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The subscribers are constantly supplied with a carefully assorted stock of every description of the best articles, which together with patent medicines, &c. &c. they offer to country dealers and planters upon the most reasonable terms.
JARVIS & ANDREWS.
jy 26 tf 20 Camp st and 21 Old Levee st.

ORANGE OF RESIGN.—E. FUG. ROCHEREAU & Co have removed their office to No. 12 Royal street.
☞ FOSDICK & BROTHER have removed from No. 66 to 74 Camp street.

☞ FISHER K & BROTHER, Supply Commission and Forwarding Merchants, No. 71 Camp st., New-Orleans.
☞ REMOVAL.—SUDDUTH, WOODS & Co. have removed to No. 82 Levee street.

FIELD & Co. have removed their store from No. 98 Bienville street to No. 36 Old Levee, between Bienville and Customhouse streets.

REMOVAL.—The subscribers have removed to No. 61 Natchez street, between Camp and Magazine.
A. L. ADDISON & Co.

☞ MR. JOSEPH A. BELLAS is our regular authorized Agent and Attorney in fact, during our absence from this city.
BULLITT, MAGNE & Co.

☞ THE undersigned will make observations and attend to consignments to them directed in cincinnati, Va., Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Liverpool and London.
A. L. ADDISON & Co. 31 Natchez st.

ADVANCES—Liberal cash advances will be made on consignments of sugar, molasses and cotton, to our friends in Cincinnati.
dl3 tf REYNAUD & FALLON, 16 Bienville st.

ADVANCES—Liberal advances will be made on consignments of northern and western produce to our friends in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore.
HARTWELL, KIDDER & CANFIELD.

ADVANCES made on Consignments to our friends in Philadelphia.
cl22 T & S TOBY & BOGERT.

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24 Poydras street—New Orleans.

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WHOLESALE DRUGGIST MERCHANTS,
No. 27 Chartres street, New Orleans.

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118 Gravier street, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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General Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
No. 44 Poydras street.

WORSLEY & FORMAN,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 75 Tchoupitoulas Street,
New Orleans.

SAMUEL BRADWELL & CO.
General Commission & Forwarding Merchants,
No. 104 Tchoupitoulas Street.

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WILLIAM DAVIDSON & Co.
Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants,
No. 81 Chartres street.

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No. 81 COMMON STREET,
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GEORGE & ROBERT BUCHANAN & Co.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
88 Thoupitoulas street, New Orleans.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 100, Camp Street. New-Orleans.

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COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHANTS,
No. 46, Tchoupitoulas Street,
New Orleans.

LINDLEY and RUSSELL,
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
96 Tchoupitoulas street.

FOSDICK & BROTHER,
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
No. 66 Camp street New Orleans.

HEWITT, HERAN & Co.
Commission Merchants,
No. 66 Camp street,
New Orleans.

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Grocers and General Merchants,
No. 34, Old Levee.
A constant supply of Groceries, Wines, Cordials, &c. &c., to be found at the above establishment, and prices liberal.
30, Old Levee, between Customhouse and Bienville streets

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Sugar, Coffee,
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New Orleans.

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Rieble's Improved Direct Salamander Iron Safes,
and Herring's Patent Salamander Safes.
76 Magazine street.

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Importers of French, English & German Dry Goods,
AND DEALERS IN
DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES
AND ALL KINDS OF
NEGRO WOLLENS AND, COTTONS,
For Plantations,
8, Rue Conti, Paris. New Orleans.
New Orleans No. 56 Chartres street.

BUFFALO ROBES.—100 No 2, for sale by
jy 24 J. R. SHAW & Co. 24 Poydras st
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jy 20 FOLLAIN & BELLOCQ, 26 St Louis

☞ We will make liberal cash advances on shipments of Cotton, Sugar, Molasses, Pig Lead, Flour &c., consigned to our friends in New York and Boston.
HERAN, LEES & CO.,
Commission Merchants,

THE subscribers will make liberal advances, in cash, on cotton, tobacco, sugar and other produce consigned to the above address
HEWITT, HERAN & Co.
oc Camp st

TAYLOR & TOBY & BOGERT,
COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHANTS,
No 70 CAMP STREET,
New Orleans.
Thomas Taylor. Nathan Toby. Orange C. Bogert.

