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Wednesday Morning, Feb. 26, 1851.

THE NORTHERN MAIL failed yesterday from beyond Montgomery. The mail due the day previous arrived.

THE FUGITIVE SLAVE CASE IN BOSTON.

We find in the New York *Herald* of the 17th, a despatch from Boston, which gives somewhat fuller particulars of the rescue of the fugitive slave, WILKINS, than have been heretofore published. The despatch says:

Deputy Marshal Riley, and assistants, arrested at Corn Hill Coffee House, to-day one Frederick Wilkins, a negro waiter, on a warrant, issued by the U.S. Commissioner, G. T. Curtis, on a complaint that said Wilkins is a fugitive slave. He was taken with no opposition, and carried immediately to the U. S. Court room.

The news of the arrest spread rapidly, and the Court room was speedily filled by a large crowd of both white and black spectators. The examination, however, went off quietly. Seth J. Thomas appeared for the claimant, and Messrs. Small, Elias Grey, Loring, and others, for the defence.

From the documents offered by the claimant, it appeared that the accused was the property of John Debree, Purser in the U. S. Navy, of Virginia, and that he escaped in May, 1850. The question was as to the effect that the claimant had seen the prisoner in Boston, and conversed with him, when the prisoner acknowledged that he had escaped from New York. The counsel for the defence asked for a postponement in order to prepare testimony. This was granted, and Tuesday next at 10 A. M., was assigned for the examination.

The Deputy Marshal then ordered the room to be cleared of spectators, which was gradually done. The prisoner remained in the custody of a dozen men, as, by law of the State, the jail cannot be used to imprison fugitive slaves.

His counsel wishing to consult with him, they were readily admitted to the room to the number of half a dozen. They remained about an hour, and on the outside a large crowd of negro sympathizers soon the outside, blocking up the entrance to the court room. As fast as the door was opened for others to enter, the crowd would rush in, seize, and knock down the officers in charge, and fill the Court room. The prisoner himself was frightened at their demonstrations of appearance, and fled, with a cry of murder, to the further end of the room.

He was, however, secured by the mob, who had speedily silenced the opposition of the few officers in the room, and taken in triumph down the stairs, and into the street. The officers did not attempt to follow, and with shouts of triumph the mob bore him off with the fugitive, and were last seen in the vicinity of Belknap street, where negroes chiefly congregate.

While the mob was in the court room, the sword of the Marshal hanging in the sheath over his desk was drawn by one of them and flourished over the head of the officers. It was afterwards found in the street. The mob, it appeared, numbered between a hundred or two hundred. Some of the more respectable negroes deemed it having been seen in the procession one negro, in his flight, dropped his hat.

There were several white persons in the mob, but they did not appear to act in the rescue. The rescue, of course, caused great excitement throughout the city, some of the most influential men of both parties declaring that the majesty of the law and order ever perpetrated. It is thought impossible to recapture the fugitive, as he has now, no doubt, ere this, hurried him off to the Canada frontier. U. S. Deputy Marshal Dwent is after Wilkins.

JENNY LIND.—All who have not yet heard the delicious Songstress who is at present in our city, must take an early chance of doing so, as we can see the moment threatened for her departure is now approaching, and we have been detrauded of two concerts by her recent illness. It is indeed said to be in the highest degree improbable that she will give another concert after the middle of next week in this city.

RIO JANEIRO.—By the bark *Seneca*, Captain EASTMAN, which left Rio Janeiro on the 5th inst., we have received papers to that date. They contain nothing of material interest. Private letters from Buenos Ayres state everything is quiet, though tranquility will not probably long prevail. In Cordova, six persons have been shot for attempts, real or imaginary, to breed disturbance.

It is generally believed that there will be no war between Buenos Ayres and Brazil. Gov. Rosas threatens and blusters, but this, says the correspondents, is proof that the only war will be one of words. When Rosas meditates a serious blow he is usually silent.

From the 1st to the 3d inst., 30,004 bags of coffee were exported from Rio. Of this number 1150 were for New Orleans.

☞ A magnificent gold watch has been presented in Washington, as a present by some young men in California, to Senator Douglas, author of the bill for the admission of California into the Union. No person was allowed to subscribe a sum exceeding five cents towards the object, and the subscription consisted of $300. The watch is a hunting case, one side of which are the arms of the State of Illinois—on the reverse those of California.

THE CITY CENSUS.

The commissioners appointed to take the Census of the Second Municipality, made their returns yesterday to the Mayor, and they indicate the following result. Total population of the Municipality 55,180 against 12,919 in 1847, thus showing an increase of 12,261, equal to 28 1-2 per cent. The number of voters in the Municipality is 5601.

