Mr. Berrien appeared in lieu of Mr. Stephens, and Mr. Kaufman instead of Gen. Rusk. The proceedings were opened by calling Mr. King, of Ala., to the chair. Mr. Berrien then submitted the motion which had called in caucus, for the appointment of a Select Committee of five, to prepare an address to the people of the United States, which prevailed. In accordance with this proposition, Messrs Berrien, Bayly, Cabell, Calhoun and Atchison were appointed. It will readily be seen from the composition of this Committee, that any [illegible] ... Mr. Berrien must almost necessarily be voted down, because the majority stands pre-committed in favor of Mr. Calhoun. At this moment no safe opinion can be ventured in relation to its action, but the indications warrant the belief, that an attempt will be made to modify Mr. Calhoun's address in such a manner as to render it less exceptionable in some essential particulars than it is now admitted to be, even by his own friends. But all doubt on this subject will be removed to-morrow, when the Committee will meet to take a final action, preparatory to the caucus on Monday evening.

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In connection with the proceedings yesterday, one fact is worthy of particular note. At the preceding meeting of the General Committee, Mr. Calhoun's address was adopted by a majority of one, there being two proxies in the affirmative. Mr. Downs voting for Mr King of Ala., and Mr Foote for Mr Sebastian. When the subject was renewed, Mr Sebastian decided that he had not examined the address sufficiently to express any definite opinion upon its merits, which necessarily led to the conclusion that Mr Foote could not be authorized to represent his vote in the Committee. As the address was carried by that vote, it becomes a subject of interesting inquiry, how Mr Foote came to assume a part which he was not designated to act. Such proceedings are calculated to excite distrust in the movements of men who, when professing extraordinary devotion to the South, are influenced by no other feeling or sentiment, than that which subsists exclusively in self.

The friends of the Democratic Party in this city, who have [illegible] ... Captain of a Volunteer Company in the late war with Mexico, was taken up and passed. The bill allows him two thousand dollars, and two sections of land.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, and took up the General Appropriation Bill, which occupied the remainder of the sitting.

Correspondence of the Bee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 1849.

Notwithstanding Mr. Calhoun's manifest disinclination on Monday night, he still persists in pursuing his scheme of dismemberment and agitation. At the adjournment of the caucus, it will be remembered that five members of the General Committee withdrew. A meeting of that Committee was held yesterday, and the States of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky and Mississippi were not represented. Mr. Clayton refused positively to attend. Mr. Pearce, who had been substituted for Gen. Chapman, declined in a letter. Mr Peyton, who was named in place of Mr. Morehead, made no explanation of his absence, and Mr. Foote was called elsewhere. Mr. Berrien appeared in lieu of Mr. Stephens, and Mr. Kaufman instead of Gen. Rusk. The proceedings were opened by calling Mr. King, of Ala., to the chair. Mr. Berrien then submitted the motion which had called in caucus, for the appointment of a Select Committee of five, to prepare an address to the people of the United States, which prevailed. In accordance with this proposition, Messrs Berrien, Bayly, Cabell, Calhoun and Atchison were appointed. It will readily be seen from the composition of this Committee, that any [illegible] ... Mr. Berrien must almost necessarily be voted down, because the majority stands pre-committed in favor of Mr. Calhoun. At this moment no safe opinion can be ventured in relation to its action, but the indications warrant the belief, that an attempt will be made to modify Mr. Calhoun's address in such a manner as to render it less exceptionable in some essential particulars than it is now admitted to be, even by his own friends. But all doubt on this subject will be removed to-morrow, when the Committee will meet to take a final action, preparatory to the caucus on Monday evening.

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City Intelligence.

THE AFFRAY AT THE ST. LOUIS EXCHANGE.—An inquest was held on Saturday, on the body of Josiah E. Johnson, who was killed on the evening previous, in an affray with Mr. Thos. Harper, at the St. Louis Exchange. At the request of Coroner Spedden, Dr. Lemonier held a *post mortem* examination from which it appears that the deceased received four wounds on the front part of the chest, three of which were on the left side of the *sternum*. The four wounds penetrated the cavity of the chest. The *post mortem* examination showed, that on the left side of the chest a wound penetrated between the first and second ribs, another between the second and third, another between the cartilage of the fourth and fifth ribs. This last wound penetrated the *pericardium* and the apex of the heart, running through the *ventricles*. The wound of the right side was situated near the edge of the *sternum*, between the first and second ribs; lastly, there was another wound of about three inches in depth, on the left side and back of the neck, below the *mastoid process* of the left temporal bone.