NORCROSS & FOSDICK,
Commission & Forwarding Merchants,
Agents of the Boston Sugar Refinery.
JAMES NORCROSS,
New Orleans, Sept. 1, 1840. WM B FOSDICK,
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OCEAN INSURANCE COMPANY.
OFFICE, No. 43, CAMP STREET.
Cash Capital, $300,000.
Insure against Fire, Marine, and Inland Risks.
WM. A. SUMMUEL, President.
Chas. Brode, Sec'y. jy 24

JOHN HARROD. FRANCIS D. DARLING. GEO. FOSTER
HARROD, DARLING & Co.
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
And Agents of the
Boatmens' Home Orleans and other Line of Packets,
No. 69 Common street New Orleans

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No. 66 Camp street,
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Steam Packets.

FOR ST LOUIS.—The splendid passenger steamer ALEXANDER SCOTT, Capt. John C. Swan.—This well known and fast running steamer is now ready to receive cargo and will leave for the above and intermediate ports on Saturday the 27th instant, at 4 o'clock, P. M. For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to Capt Swan, on board, opposite Peace street, or to
jy 26 J. R. SHAW & Co., Agents, 24 Poydras

FOR MEMPHIS AND RANDOLPH—with despatch—The regular packet steamboat LOUISIANA, A. W. Tuffe, master, is daily expected to arrive and will have immediate despatch for the above and intermediate landings. For freight or passage, having fine accommodations, apply on board at the stabboard side.
jy 22 L. V. HUBBARD & Co., 95 Tchoupitoulas

PASSENGER Packet Steamer MISSOURI MAIL
M. LITTLETON, Master.
(Prepared with Evans' Safety guards to prevent explosion.)

This finest boat, for the accommodation of planters below Donaldsonville on the coast, will commence her regular trips to Thibodeaux, leaving New Orleans, as usual, on every Monday and Thursday, at 10 o'clock A. M., returning will leave Thibodeaux every Tuesday and Friday, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and Donaldsonville on her usual days, as heretofore, every Wednesday and Saturday, at 6 o'clock A. M.

Feeling confident such a packet is wanted in this trade for the speedy transportation of the planters' produce, it will remain in the trade during the summer, and if encouraged will build a small light boat to run in conjunction with the Mail to Bonnet Carre, and will pledge himself (if supported) to carry freight and passengers at the most liberal prices during the whole year.

Having each individual so favorably noticed by the planters and public in general, the proprietor will abide the liberal success of his boat by quoting reductions to place said accommodate in all cases. For particulars, apply to
BRAUD & LANDRY, New Orleans,
MOLAIR & GAUDIN, Donaldsonville,
M. DAUNIS, Thibodeaux.

NOTICE.
REGULAR PACKET BETWEEN NEW-ORLEANS, BRASHEAR and intermediate ports.

The fine steamer FAME, Jourdain Martin master, having been thoroughly repaired, will recommence her regular trips as formerly. The Fame will run from New Orleans every Wednesday at 9 A. M., and from Brashear every Friday, at 7 A. M., to arrive at New Orleans on saturday. Captain Jourdain requests passengers and merchants sending freight, to have them on board in time, as the boat will positively leave at the hour fixed.

Captain Jourdain hopes that merchants and planters will favor him with a continuance of their patronage.

For freight or passage, apply to the Captain on board, or to JACQUES LAROSE, Agent.
jy 16

P. S. Captain Jourdain, Martin, having sold one half of steamer Fame, to Mr. Jacques Larose, informs the public that they will soon be extensions to our present trips, for the accommodation of the planters.