The entire Census of the city is now complete and shows the following exhibit:

	1851.		1847.
	Total Population.	*Voters.*	*Total Population.*
1st Mu.	11,669	3915	32,122
2d do.	55,180	5601	42,919
3d do.	24,102	2922	19,185
	120,951	12,468	94,226

Thus the increase in the population of the city since 1847 is 26,425, or equal to 27 1-3 per cent.

SUGAR HOUSE BURNED.—We learn from the officers of a steamer which arrived last evening, that when the Boat passed the plantation of Major Kenner, the Sugar House was in flames.

LOSS ON THE BRIDGE.—The Red River *Intelligencer* says: On Friday the 14th instant, while the *Bridge*, on her downward trip, was rounding to in Cane river, several miles below Cloutierville, exploded her larboard boiler, slightly scalding eight or ten persons. The passengers were at the table when the accident happened. Captain Amaden, clerk and engineer passed down on the steamer St. Charles after machinery to repair their boat.

STATE OF IOWA.—We find the population of this thriving young Western State for the year 1850 reported at 192,204. In 1840 its population was only 43 111. Its gain in population, therefore, in ten years, has been 149,093; or, in other words, it has nearly quintupled its population in that space of time. *Morte rotule, Iowa.*

THE VESSEL IN STONO RIVER.—The brig reported on Sunday last by the steamer Metamora, as being inside of Stono Reef, we learn by the arrival of the Captain in this City yesterday in the British brig Minerva, Mark, sixteen days from Montego Bay, Jamaica, for Glasgow with a cargo of rum, sugar, &c. Having experienced very heavy weather about the 10th instant, which caused the brig to leek badly, bore away for this port for repairs. On Saturday last, in a thick fog, got ashore on Stono Reef, which they finally succeeded in thumping over into the river. We learn that the steamer, Massasoit has been chartered to proceed to the brig's assistance and tow her to the city.

The pilot boat S. M. Wain, previously reported in the offing, is ashore on Folly Island Beach. We have received no particulars respecting her.—*Charleston Mercury*

Auction Notice.

HYKES, HYDE & Co., will sell on THURSDAY, 27th instant, at 11 o'clock, at their Auction Sales Room, No. 53 Magazine street, the choice of seats for Mlle JENNY LIND'S Concert, when taken place at the St. Charles Theatre on FRIDAY Evening, 28th instant.

By Magnetic Telegraph.

BALTIMORE, Feb 20.

The news by the Baltic has depressed and unsettled the cotton, the flour, and the grain markets in New York.

In the Senate, to-day, the bill granting lands to Minnesota to aid in building a Railroad, was passed. Due Bedlemeyer bill was discussed. Amendment to the Postage bill, imposing a uniform rate of three cents on letters, and abolishing the franking privilege, were voted down. In the House, the Navy pension and Indian bills were passed. Appropriation to the amount of $8,000,000 were made.

The Cambria arrived at New York this evening, bringing all the cargo of the Atlantic.

Elisar Wright, of the Boston Commonwealth, has been arrested for participating in the late riot. He has been held to bail.

Thompson, the English abolitionist, was pelted out of Springfield with rotten eggs.

NEW YORK, *Feb 20.*—Arrived at Liverpool, the John Garrow; at Havre, the Amelia and the Milan.

Trieste the Howe, Oliaborne, and M. Knowell.

Antwerp, the Adelaide; at Marseilles, the Tuscomb, all for New Orleans. The Hope, for New Orleans, put back to Liverpool on the 4th instant in a leaky condition. It would be necessary to discharge the cargo.

BALTIMORE, *Feb. 20*—the political news by the Baltic is almost destitute of interest.

The Minister of Finance of France has proposed an extraordinary credit of 1,800,000 francs, in order to defray the expenses of the President during the present year.

By a great storm on the coast of France 200 merchant vessels were driven into the port of Cherbourg in distress.

Felix Pyatt, the French refugee, has been expelled from Switzerland. The Holstein Stadtholders have resigned their places in favor of the Provincial Government.

The Austrian Army is to be reduced. Vienna is quiet. England and Ireland are tranquil.—*Evening Picayune.*

CONGRESS.

In the SENATE, on the 17th inst., Mr. Hamlin presented a petition from Maine, making a suspension of the fugitive slave law. Referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Atchison moved to reconsider the vote by which the petition was referred; and after a long debate, the motion was agreed to. The petition was then laid on the table.

The bill from the House to reduce postage, was taken up.

Mr. Seward moved to amend, by fixing the rate on all letters pre-paid at two cents; without taking a vote, the Senate adjourned.

In the HOUSE, a motion was made that the general appropriation bills be made the special order of business for the next day, and from day to day, until disposed of, which was rejected.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, and took up the Dial Printing appropriations for rivers and harbors.

Mr. McLane, of Maryland, defended the bill.

Mr. Morse replied, and accused Mr. McLane of inconsistency as a Democrat.

Mr. McLane defended himself, and retorted to the charge of inconsistency on Mr. Morse.