The friends of Mr. Harper, accompanied by his counsel, Randall Hunt, Esq., appeared before Recorder Genois, and stated that the accused was ready to surrender himself, though unable to do so in person, from injuries received on the previous evening. Mr Duquercron, one of the gentlemen, on being questioned by the Recorder, as to his cognizance of the matter, stated that he was present during the whole of the unfortunate transaction, and could speak to the facts as an eye-witness. His deposition was at once taken, and is, thus far, the only positive evidence that has been offered. We copy the affidavit verbatim:

"AUGUSTUS DUQUERCRON, being duly sworn, doth expose and say, that on last night, between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock, this deponent being at the bar of the St. Louis Exchange, in company of Mr. Thomas Harper and some other persons, and speaking to the former, saw Mr. J. E. Johnson enter and advance to the bar at about twenty feet from where deponent stood. At that time this deponent noticed the said Johnson looking towards them. Mr. Johnson then advanced and confronted Mr. Harper. Deponent, stepping back a half pace, heard Mr. Johnson say, "Mr. Harper, I suppose?" Harper said "Yes, I am," or "That's my name." Deponent is not certain as to the above words, but verily believes that they were such. Johnson then said, "I have asked of you the satisfaction due to a gentleman; you have refused, and I am now about to confront you;" during which speech the said Johnson was opening his hand up and down the breast of his vest, putting it in and taking it out. At the conclusion of the speech he took from his breast a cowhide and applied it to Mr. Harper's head and shoulders four times, to the best of deponent's knowledge, before Mr. Harper could, from his position at the time—his back leaning against the counter—get out of the way. Then, being a short distance apart, say about five feet, the aforesaid Johnson and Harper advanced on one another, the said Johnson again striking Harper, as soon as he came within his reach, and continued doing so until his back struck against one of the pillars of said St. Louis Exchange; there, falling, he struck the last blow, he, the said Johnson, being in an inclined position. Deponent considers that the said Thomas Harper's defence was for the preservation of his life, and justifiable in the sight of God and then Deponent further states that when the aforesaid Johnson fell, he deponent, was engaged in stepping up to him, something protruding from his vest, which he verily believes was the handle of a pistol or knife.

(Signed) AUG. DUQUERCRON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th January, 1849. JOS. GENOIS, Recorder.

After hearing the testimony, the Recorder at once decided to admit the accused to bail in the sum of $5000, as the latter was unable to appear, he proceeded to his residence where the requisite bonds were signed. The examination of the case is to take place as soon as Mr. Harper will be able to appear before the Recorder.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.—Judge McHenry passed the following sentences on Saturday: Wm. Carson and Charles White, convicted of larceny, were sentenced to two years' imprisonment at hard labor in the Penitentiary. Thomas Sandford, for larceny, was sentenced to 1 year in the same establishment. Dennis Sullivan, Jefferson Keyes, Mathew White, John Lock and Thomas Coleman, convicted of assault and battery, were sentenced to one month's imprisonment in the parish prison.

HOMICIDE BY DISTILLATION.—Alexander Pope and John Gall, accused of wounding T. G. Mackay out of $653, the value of a distillery and [illegible] ... Recorder Bailey, honorably discharged by the Recorder, there being no evidence whatever to sustain the accusation.

PICKPOCKETS.—Peter O'Rourke was arrested on Saturday, on the Levee, by Mr. Mary City, charged for Mrs. Douglass with having felonious entered her premises with intent to rob. Indeed, he had already succeeded in dragging a trunk into the area way. The accused had only been discharged on the same day by Recorder Genois, on a charge of larceny brought against him by Augustus Harcne.

THE POTTERSVILLE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—The institution of this excellent society was celebrated yesterday by a very general attendance of the Portsmouth inhabitants of this city. They paraded through the streets with a fine band of music, presenting a most respectable and numerous body of men; indeed we were both surprised and gratified to perceive such a large attendance of members associated together for philanthropic purposes. The festivities of the day were concluded with the presentation of a magnificent flag to the society, after which the members sat down to a sumptuous repast, in which the exquisite quality of the viands was only surpassed by the excellence of the wine. We heartily congratulate our Portuguese friends on the formation of a society composed of such choice materials.

ROBBERY.—Augustus Cady was arrested in the Third Municipality on Friday, charged with robbing Capt. Knight of a gold watch and chain and the sum of $30 in money. The accused gave bail for his further appearance.

By Telegraph.

Names of the Persons killed.

ALBANY, Thursday, Jan. 18.

The names of the persons killed by suffocation at the works the afternoon are Michael Fitzpatrick, Cole and Peter Halpin. The body of the first two were secured, while the latter is still at the bottom of the well. Cole leave a wife and family, and Flood leaves a wife.

The Murderer Short Respited.

BUFFALO, Thursday, Jan 18.

The sentence on the negro Short, who was to have been executed to-morrow, has been respited by the Governor until the 16th of March.

Conviction of a Murderer.

TROY, Thursday, Jan. 18.

Barney O Donnell has been convicted of the murder of the Italian boy Rallo, at Nassau, last summer.