U. STATES MAIL STEAMER BRILLIANT
FOR THE COAST
Bonnet Carre, Pointe Coupee, Baton Rouge, Port Hudson, Waterloo, Bayou Sara, and Woodville, Miss.

Capt. J. Hart having made arrangements with the Citizens' Line of Mail on Sunday, the splendid double cabin steamer BRILLIANT will hereafter leave New Orleans every Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and Bayou Sara every Saturday, at 10 o'clock, A. M., returning to New Orleans early next morning. The rate of passage, &c. will be the same as charged by all good packets running the coast. For freight or passage, apply on board or to
WM H AVERY, or Gravier st
jy 9

SAMUEL TOBY,
Commission Merchant,
No. 70 Camp street. jy 24

A DVANCES made on consignments of Cotton, sugar and other produce to my friends in New York, Boston & Baltimore.
WM. CREEN.

A DVANCES made on consignments of Cotton, sugar and other produce to my friends in Havre and Antwerp.
jy 24 WM. MCKEE, 23 Carondelet

A DVANCES made on cotton, tobacco, &c. to my friends in Le Vre and Liverpool.
jy 24 WM. MCKEE, 23 Carondelet

REYNAUD & FALLON have removed to No. 74 Tchoupitoulas street, opposite the National Hotel.

CASH ADVANCES ON PRODUCE.—Liberal cash advances will be made by the subscribers on shipments of produce to our friends in Liverpool, Dublin & Robertson, New York, or Joseph Imerley, Paris, Boulogne.
PRESCOTT & FROST, 20 Poydras

EMILE JOHNSON,
Commission Merchant—Importer of West-India Produce.
COFFEE, SUGAR, MOLASSES & SEGARS.
☞ A constant supply on hand for sale.
Also—A superior assortment of choice wines—Rhenish Madeira, Champagne, Claret, French brandy, Holland Gin, &c.
jy 24 at No. 30 Gravier st.

HAVANA PRESERVES—in store, for sale by
jy 24 J. M. CABALLERO, 32 Old Levee.

TOBACCO—Havana leaf tobacco in store, for sale by
jy 24 J. M. CABALLERO, 32 Old Levee.

CLARET WINE—Castle Claret, table quality, for sale by
jy 24 J. M. CABALLERO, 32 Old Levee.

FIRST TURPENTINE—200 bbls for sale by
jy 24 FIELD & Co. 30 Old Levee.

FLOUR—50 barrels fresh country for sale by
jy 24 FIELD & Co. 30 Old Levee.

WHITE BRANDY—in store and for sale by
jy 24 DITTRICH & Co. 141 Magazine st.

MACKEREL, No 3—in store and for sale by
jy 24 PETERS & MILLARD.

LEMONS—Fresh Crosby lemons now receiving, for sale by
jy 24 GEO. GREEN & BRO.

MUSCAT wine, for sale by GEO. GREEN & BRO.
jy 24 92 Gravier st.

BLANKETS—3 point Hudson blankets, for sale by
jy 24 GEO. GREEN & BRO. 92 Gravier

COFFEE—Havana green Coffee, in store and for sale by
jy 24 J. M. CABALLERO, 32 Old Levee.

RUSSIA DUCKS—Crown Russia ducks, for sale by
jy 24 PETERS & MILLARD.

WOOL HATS—Brown, black, white, and for sale by
jy 24 FROST & Co. 10 Magazine st.

LIME—In the Crib, and in store, for sale by
jy 24 SHULTZ, HADDEN & LEACH, 32 Poydras

CIDER—20 bbls Virginia, for sale by
jy 24 SHULTZ, HADDEN & LEACH, 32 Poydras st

ROPE—9 coils for sale by
jy 24 SHULTZ, HADDEN & LEACH, 32 Poydras st

CHAMPAGNE—50 baskets Longueville, for sale by
jy 24 FROST & Co. 10 Magazine st.

CARMINE—50 boxes for sale by
jy 24 FROST & Co. 10 Magazine st.

COFFEE—300 bags Laguayra, for sale by
jy 24 FROST & Co. 10 Magazine st.

