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MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 27
Auction Sales this Day.
By J. B. Genella, at the Merchants' Exchange, corner Royal and Conti streets—Furniture.

Amusements.

We are to have a Varieties version of Romeo and Juliet to-night—Mr. Lawrence Barrett and Miss Henrietta Irving. The usual dance and a one act farce will follow.

At the St. Charles Theatre the elder Dumas's great romance of Monte Christo in dramatic form will be produced. Mr. Ryley to appear in a series of characters to which he brings the advantage of several hundred privious appearances elsewhere. Gorgeous scenery and costumes, mask ball and carnival scenes and fireworks will accompany the performance.

The week will open at the Academy of Music with a characteristic and entertaining combination of musical performances, serious and light ballet dancing, pantomimes and comic sketches, gymnastic feats, &c.

A spirited programme is offered for to-night at the Opera House, including a first rate vaudeville, a comic opera and an operetta.

A NEW STEAMSHIP FOR NEW YORK.—The Liberty, a new vessel of the New York Mail S. S. Company's line of steamships, commonly known as the "Star" line, is announced to sail punctually from the company's wharf in front of Jackson square, on Saturday, the 8 1st of April, at 8 A. M., for New York via Havana. Her tonnage is 1,500. A notice to take effect appears from J. M. Courtenay, agent, 33 Carondelet street.

MAIL FOR THE NORTH AND WEST.—Mail for the North and West, via the Mississippi River, will close at the Post Office at 5 o'clock this evening—this day.

Gen. Hurlbut on the Present Condition and Rights and Duties of Freedmen.

Gen. Hurlbut has written a trenchant and expert letter in reply to a communication from a meeting of colored persons in this city setting forth objections and complaints against existing military regulations regarding Freedmen.

The spirit and substance of this letter may be judged from the under extracts:

"——, March ——Your communication of the 15th has been considered by me.

It consists of premises that do not state facts and resolutions that are based upon false views.

The mass meeting which you claim to represent, was not composed of Freedmen, but of the Free colored people of New Orleans, free by the old laws of the State, and some at least of them, in the old system, themselves slaveholders.

Between them and the slaves there was all ways, and is now, bitterness of feeling. You are straining for social equality, they for personal freedom. The first is not a thing that can be reached by laws and orders, but can only come from the better appreciation of each other of the people where you live, time and is the creature of law, and can be secured by the sanctions of law.

They cannot be shown to the ground during a thing, because then they become paupers and thieves, and fall upon the Government for support.

Are you wishing, with your knowledge of society here, to have the military officers withdraw all control, and leave these questions of labor of Freedmen and of rights to some civil authority as exist in the State.

You well know that you are not, for I receive constant complaints from you in relation to invasion and neglect of your rights.

You cannot go away from the effects of two centuries of wrong (i. e. white and black in a day or a year, you must take time and slow processes of education to overcome such prejudices and habits of thought.

"You must wait and work; not call meetings and pass resolutions, but work patiently and slowly to educate the public mind both of whites and blacks for the future."

"Whenever the times comes in which the free-born can safely appeal to society at the civil courts for their rights, then the military supervision will cease."

Further and Interesting News FROM THE NORTH AND SOUTH.

Arrival of the W. R. Arthur.

NEW YORK DATES TO THE LAST HOUR OF THE 25th AT NIGHT.

Gold down to 153 1/2—Closing at 153 3/4—Cotton 157.

REPORT IN FINANCIAL CIRCLES OF GEN LEE'S RESIGNATION.

By the arrival of the steamer W. R. Arthur we have additional and more complete files of Western papers to the dates of the 21st from the chief Western cities and Cairo.

From these sources we are able to give some interesting items of Eastern news some hours later, coming to the last moment for telegraphing to the West on the night of the 20th.

THE SCHLEGT DUES—NATIONAL BANKS

Washington, March 20—The Government sends out by the steamer on Wednesday funds to pay the annual installment of school dues, $—— in gold.

There are now 478 national banks. Many applications are tendered in consequence of the decision, principally for conversion from State to national banks.

ENERGETICS OF THE PRIVATEER TALLAHASSEE.

Nassau, March 20—Capt. Pettigrew, of the British bark Sea Gem, at this port, states that prize vessels Tallahassee was at Bermuda, March 11, under another name.

THE RIGHT OF NEGRO ARMING IN VIRGINIA—BILL PASSED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

New York, March 21—Richmond papers contain an address from the citizens, recently assigned to raise negro regiments. They ask the people of Virginia, who have given sons, brothers, money and property to the support of the war, now to give their servants who will be willing to aid in bringing the war to a close. The Richmond Examiner thinks well of it, and declares the negroes make excellent soldiers.