After answering the objections which had been made to the bill, Mr. Morse replied, reiterating that Mr. McLane's support of river and harbor bills was not democratic, and that the gentleman acted inconsistently with his former course.

Several amendments were offered, debated, and voted down; one only was adopted, appropriation $10,000 for the improvement of Sackett's Harbor, and removing a United States sloop from there.

THE AFRICA'S NEWS.

The British steamship *Africa*, Captain Hyde, arrived at her wharf in New York on the evening of the 15th, having left Liverpool on the 1st at 11 A. M. The news of the safety of the *Atlantic* brought by the *Africa*, created intense gratification and excitement in New York. The *Herald* states that thousands of citizens rushed toward the pier to learn the intelligence; that it was announced in all the public places, proclaimed in the theatres, and received everywhere with shouts of joy.

LONDON, Friday Evening, Jan. 31.

ENGLAND.—I am enabled to send you the substance of the Royal speech.

HER MAJESTY was announced that she receives the most friendly assurance from foreign powers, and is gratified to know that peace has been restored to those States in the north of Europe so lately engaged in war, preparing for the commencement of hostilities.

The Queen will then congratulate the members of both houses on the tranquility which prevails at home, but in all our foreign possessions and colonies. The people are contented and happy—the manufactures are active—employment is abundant, and commerce prosperous, while the revenue is in excess of expenditure.

Her Majesty regrets that in some counties, agriculture is rather depressed, but she trusts it will soon improve.

Since parliament last met, the Queen regrets that considerable excitement has been naturally occasioned by an aggressive proceeding on the part of the head of the Roman Catholic Church, who has, without assuming or obtaining permission, presumed to bestow territorial titles and classifications to the tribute the country included. The style of the law on this matter being somewhat uncertain, the Queen recommends to Parliament immediate attention to the subject with a view of passing a declaratory act defining the law, and amending it if necessary; but while vindicating her Majesty's prerogatives, they will take care not to encroach on those great principles of religious liberty, the recognition of which is the boast of the empire.

Her Majesty next recommends a thorough reform of the equity courts, and the introduction of an act for the registration of deeds, to be equally applicable to England, Ireland and Scotland.

Her Majesty then directs attention to the trade with Brazil, and suggests the desirable measure of arranging the sugar trade &c., with that country.

The conclusion is in the usual phraseology.

You will see that the speech will be more than usually vague and remarkable for a studied avoidance of naming topics. There is no allusion whatever to financial matters, beyond the customary promises of documents, &c., being laid before the legislature; and the reference to the Papal aggression is of the mildest kind, and Her Majesty was desirous to pass over, as rapidly and as lightly as possible, a disagreeable question.

The course adopted is, you may rely on it, wise and politic. In the first place the law is not violated, and in next place little would not do now. Absurd declaring what the law is not to be one, and will operate in future. Such an act ministers can carry triumphantly, and it will, I trust, for the country is sick of no party agitation.

The intention respecting Brazil will be agreeable news to the free traders of Liverpool.

The law reform measures will be universally acceptable.

Ministers have a plan for relieving agriculture, but it will not be matured until the Chancellor of the Exchequer sees what kind of financial statement he can make.

Lord John Russell's cabinet is safe.

FRANCE.—A prolonged debate has taken place in the Assembly, in which the conduct of the President and Ministers was severely handled. The debate concluded on the third day with the following resolution: That the Assembly declares it has no confidence in the Ministers and passes to the order of the day. The vote for the order of the day was 417 against 278. Majority against the Ministers, 139.

Immediately on the rising of Assembly the Ministers went to the Elysee and placed their resignations in the hands of the President. The resignations were accepted.

The Constitutional of the 20th says, the new ministry will be formed from the ranks of those who voted against the above resolution. Sixty-one members of the Socialist's society were arrested for being in conspiracy against the Administration.

After the resignation of the newly constituted Ministry, Leon Faucher was entrusted with the task of forming the Government. At first, he appeared to succeed, since then it has been declared he was unable to do so.

Louis Napoleon finding it impossible to compose the Ministry, had recourse to the formation of a Ministry from public functionaries, which is as follows:

War—General Randon.

Interior—Watsse.

Finance—Germany.

Public Works—Magne.

Foreign Affairs—Brennier,

Minister—Rover.

Marine—Vaillant.

Public Instruction—Jraud.

Agriculture and Commerce—Schneider.

Madame Lanta, daughter of the late Count Beauharnais, is dead.

SPAIN—Queen Isabella at first refused to accept Narvaez's resignation, but finally accepted it on his declaration that he would blow his brains out if retained in office.

A new ministry has been formed with Bravo Murialo as President. He promises respect to the laws, strict impartibility and rigorous economy.