INDIGO—Bengal, for sale by
jy 24 FIELD & Co. 30 Old Levee.

RAISINS—1 box Muscatel, for sale by
jy 24 FIELD & Co. 30 Old Levee.

LEMONS—250 boxes lemons in assorting for sale by
jy 24 FIELD & Co. 30 Old Levee.

BRANDY—Otard, Dupuy & Co. superior brandy, in store, for sale by
jy 24 FIELD & Co. 30 Old Levee.

WHISKEY—Superior old rye whiskey, in store, for sale by
jy 24 FIELD & Co. 30 Old Levee.

CANDLES—60 boxes No 1 mould, for sale by
jy 24 B. MARSHALL & Co. 51 Poydras.

LARD—For sale by J. A. T. BURNELL & Co.
jy 24 24 Magazine

BRANDY—Otard, Dupuy & Co. superior brandy, in store, for sale by
jy 24 O. H. MIESEGAES, 24 Old Levee

HAVANA COFFEE AND SUGAR. For sale by
jy 24 O. H. MIESEGAES, 24 Old Levee

TOBACCO—4 tons and Havana tobacco for sale by
jy 24 O. H. MIESEGAES, 24 Old Levee

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—50 bbls, for sale by
jy 24 FIELD & Co. 30 Old Levee st

RANSOM—1000 boxes bunch raisins, for sale by
jy 24 FIELD & Co. 30 Old Levee

LOGWOOD—40 tons logwood in store and for sale by
jy 24 FIELD & Co. 30 Old Levee

COFFEE—425 bags prime Havana coffee in store and for sale by
jy 24 JOS PRATS & Co. 32 Tchoupitoulas st.

BROWN MOLLS—For sale by
jy 24 C. HAIDT & Co. 88 Bienville

BLANKETS—3 point French blankets, for sale by
jy 24 C. HAIDT & Co. 88 Bienville

FRENCH WINDOW GLASS, of all sizes, for sale by
jy 24 C. HAIDT & Co. 88 Bienville

LOCK TIN and Composition Nails for sale by
jy 24 A. ADDISON & Co. 61 Natchez

PORK—300 bbls at inspection—of all qualities, for sale by
jy 24 A. ADDISON & Co. 61 Natchez

LARD—100 bbls and 100 kegs superior leaf for sale by
jy 24 A. ADDISON & Co. 31 Natchez

BAGS—A few bales grass bags in store, and for sale by
jy 24 SHULTZ, HADDEN & LEACH, 32 Poydras st

ALMONDS—40 bags in store, and for sale by
jy 24 PRICE & FROST, 28 Poydras st

BEANS—200 bbls new just received and for sale by
jy 24 WM J BRYAN & Co. 20 Commerce

SHELLED ALMONDS—25 boxes, for sale by
jy 24 VALENTIN, 42 Gravier

CHEESE—30 casks Western in store, for sale by
jy 19 WM J BRYAN & Co.

FLOUR—200 bris in store, landing and for sale by
jy 19 WM J BRYAN & Co. 20 Commerce

PORK—100 bbls mess M O—in store at inspection, for sale by
jy 18 PRICE & FROST, 28 Poydras

HAMS—20 hhds new bacon hams for sale by
jy 18 PRICE & FROST, 28 Poydras

COFFEE—600 bags Havana, in store and for sale by
jy 18 L. CAVALIER, 42 Gravier

BUFFALO ROBES—20 dozen in store, for sale by
jy 14 JOHN K. SHAW & Co. 24 Poydras

LARD—100 prime leaf, in store, for sale by
jy 12 JOHN R SHAW & Co. 24 Poydras

BEEF—100 barrels at inspection, for sale by
jy 12 JOHN R SHAW & Co. 24 Poydras

COFFEE—300 bags St Domingo, in store, for sale by
jy 12 JOHN R SHAW & Co. 24 Poydras

MUD BOOTS—30 cases prime mud boots, for sale by
jy 22 FROST & Co. No. 10 Magazine

FLOUR—1.5 barrels St Louis flour in store, and for sale by
jy 19 HULLIN & WOODRUFF, 60 Camp

CORN—40 bags copper mixt, for shelling, in store, and for sale by (jy 23) HULLIN & WOODRUFF, 60 Camp

NAILS for sale by
jy 15 O. H. MIESEGAES, 24 Old Levee.