The steel House, on the 15th, passed the Senate bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase specie for the use of Confederate State and pay off Treasury notes.

New York, March 21—The Richmond Dispatch of Friday says two negroes convicted recently of burglary and sentenced to be hung on the 10th of March, have been pardoned by the Governor upon condition of their volunteering in the military service of the Confederacy as soon as released from prison. They repaired the colored camp of instruction and were cordially inspected on the enlistment of fifty more in Richmond gone bravely on.

In the Sale Senate the following resolution was offered, but no action taken for want of a quorum.

Resolved, That the banks of this State are hereby prohibited from declining the specie in their vaults in exchange by loans to the State or Confederate States Government, until otherwise directed, and the Governor is required to render to said banks all the aid he can legally and safely to that finale.

ESCAPE OF SLAVES FROM SHERIDAN—EXCITING PURSUIT AND RESCUE.

New York, March 21—The Times correspondent says that the afternoon

[illegible] station, a dispatch was [illegible] saying that six [illegible] with two thousand men, [illegible] and that they were to take by twenty-four hours. Two days were occupied in destroying the Central Railroad. The next move was to [illegible] Fredericksburg railroad.

Two crossings of the South Anna were found defended by infantry [illegible] artillery.

A charge was made and the rebels scattered and their guns captured. Gen Custer moved toward the station on the 19th, and early again. He promised a furlough to the man who captured him. They pressed on with vigor. Capt Burton of Gen. Custer's staff in the van, and the former got up with Early's artillery and Breton thinking the assistant was Early, demanded his surrender. The answer was a shot that wounded the horse and brought the Captain to the ground.

Early escaped again, but was finally forced to turn the South Anna, a dangerous place. By this time Pickett's division, under Longstreet, was hurried up to near Ashland. His advance was met and driven back. A severe skirmish ensued in which first one and then the other was compelled to fall back. Sheridan finally moved eastward. With the Pamunky, picketing one and the Mattapony another.

ATTACK OF THE FEDERAL FLEET AT FERROL THREATENED BY THE RAM STONEWALL.

New York, March 20—The *Times* Paris correspondence says at a rebel council in that city, it is understood a decision was arrived at declaring the ceasement for if the ram Stonewall to attack the United States squadron in the harbor of Ferrol, Spain. This squadron is composed of the Niagara, Sacramento, and, it is presumed, the Iroquois. The Stonewall carries a 300 pounder and a thick armor, which leans to some apprehension in the minds of our vessels are but ill-armored. The Spanish authorities, however, have mounted a heavy battery, and are determined to have their neutrality protected.

UNSETTLED CONDITION OF THE NEW YORK MARKETS — LATEST GOLD AND COTTON QUOTATIONS.

New York, March —— There was a very heavy feeling all in the to-day list at the Stock Exchange, and a strong pressure to sell under the impression that the recent troubles had diminished value of the leading roads very much already.

The fluctuations of gold and consequent unsettled the loan and various have produced a depression in Government securities, in which have been invested to a large amount by banks and capitalists generally. These holders are as cuff to say nor very from the panic that they are now of the necessity of realizing.

Bank bonds [illegible] and very.

Coal and miscellaneous shares are generally depressed and lower prices were made throughout the list.

Gold speculation ruled very strong through out the morning. The average price was better than the closing rate Saturday evening. After the Exchange there was a falling off [illegible] the highest point of to-day. News from Sheridan alone could further to depress this market.

Money is [illegible] prevailing uneasiness respecting [illegible] difficult to borrow and produce [illegible] for sterling exchange.

The produce and [illegible] for home

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sympathized very closely with gold to-day. Petroleum stock [illegible] firmer, and steadier. Petroleum [illegible] and firmer, [illegible] refined in bond 50 @ 56c, free 70@72c.

GALLAGHER'S EVENING EXCHANGE.

Gold 152¾, old 152¾ @ 153¼, 10 10-40's 102, N Y Centrals, Erie 69¾, Hudson 105 1/2. Reading 99, M C 93¾, M S 59, Ill Central 109, Pittsburgh 69¾, R I 93¾, N W 61¾ preferred 80¾. O & M cert. 21¾, Canton 28. Quicksilver 65; Mariposa 10¾. The attendance was very large and excitement intense. Gold after sold solid down to 152¾, but rallied to 153¼, and closed at 153¾ and 153 asked.

Cotton dull, heavy and dragging; 57c for middling.

A NEW TRADE ORDER AT GEN. WASHBURNE FOR THE MEMPHIS AND VICKSBURG DISTRICTS.