BELGIUM.—Accounts from Versailles to Jan. 30th, state that the ministers had resigned en masse, in consequence of a difference of opinion which sprang up between the Ministers of War and other members of the Cabinet.

SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN, Jan. 15th.—Alpstrol was attacked by the Danes at Winbye. The Conferences at Hatoburg between the Danish, Austrian and Prussian Commissioners have adjourned. The Holstein troops continue to retreat into Holstein, while the Danes are steadily falling back into Schleswig.

Advices from Hanover state that the Austrian column has come to a stand in that Capital. The cures of Rensburg, Alleno, Lerbeck and Amburg are to be occupied by the Federal troops. It is stated that Frederick Sotte will have the Danish garrison.

The official journal of Denmark states that the King commanded that no measures whatever be taken against those Schleswegers who have taken up arms against him. From this act of clemency all officers are expressly excluded who were in the service of the King before the 24th of March, 1848.

It is now positively stated that no Congress of Continental Monarchs will take place at Dresden.

PRUSSIA.—A railway accident happened in Westphalia, as the express train for Berlin reached Gutershole. Three lives were lost; among the number was Mr. Aldeck, secretary of the United States Legation.

ITALY.—Letters from Rome to the 2d of January, state that the Papal court looks forward to the opening of the British Parliament. Persecution of the Protestants still continues. No religion is tolerated except strict Papacy. Some of the Mazarino's agents had landed near Rome and circulated a revolutionary paper, entitled "Rome, and the Roman States."

ENGLAND.—The general news is unimportant.

Liverpool Markets.

January 31.—COTTON.—At the beginning of the week we were under much depression. On Monday some small sales were made at 1-4d decline from Friday. Since then the market has recovered its usual tone. The result of the week is a general reduction of 1-8d per lb. from the last quotations.

Louisiana State Bank.

MR. GAYARRE'S REPLY TO DR. MCWHORTER.

BATON ROUGE, Feb. 19, 1851.

To George C. McWhorter, Esq.,

SIR,

The tone of your *official* communication of the 17th inst., as State Treasurer, which appeared in several of the New Orleans papers, forces from me, much to my regret, an *extra official* reply, and an address to you as Mr. G. C. McWhorter. I was very far from supposing that my temperate and guarded official letter to the Attorney General, on a constitutional question or dry matter of Law, could degenerate into any thing personal between you and me. To your incubation, as I shall demonstrate, is this attempted transformation of the question to be attributed.

On the 6th and 7th of February last, we proceeded together, as the Board of Currency, to the examination of the several Banks located in the city of New Orleans. On Friday, the 7th of February, as above stated, in your presence, and in the presence of our clerk, Alex. Legendre, I inquired of Mr. Rondeau, one of the cashiers of the Louisiana State Bank, why, as appeared by the Bank's statement of the 1st of February, the note being $1,081,440, its operations were extended to $5,505,796 32, exceeding by $1,576,916 82, the amount to which it is limited by the charter. The reply of the cashier was that, for the extension of its operations, the Bank relied on the act to re-establish a Branch Bank at Baton Rouge. I observed to the cashier that I thought the Law unconstitutional, and therefore that it conferred no such power. We then separated.

On Sunday, the 9th, I re-used my reasons to writing, and early on Monday, the 10th, repaired to the office of the Board of Currency, and told our clerk that I had a communication to submit to you. He answered that you had not put up at any of the hotels, and that he did not know where to find you. What was to be done, Sir? It was necessary that I should deliver, that letter to you, for Baton Rouge, as I did; and I delivered the communication to our clerk, with a direction to spread it on the minutes of the Board, and to transmit a copy of it to you, as soon as he should meet you. I also directed him to go to the Louisiana State Bank, to ascertain if my statements were correct as to facts. He did so, and, a short time after, informed me that I had committed an error. On receiving this information, I repaired with him to the office of Mr. Rondeau, the cashier, and made the correction which was deemed necessary.

Now, Sir, how was the entry to be made in the minutes of the Board? It is true that you were not present, but it was presumed that you would be now with us in the course of the day. It seems, therefore, that the clerk correctly wrote in the minutes, under my direction, what follows, and what was published as an extract, in the Bee and Delta of the 12th:

"*February 10, 1851.—Charles Gayarre, Secretary of State, presented the following document to the consideration of his colleague, G. C. McWhorter, State Treasurer, and invited his concurrence thereto.*" Just as the Secretary of the Senate would have put down: "On such a day, the honorable G. C. McWhorter, senator from Concordia, introduced a bill," etc. The presentation of a bill to you to the Senate would not have *implied its immediate* taking into consideration by your colleagues, no more was the presentation of my report to the Board of Currency *implied its immediate consideration* by you.

It therefore passes my comprehension to unscramble what could *officially* be found in the entry and what could not be found in the minutes. But, say you, after such an entry was made, how could it that your report was published before it was spread on the "record, as the entry implies? I will tell you, and our clerk, who was the proper person to apply to, will confirm me in the same information, had you taken the trouble to inquire. It would have saved you a great deal of unnecessary indignation.