Total loss of the Brit. bark Helena

BOSTON, Jan. 18, 1849.

The British bark Helena, Buell, from New York for Galway, with 19,000 bushels corn, was abandoned on the 10th instant, in lat. 39, long. 65 30, having sprung sleak that day in a heavy N. N. E. gale. Capt. B. his wife, and fifteen of the crew, were taken off and brought to this port in the schooner Virginian, from Baltimore.

The Fire in Portland.

PORTLAND, Thursday, Jan. 18.

Our city was visited last evening by a most destructive fire, which consumed a beautiful block of stores on the Long Wharf, partly filled with sugar, molasses and flour. The buildings were owned by N. F. Deering and T. Chadwick of Portland, Willis of Boston, and others. The loss has not yet been ascertained, but is doubtless very heavy. The insurance amounted to but $9,000.

CHOLERA AT CADDO.—We regret to learn that the Cholera has reached the town of Shreveport, in the Parish of Caddo. Several fatal cases had occurred. On the downward trip of the steamboat *Latona*, Ralph Gillet (the clerk), the engineer and a deck passenger, died of the disease.

CONTEMPLATED FRAUD.—The Hartford *Times* says that "very large quantities of *spelter powder* have been sent to California, on speculation. It is dropped in water, when hot, by which means small scales are formed, resembling almost exactly the gold dust or scales of Feather river. It is one of the vilest cheats of the day. We are informed that six barrels of this stuff were sent out in one ship from New York; and also that some has been sent from Hartford. The game is to sell this base metal to the gold hunters, as they arrive in California."

ARREST OF THE SUPPOSED MURDERER OF MR. PARKER.—The Boston *Journal* states that Sheriff Bayliss, of New Bedford, arrested in that city, on Wednesday afternoon, a man just returned from a whaling voyage, on suspicion of his being the murderer of Mr. Parker, at Manchester, N. H., in the early part of the year 1846. The sheriff committed the man to prison and has gone to Manchester to get information relating to the matter. It is said that the person arrested has made a partial confession of his guilt.

MURDER.—The Helena (Ark.) *Shield* says: Mr. James Calvert, of St. Francis county in that State, was murdered a few days since by his servant—a negro woman. Mr. Calvert was alone, with the exception of the women, who was his house-keeper, and a small child. The murder was committed by striking several blows on the head with a small mallet, as the gentleman sat reading by the fire. The negro lied at first, but confessed on having a rope tied around her neck, and being hung up for a few moments.

From Havana.

By the arrival of the brig *P. Soule*, Captain Smith, from Havana, whence she sailed on the 23d inst, we have our files of Havana papers to the latest dates. Capt. S. reports that the steamship *Crescent City* reached Havana on the 23d, from Chagres. Information was received thro' her commander, that the steamship *California* had not arrived at Panama as late as the 11th. A very large number of persons were at that town anxiously awaiting her arrival. There was no sickness among them, and they were generally cheerful and in good condition.

The Havana papers contain nothing of particular interest. The Italian opera is in full blast, and the Prima Donna Steffanoni, and the barytone, Marini are spoken of in terms of rapturous enthusiasm by the susceptible Havaneros.—Among the operas performed we see mentioned Hernani, Norma and Marino Faliero.

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The 28th and 29th inst., have been set apart as holidays, for the purpose of celebrating with great pomp, the restoration of the Captain General's health.

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The Viennoise Children announce a "Grand Historical Dance," for which occasion 300 new dresses were being prepared.

FLORIDA.—There is much doubt and disputation as to the time when the newly elected Governor of this State is to enter upon the duties of his office. The Governor elect has been sworn in by the Legislature, but his opponents contend that his term of service does not commence until next October. There must be a strange lameness in their Constitution in relation to this matter.

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GEN. TAYLOR INVITED TO BALTIMORE.—Both branches of the City Council of Baltimore have unanimously adopted resolutions inviting Gen Taylor to visit that city, on his way to Washington.

A CALIFORNIA COIN.—The mint at Philadelphia has coined some of the gold received from California into quarter eagles, with the "Cal" inscribed over the head of the eagle.

Washington Union.

STEAMBOAT ACCIDENT.—A dispatch from Cincinnati, dated the 19th says.

The fine steamer Northern Light, lying at our wharf, was fired in the night, and before the flames could be subdued, was much injured, her stern edge. No lives were lost but the property is very heavy.

The cholera is dying off gradually in this city.

From the Washington Globe.

MORE GOLD—CHINA.—Recent accounts from China give information of the discovery of a good mine near Copiapo, in the coast adjacent to Valparaiso, which for richness, if the accounts be true, fling into the middle ever the Sacramento, which we thought were rather ahead of all the auriferous deposits discovered or discoverable. The gold is in at Copiapo and so yield seven pounds of gold out of seven *arrobas*, which is equal to about one twenty-fifth part—This we hold to be incredible, or at least utter improbable, and we do hope such things must be true, we think, either that the supply of ore is very limited, or that its richness is greatly exaggerated.