Cairo, March 20th—The steamer Bella St. Louis, from Memphis, has arrived, with 140 bales cotton for St. Louis, 828 packages express goods, and Howe's Circus, for Cairo.

In order to prevent goods being sent into the enemy's lines, both by land and water, by means of fraudulent permits, General Washburne has issued an order, which prohibits the permitting of goods to go beyond the line of Federal occupation, except to persons who actually come from beyond such line, and bring in cotton and other products, and dispose of the same to the Government purchasing agent. This order abolishes the system by which large steamboat loads of goods have been allowed to leave Memphis, and to be traded with the enemy.

THE FRENCH MISSION SAID TO BE DECLINED TO JAMES GORDON BENNETT.

The St. Louis *Republican* of the 21st contains the following:

We continue to greet surprises left upon evening the following article in the leading editorial columns of the New York *Tribune*:

THE FRENCH MISSION

Some surprise has been expressed that the important mission was not filled previously to the adjournment of the Senate. We understand that it was tendered to James Gordon Bennett, Esq., of this city, but declined by him, mainly on the ground that he could be of more service in exercising our country from the present difficulties at home than abroad.

Since Benjamin Franklin in early [illegible] first ambassador to France, we do not remember that an editor has till now been appointed for that post, which demands in the incumbent a full and intimate knowledge of our own and of European politics, a ripe general experience, and a special familiarity with the history and career respectively of the leading statesmen of Europe. These qualifications, we presume, dictated the tender of the veteran editor of the *Herald*.

We may here mention, as an interesting historical fact, that Mr Bennett met the present Regent of France at a private dinner party in London just before the fall of Louis Philippe, when the conversation turning upon the condition of affairs in France, Mr. Bennett remarked that he had observed that almost the entire French press was then opposing the Government. This remark made such an impression on Louis Napoleon that he subsequently called Mr. Bennett and asked Mr. Bennett what inference he drew from the fact above noted. Mr. Bennett said as the United States, in a similar condition, the press would forecast an approaching [illegible] political power. The events which soon followed proved the inference correctly made with regard to France.

COTTON FROM OUACHITA.

Cairo, March 21—The Hooser came out of Washita river with 1,000 bales of cotton, 600 of which were brought up by the Bona St. Louis.

RIVER AND STEAMBOAT ITEMS.

From the St. Louis Republican of March 21.

The river here is 4 feet 3 inches. In the forty-eight hours ending at 10 o'clock a. m., yesterday morning, it swells three inches, and was then 15 feet 3½ inches above low water mark in Dry Creek, 1,500.

The Lower Mississippi, Ohio river and tributaries, are all at high stage.

The Illinois river is rising from Peoria down, and bank full.

The upper Mississippi is swelling from Dubuque down, with 11 feet on the rapids.

The Missouri river is rising from Leavenworth down to the mouth, with five feet in the channel.

(From the Cair Star, March 21.)

The Mississippi continues rising, which renders the fall of the Ohio at this point the more tardy. We regret to learn that another break of the latter stream may be looked for. A gravel train of the Allegheny at Pittsburg was coming out, and the swelling streams from the late rains in the west made the bank [illegible] but how far the fall will be sufficient to avert all danger. Let us therefore hope for the best, but keep ourselves in a position to meet any calamity that may occur.

A dispatch was received last night announcing the serious fact of a rise on the Ohio river in the Cumberland. Above Nashville the river was reported rising [illegible] and down.

The same paper in the river column reports a fall of 0 feet 6 inches for the previous 24 hours.

The steamers Indiana and Ocean Bird were announced to leave St. Louis for Memphis on the 21st, and the Henry Von Phul on the 22d.

The Cairo *News* says: The superb new packet Lady Gay will certainly be here to-day, and have immediate departure for the South.

She will probably have one day later date from New York.

New York Provision Market.

New York, March 21—Flour [illegible] and Western quiet, and prices are without material change. Sales 10,000 bbls. State at $5 @ $6 25; choice to fancy do $6 30 @ $7 50; round hoop Ohio, $6 [illegible] for to $11 00 for trade brands. Market closing quiet and heavy.

Whisky dull and heavy, with little export, by refusing to pay over $2.

Corn dull and [illegible] lower. 21 cars [illegible] for Western. Golden brown sold to the [illegible] ment doing. Sugar quiet. Molasses dull.

Pork decidedly lower. $[illegible] @ [illegible] for mess, closing at $[illegible]. Prime $[illegible] @ [illegible] for 1865 and 1864, each and regular way closing at $27 50 cash, $26 75 @ $26 90 for prime and $27 @ $27 50 for mess, seller 30 days. 1,100 bbls new mess, March, April, May and June, buyer's and seller's option, at $26 @ $31.