Sometime after I had given our clerk my report to be copied on our record, I returned to the office and addressed him pretty much to the following effect: "You are now very busy at the Secretary's office, and I will not allow you to have taken it off of this affair, without knowing very well on what it turns. There is a good deal of excitement, some talk of a run on the Bank, and much will be said, especially in the newspapers, in opposition to the recommendatory my report, and to show the policy of the present condition of the Bank of not operating, but that nothing but the right of the Bank to extend its operations under a certain act of 1-50, is controverted. As soon as my manuscript is published, you will copy it on the record; and, in order to save you the trouble of copying another manuscript copy, you will furnish my colleague with a printed one. He will then have time to state his objections at leisure." It never occurred to me, nor to the cashier, from whom I got the papers, to believe he would have called my attention to it that this course would be offensive to you.

I then went to the editors of the Courier, of the Delta, and of the True Delta, who I requested, for the above reasons, to publish my communication as soon as possible. Knowing that the True Delta, on a former occasion, had made harsh strictures on your actions in the Board of Currency, I begged the editor, whom I had not seen since my acting with you in the Board, to abstain, in publishing my document, from any comments on what he might anticipate to be your course. I told him that it would be gratifying to my feelings. He gave me his word, and kept it, that my report would come out without his making any allusion to you.

This was on the 10th. On the 11th, the day when my report appeared, you met me in the Exchange Alley, and asked for an explanation, which I gave, and which proved *satisfactory*, according to your written declaration. On your expressing your regrets, that the papers might reflect on your not having acted on the communication presented for your consideration, I answered: "How could they, with propriety? In the newspapers, publishing the documents, it is stated that it was presented on the 10th—This is the 11th. How can you be expected to give the reasons for your dissent in so short a time? The subject is important: take all the time you want to consider.—But then, you observed, I shall make it right in the papers, by mentioning how the thing occurred, and that I never asked the subject into consideration." "Do so," said I, and we parted with the mutual a good understanding, that you entrusted me with several commands for Baton Rouge.

On the 12th, you published the letter to which you refer in your communication with me, and, in that letter, you called me into question, and declared yourself *satisfied* with my explanations. What reasons you can have for having changed your tone since, without any further action on my part, is best known to you.

In your official reply of the 17th, you complain of my letter's conveying an *implied censure on you, for being less vigilant and less conscientious than myself*, in the performance of the duties that devolve on the Board of Currency, to take care that the paper money of the State be not depreciated, and to supervise the faithful execution of the act of 1842, and of the charters and by-laws of all banks working under it.

Whence the inference, Sir? In obedience to the 11th section of the act of 1842, which makes it imperative on *each member* of the Board of Currency, to report to the Board what he thinks to be an infraction of law by the banks, I ventured to have an opinion of my own, right or wrong, and to submit it to you in the shape of a letter to the Attorney General. Do I misrepresent you in declare that, on my making any such report for the future, it shall be considered by you as an *imputation that you are less vigilant and conscientious than I am?* Am I to have no individual action in the Board? You, Sir, I deny any man to draw, from my late course of proceeding and from my letter to the Attorney General, the inference that I mean when you ask me to suppose. You say, however, *the imputation my colleague should make upon me in his letter, &c.* Be it recorded that I challenge you, in the most emphatic manner, to point out *one single word* in that letter, which can be construed, by any fair mind, into supporting the assertion which you have made.

Or is your inference to be traced to the fact of the publication of my report? I presume that it is so, from your expressing so much horror at its being published *without any consultation with you*, without *your concurrence or approval*. I have already detailed the causes and the reasons for its publication. But now and forever, I wish you distinctly to understand, that I consider the office of the Board of Currency as public; that I think that every one has the right of free access to its archives, and can copy and publish what part of its proceedings he may deem proper; that, in common with all my fellow-citizens, I claim to enjoy the same right without *consultation with you, without your concurrence or approval*. I have already detailed the causes and the reasons for its publication. But now and forever, I wish you distinctly to understand, that I consider the office of the Board of Currency as public; that I think that every one has the right of free access to its archives, and can copy and publish what part of its proceedings he may deem proper; that, in common with all my fellow-citizens, I claim to enjoy the same right without *consultation with you, without your concurrence or approval*; that I think your pretension to control me on that subject savors of too much assumed superiority; and that I am determined to publish, whenever I please, all that I have done in the Board since I have been a member of it, just as you have the right of favoring the public with all that you have done in it, or in the Senate of Louisiana, without the *concurrence or approval* of anybody, and without its being construed by me, or by your former colleagues in the Senate, into an imputation of my being, or of their being "less vigilant and conscientious than you are."