DEMIJOHNS for sale by
jy 15 O. H. MIESEGAES, 24 Old Levee.

GERMAN BAGGING of assorted sizes, for sale by
jy 15 O. H. MIESEGAES, 24 Old Levee

CHEESE—50 boxes cheese in for sale by
jy 12 C. H. MCKINNELL & Co. 34 Poydras

LOG TONGUES—9 bf bris in fine order for sale by
jy 19 LINDLEY & RUSSELL, 96 Tchoupitoulas

LINSEED OIL—4 brls just received and for sale by
jy 18 LINDLEY & RUSSELL 96 Tchoupitoulas

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
HENRY CLAY.

NEW-ORLEANS:
THURSDAY MORNING JANUARY 25, 1844.

CLAY CLUB.

A meeting of the members of the Clay Club will be held at their room (No. 25 Exchange Place) on Thursday evening, the 25th day of January, 1844, at seven o'clock. A punctual attendance is requested.

ALFRED ROUSSEAU,
C. C. WILLIAMS, } *Secretaries.*
ALPHONSE CANONGE,

When right glad to see the *Herald* shoulder its parly's share of blame, it blame it be, for opposing the passage of the poll-tax law. For ourselves, we entertain a decided partiality for the bill, and have not the scruples respecting its constitutionality that many entertain. The caption of the bill is perhaps faulty, but that does not affect the principle of it. It purports a revenue law, and as such ought to be considered. If the act assists the revenues, now requiring replenishment from every legitimate source, it is expedient to pass it; nor can we perceive any substantial ground for opposing it, in the fact that it enlarges the franchises of the citizens whilst it augments the resources of the treasury.

Suppose negroes were not now taxed; it would not be a valid objection against a bill levying a tax upon that species of property, that the law would entitle the owners to vote. A bill has been, before now, introduced to tax lawyers, doctors, &c. We do not recollect that it was opposed on account of the franchises it would confer upon professional gentlemen. Every body who enjoys the protection of the government should contribute something to its burdens, in times of exigency. If the Constitution couples the right to vote with the obligation to make this contribution, it scarcely ought to be construed, on that account, a violation of the fundamental law to levy it. The object of the Constitution, it seems to us, was to protect from taxation any person who had not a voice in making the law, and not to hinder the Legislature from extending the objects of taxation. The electoral franchise has before now been enlarged by revenue bills. The bill taxing merchants, for instance, opened the ballot boxes to every citizen engaged in that trade.

Were the principle admitted that no revenue bill was constitutional that extended the right of suffrage, every bill that has been passed since the foundation of the government that laid a tax upon objects theretofore free from taxation would be clearly void. The Legislature too is precluded from increasing the revenue by embracing any kind of property not contained in the schedule before the Convention, in a tax bill, for every time a new item is added to the taxables new voters are made by law.

Besides, the Constitution as now interpreted interposes but slight obstacles to the extension of the right of suffrage. The letter of the law is evaded by both parties, and such is the feeling of the country upon the subject that the evasion is considered legitimate. The passage of the poll-tax bill would put an end to all attempts to outwit the law-maker, and the State would reap the benefit of a purer and more legal suffrage.—The merchant tax is a poll-tax in principle. It is laid without reference to the capital or property of the parties. It is put upon the man. A lawyer, or doctor, or editor, or merchants, or laborer, might be taxed upon the same principle.

THE LIBERTY BANK.—An article which appeared in this *Bee* on Saturday last, respecting this institution, seems to have occasioned Mr. Forman some uneasiness. We are asked what the draft on the *Bee* is in publishing that article, and assist the Bank wants.