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Mr. Haya has been Cashier twenty-five years, and he is the oldest and best known cashier in this city, and his course in thus loaning money, is the more inexplicable on that account. No one pretends to say that this loan has been made by Mr Hays for the benefit of any one, except the Bank, and a question arises, whether he has overstepped the discretionary power given to such cashiers in making loans. As the affairs of the Bank will be examined and an official statement made, any further account of the transaction is unnecessary.

THE WHERRABOUTS OF JOHN SMITH.—The notorious individual was arrested on Saturday in the First Municipality on the charge of larceny. Since he was last brought up, he has undergone various transmutations, and the Recorder, in order that he may more readily be identified, sent him before the First District Court.

COMMERCIAL.

The Markets.

SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 27, 1849.

There was a fair demand for Cotton to-day, and in spite of the upward movement in Freights about 2,000 bales were sold at full prices. Low Middling to Good Middling, 6½@6¾c ⅌ ℔.

The sales of Sugar to-day were 500 hhds., at steady prices. About 800 bbls Molasses were sold at 20½c.@ gallon, according to quality.

Of Flour, 1000 bbls. were sold to day, including 800 Ohio, at $4 50 delivered. About 3000 sacks Corn changed hands to day, at 44 a 46c ⅌ bushel. A sale of 3,500 bushels Wheat was made at 92c ⅌ bushel.

Provisions are declining under the influence of the advance in Freights. Mess Pork is down to $11 50@$11 75. Prime $10. Of Bulk Pork, 60,000 ℔ were sold at 4¾@4¾c ⅌ ℔, also a decline. Nothing done in Beef and Bacon. About 700 bbls. Lard sold at 6,@6¾ ⅌ ℔.

About 5,500 sacks Rio Coffee were sold to day, at 5¾@6¼c ⅌ ℔.

Exchanges are drooping. Sterling 7¼@8¾ ⅌ cent prem. France, 5.[illegible]@5.[illegible]. Bills on N. York at 60 days, 1½@2 ⅌ cent. discount. Checks, ¼@¾ ⅌ cent prem.

Freights are advancing. An American vessel was taken to-day for Liverpool, at 5 ⅌ 168. Cotton to the North, Sac. Pork, $1 25@1 37½c.

—DIED—

On Sunday morning, 28th instant, at 8 o'clock MARIE EMMINA, daughter of Hugo and Louise E. Murphy, aged three years and two months.

☞ The consignee of 97 packages merchandise per ship Toronto from New York marked L & L in a triangle, consigned to order, will please make himself known to the Discharging Clerk on the Levee, at Post No. 2, Second Municipality, or they will be stored at the expense and risk of the owner.

J. W. STANTON & CO.
corner Magazine and Lafayette sts

☞ The Consignees of one hundred and twenty five bale Blankets, one hundred and fifty one hundred pieces Jeans, and ten drums Cordial, marked H., in a domestic, per ship DELAWARE, from Boston, is requested to make himself known to the Discharging Clerk on the Levee.

L. H. GALE, 92 Common st.

☞ The bark Kilby, from Lafayette, is discharging below the Railroad. All Municipality Consignees are hereby notified that all goods not permitted within five days, will be put into the public stores.

L. H. GALE, 92 Common st.

☞ The drayer of Dray No. 246, is requested to return the same, it has been nine years in use.

LEVI H. GALE, 92 Common.

W. L. BURGESS & CO.
COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHANTS.
No. 11 First Levee—New Orleans.

Institution of Divorce, Merrill & Gaffney.

☞ We would call the attention of friends to the Prospectus of the above Institution in our paper.

☞ The Tiger and Flatboat in tow, now at Carondelet, left Cincinnati on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd. Any one in search of Blankets and covers other articles for fitting a family up, will find a good assortment at 122 Barracks street. They have in stock Pocket Pistols, Bowie Knives, Rifles, Shot Guns, Powder and Lead, Percussion Caps, Gunpowder, Fishing Tackle, Cutlery, Hardware, Tools, Cordials, Wines, Liquors, Segars, Tobacco, Pipes, Cigar Cases, Pocket Books, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Soaps, Combs, Brushes, Toys, Dolls, Dominoes, Cards, Chessmen, Backgammon Boards, Chess Boards, Cribbage Boards, Dice, Dice Boxes, Fancy Boxes, Ink Stands, Pocket Books, Pocket Knives, Scissors, Razors, Strops, Hones, Shaving Boxes, Shaving Brushes, Shaving Soap, Cologne, Lavender Water, Hair Oil, Tooth Powder, Tooth Brushes, Hair Brushes, Clothes Brushes, Shoe Brushes, Combs