I wish you to understand that, in the Board of Currency, according to my humble opinion, there can be no *attacking or defending* of the banks, *no counsel* for or against; that when one of the members denounces what he thinks to be an infraction of law by them, his colleague may concur or dissent, and give his reasons. But whence does one member of the Board derive the right to pass judgment on the motives of the other? I beg you also to observe that, as you have looked into the motives of what you call my *hostility* to the Louisiana State Bank, and my *attack* on that institution, I might be justified in looking into the *motives* of what I might, in retaliation, call your *partiality and defence*. But I deal in no such ware, and leave motives to the all-searching eye of God.

You say that my unremitting efforts, since February 1849, when a change took place in *the direction of the Louisiana State Bank, to assail every act of that Bank, have long convinced you that considerations other than my sense of public duty impel my action.* Allow me, sir, in relation to the position which you thus take, to ask you this question: has a faint suspicion never entered your head that the public might consider you erecting yourself into an umpire over my efforts to *assail* the bank, and your efforts to *shelter* it, as a piece of arrogant presumption?

I believe that I have effectually demolished the rickety scaffolding of your alleged grievances against me. They appear so ill founded, that I have almost come to the conclusion that they have been brought forward, only to give an apparent justification to the venting of a little spleen and abuse.

When a gentleman *implies* that he has received an offence, he demands explanation before acting. This is generally understood to be the rule. You, after having *declared yourself satisfied*, in private and in public, that I had no idea to set disrespectfully towards you,—and when you had ample time to ask for any further explantion, the necessity of which might have since occurred to your mind, come forward *deliberately*, after six days cogitation, and, under the present of an *implied imputation* on your character make a *direct* charge, of the **blackest kind, against** mine.

As it has been a standing rule with me, to submit no intentional injury, without cause, on the meanest animal in creation, I have gone into these details to satisfy my own mind, that I am guiltless of offence towards you. Nay, so strange appears to me the excited tone of your communication of the 17th, after your letter of the 12th, that I am half inclined to believe that it was not written by you, and that you signed it without reflection. I wish for your sake, that it were so.

A little reflection will convince you that there is no studied and concealed sarcasm under the expression of this wish, but that it proceeds from the purest sense of human charity. Think, sir, you are on the 17th of February, 1851, *that my unremitting efforts since February* 1849, *when a change took place in the direction of the Louisiana State Bank, to assail every act of that bank have long continued you the considerations other than my sense of public duty impel my action.* Which theans that you had *long* been convinced, that I had been guilty of *unremitting* vexation of the public, and that I had for a long time, had forfeited every claim to respect and esteem. And yet, during all that time, you had been treating me like a friend; and on the 12th of this month, you proclaimed me to the world as your friend, under your own hand and seal. Under what colors do you here represent yourself, and if they were true, would you not be worse than you represent me to be? And had I a thousand enemies on my back, I would wish you to stand convicted before the public of having written both the documents of the 12th and 17th of February.

There is a chasm between you and me. You thought, or somebody thought for you, or pretended to think for you, that I had cast imputations on your character, proceeding from *inferences or implications*, which I have demonstrated to be utterly groundless, and you work-ed yourself into a *fit of passion*. I remain perfectly cool and collected. You *direct* charges that, as an officer of the State, I am moved by no sense of duty, but only by malicious or other unworthy sentiments. I am aware that I am surrounded by those, who know me from my infancy, and have lived in habits of intimacy with the whole of my private and public life, and I have the honest pride to think, that they will feel some astonishment at seeing my character traduced in this manner by you. Far from being betrayed into indignation, I believe that I may be permitted to receive your accusation with a smile of acknowledgment.

In your letter of the 17th, the immaculate, have cast the first stone, which none in Judea was daring enough to fling; and in your official capacity, have pointedly arraigned the motives of another officer, acting on oath in the discharge of his duties. Sure be the consequences for the extraordinary and indecorous position you have taken. Happily, we are both known; you, the accuser, and I the accused. I am confident that you stand as low in the estimation of the community, both as a man and a private character. I shall confidently abide the verdict. There let the matter rest.

If, after the strong provocation you have **given me, I have endeavored,** on this letter, to be courteous and even kind to you, but I much regret to see that you have been so unnecessarily severe upon yourself.

I feel a blush on my cheeks for having been drawn into this personal altercation, which is particularly disagreeable between two public officers. But it is not the blame. This would not have happened, if, on your refusing to concur with me, *you had, as I had done*, confined yourself to the discussion of a dry question of law, which the length of our letter does not permit me to re-state. That which, I must, for the last time, call again your attention and that of the public. I will not allow the latter to be misled by a change of issue. The question is not, who first called the banks to the Louisiana State Bank, but whether that institution, for some time past, has been administered in conformity with its charter and other existing laws. That is the point, and I will stick to it, without being intimidated by the hallooing of an impotent faction and party.