We can answer for ourselves. Our article was no draft, more than a notice of a fact, which our Reporter brought to our attention. This we made the more readily, as we thought the circumstance was calculated to allay the public mind of apprehension in regard to the State's responsibility for the bonds upon which the capital of the Bank was borrowed.

What the Bank wants we know not, as we are not in the habit of intercourse with a solitary individual connected with it. We cannot call to mind just now the President of it. The result of the investigations of the Committee which we remarked upon, was derived through a person connected with this journal, and he got it from the Merchant's Exchange, where such matters are known and talked of.

THE POLL TAX BILL was defeated yesterday with great ability. Mr. PHILLIPS moved to lay the bill on the table till January next. Upon the motion a test vote was taken. The motion was lost 30 to 71. It must therefore be taken for granted that the bill will pass the House.

Mr. HUNT made a masterly effort in favor of the measure. Messrs. WADSWORTH and WINCHESTER were ingenious in their argument against it. Mr. BROWN was declamatory and violent in support of it.

OLD BELL AND VICINITY.—It has been suggested by the admirers of these superb artists, that if they were to give one or more concerts conjointly, they would not only greatly the public, but at the same time enhance their own reputation.

They can scarcely be considered as rivals. Their style is altogether different, and they are both too eminent in their profession to be troubled with jealousy.—They might appear first at the St. Charles and then at the Orleans Theatre, on one verse. Each to select his own pieces.

The amateurs of the city would gladly pay such price for tickets of admission as would remunerate managers. The orchestra of the respective establishments and the resident artists would unite to produce a *musse fete* of such brilliancy and magnificence as has never been witnessed in America.

MUSIC IN EGYPT.—The sublime oratorio was produced last night at the American Theatre in a style of magnificence and splendor we have never seen surpassed. The principal parts were executed by Mrs. SEGUIN, Mrs. BEGGS, LATHER and SIMPSON with proper effect, and the Orchestra and Chorus were powerful and perfect. The scenic display, dresses and decorations were appropriate and arranged with great care and taste.

The music of this piece is grand and solemn, and its general effect upon the audience the most delightful imaginable.

N. B.—The police of the establishment is not as effective as it should be. The spectators, in one part of the house, were a little boisterous at times. This should be looked to and remedied in future.

ASTRONOMICAL.—If the weather is clear, the planets *Venus* and *Jupiter* will be visible soon after sunset, this evening. The latter will be within only a few minutes of degree from each other. These are the two most beautiful and brightest (the sun and moon excepted) of the heavenly bodies, and they will appear West South West of us, and about 30 degrees above the horizon.

FOREIGN NEWS EXPECTED.—The New York *Express* of the 5th inst. says—We understand that a British government steamer was to have left England on the 24th ult. for New York, with Mr. Packenham, the new British Minister, on board. He will probably arrive in the course of next week. This steamer must now be out eleven days, and will bring us twenty days later news.

NEW BOOK.—We are indebted to Messrs. Bravo and Morgan for the January number of the Knickerbocker, and the December number of Campbell's Foreign Semi-Monthly Magazine.

The mail failed yesterday, beyond Columbus. The annexed extracts from the Alabama papers, will explain the reason.

From the Wetumpka Argus of the 15th.
GREAT FRESHET.

Quite a calamity befel our city on Monday night last. The river, for several days had been gradually rising, which was greatly increased by incessant rains which fell during the past two days. On Monday night last, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock, a tremendous crash was heard, which was soon ascertained to be the separation of our Bridge, two-thirds of which was entirely swept away by the current. The erection of the bridge cost about $25,000. The loss falls heavy on the share-holders, besides causing a general inconvenience to the community. The river is still rising, it is now within about four feet of the memorable freshet of 1833, when it was 34 feet falling. Our prospect at the present is anything but cheering, for we have no assurance when the weather will abate. We greatly fear that the towns on the river below will suffer from this extraordinary rise, and no doubt that thousands of bales of cotton have already been destroyed by the flood. The Bridge-keeper was on the Bridge at the time that it broke, and barely escaped with his life.