Beef dull and heavy. Cut meats dull. Beef to [illegible] for shoulder clear, and 17 @ 17½ for rounds. Bacon dull, 16c for Cumberland [illegible] for long clear. Lard [illegible] 17½ to 17¾ for shortening.

Lard rather firmer and quiet. Live [illegible] Butter dull, 14 to 22c for Ohio, and 18 to 35c for State.

Western Markets of the 20th.

Cincinnati, March 20—Flour is declined to $7 50 @ $7 60 for superfine, and $8 @ $8 25 for common to choice. Extra wheat unchanged, red, $1 68 to $1 70, white $1 85 to $2 00. Corn dull, easy, firm. Oats, 70c @ 75c. Rye, $1 10 to $1 13. Whisky dull, with small sales at $2 13 to $2 14. Provisions quiet. City mess pork sold at $26 00 day, mess rest and Bulk meats are offered at $13 to $13½, and sold at [illegible] without buyers. Sugar, 16 to 17. Coffee, 26 to 28c.

St Louis, March 20—P. M. Dulness was the characterizing feature of the produce market to-day, and, although eastern dispatches were received, their tenor was not such as to impart much life to the trade, and the business done was quite limited.

Flour—Sales of [illegible] New Orleans—flour $[illegible] barrel, pork $1 50, ordinary freight [illegible] per [illegible] cattle $5 per head. To way [illegible] below Memphis, 7½ per 100 lbs.

Tobacco—The market was dull and very heavy, influenced by unfavorable advices from New York, and sales were 5 hhds green and damaged logs at [illegible] @ [illegible] 3 hhds fair to fancy logs at $[illegible] @ [illegible] 3 hhds [illegible] lugs at from $[illegible] @ [illegible] 3 hhds common shipping leaf at $[illegible] to [illegible] 4 hhds [illegible] and 1 hhd common factory at $[illegible] per 100 lbs. The rejections were 7 hhds.

Barley—Sales 300 sacks prime [illegible] at $1 70. 200 sks prime and choice spring at $1 80 to 1 81 per bushel. Market dull.

Rye—Sale of a lot of 100 packages at [illegible] per bushel.

Oats—Markets very unsettled, and with few buyers present. Sales were [illegible] sacks, in second hand sacks, at 75c, 138 sks, in new sacks, at 80c, 176 sks choice at 82c, and 1,000 bushels to arrive on or before the 10th of April, at 80c, subject to inspection.

Corn—Market lower, and with receipts of 2418 sacks and 500 bushels. Sales were 1,000 sacks mixed and yellow at $1 05 to [illegible] sacks yellow and white at $1 06 and $1 07, 1 [illegible] sacks choice white at $1 08, 200 sacks do, at [illegible] and below, at $1 10, in new sacks, and 400 sacks mixed, in second hand sacks, at $1 02 per bushel.

Provisions—Transactions are confined to small [illegible] and to the absence of reported sales it is impossible to give the figures. We understood that mess pork is offered at $30, and could not doubt be purchased at something less. Sale to-day of 1,000 pieces bacon, pole hocks cut, loose, at 18 c, round, 18½ c, and 19 c country cut at 14½ per lb. round.

Bulk—Sales of 150 kegs, packed, at 10 kegs rolls, good, at 16c per lb.

Whisky—Market unsettled and very dull, and [illegible] only sale to-day was 10 bbls on private terms.

Hay—The large portion of the receipts were taken on in the lower by government. Reported sales of 300 and 700 bales light prairie mostly at $20 per ton.

Seeds—Sales 20 sacks flaxseed at $2 35. 35 bbls Hungarian grass at $[illegible]. 5 bbls clover at $15 50 per bushel, packages included.

Dried Apples—Market dull, and sales comprise 25 sacks choice at $3 per bushel, including sacks.

Beans—Sales 31 bbls prime at $1 80, 35 bbls choice at $2 10, and 10 bbls mixed at $1 75 per bushel.

Potatoes—Two lots of 100 and 200 sacks nominal.

Hemp—The market continues very quiet, with very little demand, and the only business heard of were 8 bales choice undressed at $[illegible] and 11 bales covered hackled tow at $[illegible] and 2 bales break tow at $[illegible].