In conclusion, and in order to prevent the recurrence of any such personal encounter, which is of little public interest, and of no credit to the actors, suppose you and I agree to say that it cannot be my intention, in any of my future doings in the Board of Currency, to cast any imputation, direct or implied, on your person or on your mode of performing your duties, for which I care absolutely nothing. As a voucher for the veracity of this declaration, let me add that, did I possess the knowledge of all the language that ever flowed from the human tongue, all into one, having the condescendents of all, I could not find in it words sufficiently energetic, to express the humiliation and disgust which I feel, at my having been dragged into this low quarrel.

CHARLES GAYARRE.

THE ATLANTIC'S VOYAGE.

The Steamship *Atlantic* left Liverpool on the 25th December. She was then in fine steaming condition, and without any apprehension on the part of her officers in regard to the voyage. It was blowing a strong gale from the W. S. W. at the time of her departure, so much so as to render it impossible to land the pilot. On the 26th December, at 9 1-2 P. M., she passed Cape Clear and fairly commenced her voyage for America by ploughing at once into a heavy head sea and incessantly stormy strong western gales, which continued without intermission from that time up to the day of the accident, which occurred on the 6th January at noon when in latitude 46 12, and longitude 41 west. It blew a strong gale from N. N. W. At 6 1-2 P. M., the engine was stopped as it was first supposed by the engineer on account of the breaking of an eccentric rod to the starboard engine. On examination it was determined to go ahead again, working that engine by hand, but another turn of the wheels proved that the accident was of a serious nature. The main shaft was found to be broken completely thro' in a diagonal direction, tearing the starboard pillar block. An additional revolution after the first stoppage caused one part of the shaft to go over the other, thus fracturing both pillar blocks and rendering the engine perfectly useless.—The steamer was at once hove to under strong gale sails, the wheels lashed and all hands employed during the night and the following day in sending up her square yards and stripping her wheels of the floats—a task at once difficult and dangerous in a gale of wind. The decks at the time were covered with ice. Fortunately this was accomplished without accident. On the 7th and 8th she lay to with the hope of an abatement of the storm and a change of wind.

As the engines and all hands were extremely anxious to reach some port on the American coast, (on the 9th the wind hauled to the north west and became quite moderate,) sail was immediately made and her course shaped for Halifax, 390 miles distant, and New York 1400 miles. This weather continued until meridian of the 10th, when an observation placed the ship 180 miles south and 70 miles west of her position at the time of the accident. A gale now sprung up again from the south west, and it became necessary to heave the ship to; for even with moderate weather it was evident to all that she could do nothing with the wind directly ahead. At 8 o'clock, A. M., of the 11th a large ship passed bound to the eastward, but she either did not see the Atlantic or if so took no notice of the signal of distress. At 10 P. M., after taking an account of the stores on board and considering the apparent impossibility of reaching America, the ship in her disabled condition, the captain determined with the assent of his officers and passengers to bear up for the coast of Europe, and up to the 22d day nothing occurred of importance. She had strong gales and high seas, and the ship made an average distance of 150 miles per day, and in that interval run 1400 miles. At 3 o'clock P. M., of the 22d January, to the great delight of all, she anchored safely in the harbor of Cork, Ireland, which fact alone, when considering the immense size of the ship, her small spars, light canvas and heavy machinery, is sufficient to prove her a splendid sea boat, and must add in no small degree to the reputation of her commander for superior seamanship.

In regard to the conduct of her passengers under such trying circumstances too much cannot be said. They bore the misfortune with bravery and commendable fortitude and cheerfulness and testified, on leaving her at Cork, their highest regards for the noble Captain, and expressed a full conviction that no better steamer could be found upon the seas. They all declared a deep interest in the vessel, and expressed their heart felt gratitude for their safe deliverance, to which in a great degree they were indebted to the superior management of Captain West, and the surpassing strength of the noble steamer.

The Atlantic had on board 550 tons of freight and a considerable quantity of specie, which the steamer Cambria was chartered to bring over, and probably sailed from Cork direct for New York on the 4th instant.

Before the Africa left arrangements were making to tow the Atlantic to Liverpool, for, the purpose of having her repaired.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—On Thursday evening last, about hour o'clock, the central pier under the railroad bridge, at Big Black, fell from the pressure of the flood in that stream. On the morning of that day the watchman, whose duty it is to cross that bridge after the passage of every train, reported something wrong, on the arrival of the evening train from Vicksburg at Big Black, it was stopped by order of Mr. Crump, the Superintendent of the road, while we went forward to examine; he found the central pier had yielded to the pressure of the water, and properly judging the passage to be unsafe, directed the train to return to Vicksburg; in a few moments the pier fell, (a part of it being visible above the high water) and left the bridge suspended by the adjoining piers, where it still remains, sunk in the centre of the span about fifteen inches below its true level. The pier was of cut limestone, laid in hydraulic cement as high as high water mark, from that to the top of brick well grouted; the foundation was placed on piles driven twenty feet below the bed of the stream; the materials composed of heavy timbers, filled with large stone. The pier was built in 1836-7, and has resisted every flood in Big Black up to the present time.