From the Montgomery Advertiser of the 19th.

The late rains have raised our rivers, till, opposite the town, it presents the appearance of a young sea, in a rough and angry mood. The whole bend is covered, and the water, which is much higher than it was in the spring of 1840, is now at the time in a write, (Thursday morning,) within 12 inches of the mark of the great Freshet of 1833, and is still rising.

It is a little remarkable that the great Freshet of 1811, of 1832, of 1833, and the present one of 1844 number exactly 11 years between each.

From the Selma Free Press of the 20th.

Our river is now higher than it has been since 1833, and within as high as it was then. We hear of the overflow of the low lands to a considerable rable extent, as well on the river as the tributaries. The roads branching from the Selma are almost impassable in consequence of the bridges across the small streams having been carried away, and of the back water. We understand that at Cahawba the water is even to a level with the floor of Hoot's tavern, and the proprietor has removed it.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—Mr H. Wallack will make his first appearance since his return from Mobile this evening in the character of Macbeth.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—The evidence in the Penard case was closed yesterday. The argument of the counsel will begin on the opening of the court this morning. The Court Room is quite commodious, and seats will be reserved for the ladies. The jury will be addressed by the U. S. District Attorney, Mr. PATTON, for the prosecution, and Messrs. SOULE, PRE.AUD and OGDEN, for the defence.

CRIMINAL COURT.—The only case of importance before the Court yesterday was that of J. D. Mix, charged with assaulting with a dangerous weapon, with intent to kill, B. Brewer. The Attorney General and District Attorney appeared on the part of the State, and Messrs Mix and J. R. Grimes for the defence. The case was submitted to the Jury about dusk, who returned a verdict of guilty of assault and battery, but not with intent to kill.

Messrs Ramer, William Pybus, P. Linderberger and Peter S. Bennett, indicted for keeping and playing banking games, were arraigned for trial.

A SINGULAR REQUEST.—A female named Parmele Fazende yesterday presented herself before Recorder Genois and implored his Honor to commit her to the Workhouse for three months, assigning as a reason for her strange request, that since her discharge from thence she found that it was impossible to abstain from intoxicating liquor. The Recorder granted her request, and accordingly committed her for three months.

RECOVERY OF STOLEN JEWELRY.—Officers Van Buren and Schexnaydre, of the First Municipality police, yesterday seized, in virtue of a search warrant, a large quantity of Stolen jewelry, consisting of gold watch chains, spectacles, ear rings, lockets, pencil cases, tooth picks, &c., and a gold lever watch, at the jewelry store of Frederick Johnson in St. Ann street, between Conde and Old Levee streets. The stolen jewelry proved to be the property of Mr E. Turk, whose store, No. 90 Royal street, was entered and robbed of the above and several other articles on the 5th November last. Johnson was arrested and ordered to find bail in the sum of $2,000 for his appearance before the Criminal Court.

☞ John Watson, an incorrigible young vagabond, who was but recently discharged from the work house, was brought before Recorder Baldwin yesterday and again sent back to his old quarters. Upon the person of Watson, at the time of his arrest, were found several door keys and a cold chisel.

MYSTERIOUS.—Yesterday morning a gentleman who was descending the river in a skiff from Lafayette, when opposite John street about 300 yards from the shore, he discovered a wooden box floating on the surface of the water. He immediately took the box on board the skiff and conveyed it to the shore, and upon opening it, discovered it contained a white infant between two and three months old, and apparently had not been dead more than a few hours.

☞ A young man named George Lee was arrested yesterday by officer Morel of the Second Municipality police, charged with breaking into the segar store of Joseph Domingo, on the bar room of the St. Charles Hotel, on Monday night, and robbing the till of $1,800 in money. None of the stolen money was found in Lee's possession. He will be examined this morning before Recorder Baldwin.