[illegible] Prices are [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Flour—The tendency of the market is downward, but the demand is so light that [illegible] have done is not sufficient to enable [illegible] for round lots. Red [illegible] holders were some 10 cents easier extra, in lots, at from $4 [illegible] @ [illegible] per bbl., and a lot of super at $5 10 per sack; [illegible] at $[illegible] @ [illegible] double head, and 1 [illegible] at $[illegible] bbls do do at $[illegible] @ [illegible] bbls, and 100 do single extra do [illegible] at $[illegible]. Receipts were 1211 bbls, 350 sacks.

A New York dispatch of the 20th says a Liverpool letter mentions the death of Sir [illegible] the English prize fighter. *Bell's Life* contradicts the report.

SIR FREDERICK BRUCE [illegible] appointed English Minister [illegible] place of Lord Lyons, [illegible] family of which the [illegible] of Elgin.

THOS. STEVENS declares in [illegible] of Representatives [illegible] the [illegible] Treasury [illegible] of

Emigrants from the United States Landing at Vera Cruz.

The Vera Cruz *Herald* of the 11th says:

The English bark Henrietta, from New York arrived in this port on Friday last, after a passage of fifteen days. Her cargo consisted of flour and numbers. She also brought about forty eight passengers, principally from Pennsylvania, the majority of whom are mechanics and laborers, who expect to get employment on the railroad here. A number of her passengers also design settling with a colony which is being formed about forty miles from Cordova, on the Alvarado river. Through the energy and perseverance of a young gentleman from St Louis, Mo., a grant of land has been obtained on very liberal terms, and the inducements are held out for emigrants to settle on this land. We may be able to say more in reference to this colonization scheme in our next number, as we believe it to be not only practicable, but also to offer inducements such as no emigrant will meet with elsewhere, and from the fact of requiring no capital to commence with, we think it will prove eminently successful to a large number of our [illegible] arriving here.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Leg Broken—A youth named Geo Shaw was taken to the residence of his parents on Eighth street yesterday, with a broken leg. Special officer French reported that the boy got under a Government team, which caused the injury.

Fire—Twenty-three was turned on White street, between Dauphin and Marigny streets yesterday evening. A mattress and muskets [illegible] were in flames, but the danger speedily averted by the neighbors. The origin of the fire is considerably discussed and [illegible] A drunken man had demanded [illegible] his wife more money to continue his spree. Out of revenge, on being refused [illegible] fire to the bed, house the room.

FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

Cotton Shed.—Mr. John H. Carter, Sheriff 3d Ward, reports [illegible] 1st inst., 2,000 bushels cotton seed at the new and greatly [illegible] Shed. The Custom, the Yard, the Royal Public, the Petit Gulf. The Cluster, from Tennessee is said to yield in Louisiana 600 per cent more than any cotton. Mr. Carter has been for years dealing in cotton seed, of which he has had the reputation of always furnishing a superior article. Orders [illegible] at the Cotton Shed [illegible] or at his residence.

Late from Vera Cruz.

We have been favored by Mr. L. Joublanc and Mons Fernandez, Merchants of this city, who [illegible] the Vera Cruz *Herald* of the 4th and [illegible] Vera Cruz *Journal* [illegible] of the 5th, brought by the steamer Henrietta Gentry, Capt. A. Thayer.

There is no [illegible] or other news of importance to be obtained from the Capital [illegible] last March, who was [illegible] encounter with guerrillas near Tlaxcalantongo, on the 21 inst. He was at the head of a force of Austrians [illegible] and Europeans, 1,000 strong, when [illegible] Vera Cruz to attack the guerrillas who took to the woods whence their fire was so effectual that the Imperialists [illegible] killed and 17 wounded.

The duties of the Commercial [illegible] at Vera Cruz were to be [illegible] March 1st.

The Empress has [illegible] to the widow under her [illegible] and $[illegible] a day for her daughter.

The dispatch and [illegible] of the Vera Cruz and Tlalpam Railroad were completely [illegible] and [illegible] were announced to commence running to Paso del Macho, about [illegible] on the 20th inst.

Additional and Later by the Arrival of the Henry Ames.

GOLD IN NEW YORK ON THE 24TH—COTTON 2 PCTS.

From Mobile on Cotton.

Cairo, March 21—The steamer Ingers [illegible] the 20th inst.

Mobile, March 18. The enemy recently threatened crossing, were successfully [illegible] Gen Anderson, commanding Dog River, Mobile Point and Fort Morgan. It is thought the enemy intended [illegible] communication with Mobile, which point they have [illegible] from the rear of evacuation of the [illegible].

Last Sunday an order was issued for Federals for a direct [illegible] of the [illegible] private property to be [illegible] [illegible] and others to order by the [illegible].

The ladies of Mobile [illegible] upon [illegible] Gen. Canby, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]