Vicksburg Whig 22d.

"MYSTERIOUS KNOCKINGS."—A branch of the mysterious knocking family have recently arrived in this city, (Lowell, Mass.) and we believe, occasionally gives lessons. At least, we recently heard an amusing case of spiritual revelation from them since their arrival. It seems that a party of Democrats and Freesoilers called upon them to ascertain whether SUMNER would be elected Senator. Having seated themselves, with long faces, around the table, a communication was immediately opened with the spirit of old Andrew Jackson. The answers were for some time extremely equivocal and unsatisfactory, but the moment the question was put whether Sumner would be elected, and whether the Spirit favored it, there was such a succession of rappings as almost to shake the building. The solemn-looking and anxious inquirers around the table could hardly keep their places, and supposing of course, that the spirit of Old Hickory would be delighted with the idea of electing a Freesoiler, they immediately called for the alphabet, and, breathlessly waiting for the response, spelt out the following: "By the Eternal! if you elect him, I'll soon be among you again in the flesh." This unexpected answer, together with another series of rumbling knockings in every direction, so frightened the visitors that they rushed out of the house in great confusion—as though Old Hickory was in truth at their heels.

Lynn Courier.

SAD INCIDENT AT SEA.—Letters have been received at Augusta, Me., from Mr. and Mrs. Severance, who left here some months since in the ship Gentoo, Captain Devens, for the Sandwich Islands. The letters are in the Kennebec Journal. In a letter from Mrs. Severance, dated Dec. 1, off Valparaiso, she gives the following account of a melancholy incident:

"Our number of passengers is eleven. The officers and crew twenty-six now. One of our number is no more. On Monday morning, the 18th of November, off Cape Horn, Thomas L. King fell from the foremast, struck the rail, and thence fell into the sea. He soon disappeared. The scene on deck for a moment I can never forget. It was blowing a gale, the waves running mountains high. Attempts were made to get the boat out, but all in vain. He was a boy (by the way a good boy) about 16 years of age, from Boston. The captain, at 12 o'clock, called all hands into the cabin, the church service was read, a hymn sung for the poor lad's sake, and this was done the last for that day. God grant we may prepare both for ourselves and parents to meet the affliction with submission.

City Intelligence.

ORLEANS THEATRE.—The magnificent opera of Jerusalem will positively be performed on next now evening. Madame Bertucca has kindly consented to appear from her recent indisposition, to appear on the occasion. The entertainment will be gratifying to the many strangers now in the city, who are desirous of witnessing the great production of Verdi.

PLACIDE'S VARIETIES.—The performances continue to be crowded to the doors every night. The Ethiopian Opera Troupe are very attractive in their way, and the Ballet Troupe are very graceful. Put the Pantomime presented.

RACES ARE STILL RIFE.—After the meeting at the commercial Exchange on Tuesday night several gentlemen came forward and subscribed $1000 to the Metairie Racing Association, for the purpose of following out the spirit of the resolutions passed at that meeting.

Let us have a Jockey Club House—and a good one.

Capt. Jones Bobb, heads the list with a subscription of $1000.

PROMOTION IS RAPIDLY NO TRUE.—The lucky man having pursuant to appointment, met the Colonel in the chair, and fourteen members present. A motion that the resolutions made by the meeting appointing the returns made to the Governor, be appointed to take the census of the Mississippi, in particulars I which will be found in the Bee. Honor calls the attention of the Governor to the pressing demands of the Act to provide for the publication of the laws of this State, which make the speedy appointment of Attorneys in the Judicial districts necessary.

As to the reasons in the message, the commission of Mr. Shields required the joint signature of the Governor and Secretary of State, and not the Mayor's communication under consideration. Mr. Mayo was called to the chair. The secretary read the resolutions of the meeting, which were adopted, as was also the whole number of Aldermen in the Municipality by a vote of unanimity, and the appointment of Mr. Shields was confirmed. The Third Ward board then elected the members known by Goods Emporium on the Red Stone, between the two markets. [*Picayune.*

Mr. ROBERT A. CRUZAT, Notary Public, has removed his office to the Exchange Hanza from Bank of Louisiana.

Battalion of Artillery—4th Company.

THE Company will meet on Sunday, 2d of March, at the Arsenal, at 10½ o'clock A. M. Punctuality is requested. By order of the Committee

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New American Chancery Digest.

THE AMERICAN CHANCERY DIGEST, being an Analytical Digested Index, of all reported decisions in the Equity of the United States Courts, and of the Courts of the several States to the present time