A man named L. Lefer, was arrested last evening in Poydras street by officer Treceaux, of the First Municipality police, who is charged with being concerned in this robbery. Part of the stolen money was found in his possession and identified. He will be examined this morning before Recorder Genois.

SAD ACCIDENT.—Yesterday morning, as the Bolduc's train of cars were starting from the lake end of the Pontchartrain Rail Road, a young gentleman from Mobile, whose name we did not learn, in endeavoring to get into one of the cars, missed his footing and fell, the wheels of the train passing over one of his legs below the knee, severing it in twain. The unfortunate gentleman was conveyed to the Charity Hospital for medical aid.

LITERARY CURIOSITY.—In a volume recently published in London, containing notices, in sonnets, &c., of a number of the great and distinguished men of other times, the following epitaph, written by FRANKLIN on himself, find sound its way to the light:

Epitaph written in 1728.
The Body of
B. Franklin, Printer,
(Like the cover of an old Book,
Its contents torn out
And stripped of its lettering and Gilding)
Lies here, Food for Worms.
But the Work shall not be lost;
For it will (as he believed) appear once more,
In a new and more elegant Edition.
Revised and corrected
By the Author.

TAKEN.—Supply of Governors.—The State of Maine will have had Five Governors within less than one year, viz:
Gov. Fairfield, elected for 1843 resigned;
Gov. Kavanagh, President of the Senate, 1843, resigned;
Gov. Dana, President of the Senate, 1844
Gov. Anderson, elected for the year 1844.

OFFICIAL REPORT
OF THE
SENATE OF LOUISIANA.

TUESDAY, January 23d, 1844.

Mr Hon presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the State Treasurer be informed, for the use of the Senate, a statement of all the laws defining the time and place for public officers paying into the Treasury the several sums collected by them; that he will also inform the Senate of all delays and who have not yet settled with the Treasury Department, and the detailed amounts as far as possible of such arrearages; and that the State Treasurer also furnish the Senate with the accommodations which experience may, in his opinion, have proved necessary, so as to enable him to make his report to the Legislature.

Mr Hon explained the object of the resolution, and demonstrated the necessity of its passage.

Mr M'Mushall suggested an amendment that the returns of the Sheriffs be made early enough to enable the Treasurer to make his report by the first Monday in January, which was adopted.

Mr Davidson suggested another amendment, that the time for the public officers to settle with the Treasurer be specified, which was adopted.

Mr Hon, with leave, introduced an act relative to the Sheriff of Orleans, which on his motion was made the order of the day.

Mr Davidson called up the bill to suspend the operation of the 15th section of the Act to impose a Tax for the support of the State, in relation to the Parishes of Livingston and St. Helena.

Mr Deason said he would not take up the time of the Senate in discussing the questions he had urged upon the attention of the House, inasmuch as the same objections were to his mind well founded, and he could not consent to make partial revisions of a law general in its operations, and which was passed for the purpose of revenue, and ought to be general in its character.

Mr Dickson considered it proper, as there were some members of the Senate present that were then absent, to explain the design of the bill and to exhibit the necessity and propriety of passing it. He contended that from the face of the original law it was not enacted with any intent or design, inasmuch as the Parish of Jefferson had been expressly omitted, and had he seen fit he could at the time in a similar manner have caused the Parishes of his Senatorial District to be excepted. He argued that the measure was just, and defended it against the objections that had been urged, contending that it would work no detriment to the revenue, and that if the Sheriffs were compelled to pay this money, they would be clearly entitled to ask the State to refund it, which the State in all fairness would be bound to do.

Mr Hon analyzed the object of the bill, and exhibited that the position of the parties involved, as he understood the facts, entitled them to the relief which it contemplated. The objections to the measure, he conceived it was expressly limited to the particular case which it was designed to cover and restricted to lands which had been sold by the State for taxes, the owners not on account of a defect in the title on the part of former claimants. To that end he would propose an amendment which would require satisfactory proof to be adduced of that fact, and restrict the operation of the bill to