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The New-Orleans Daily Bee.

Friday Morning, Feb. 22, 1850.

☞ Our paper will appear as usual to-morrow. The great pressure on our columns of official matter compels us to deny ourselves the customary relaxation of a holiday on the anniversary of the birth-day of the Father of his country.

THE BIRTH-DAY OF WASHINGTON.

This day, one hundred and eighteen years ago, at the house of a Virginia farmer on the county of Rappahannock, the feeble wail of an infant announced the birth of George Washington. No disturbance in the ordinary phenomena of nature heralded the event; despots did, not tremble with unknown apprehensions at the birth of him, who was destined to point the whole armory of liberty against their thrones; nor did the oppressed and enthralled quiver with mysterious joy at he entrance into the world of him, whose precepts and example were to be the guiding light of nations out of the darkness of tyranny into the cloudless splendor of freedom. His appearance was perhaps hailed only by a limited circle of friends, and by the enraptured parents, as the joyful consummation of the ineffable pangs of matrimony, and as a cherished pledge of the noble affection of the father and the confiding and devoted love of the mother. More than human foresight would have been needed to predict the future career of that new born babe. None but inspired lips could have prophecied that in the infant which was then greedily imbibing its first ailment from the rich fount of a mother's breast, lay undeveloped the germ of the greatest hero, sage and patriot that was ever born to teach mankind its own inherent rights and dignity. In that, as in other events of vast magnitude, intimately affecting the character and progress of the human race, the Superintending Power that shapes and controls the Universe, wrought out its plans by means invisible to mortal ken, and effected its stupendous schemes of human regeneration through the instrumentality of a farmer's son, born and reared in the wild woods of a land far removed from the focus of civilization and of letters.

The infant throve and waxed healthy and strong. His history is as familiar as household words. From his first display of dauntless heroism and immutable firmness during the ambuscade that proved fatal to the rash and unprecipitate Gen. Braddock, to the crowning glory of his Farewell Address, when he relinquished the cares and responsibilities of office, in words of affectionate admonition and profound import to his countrymen, every incident in his life, every act of calm and well-sustained courage, every word of wisdom hardly less pregnant with meaning than the axioms of Holy Writ, are indefaceably stamped upon the memory of the American people. To recapitulate them would be a work of supererogation.

Washington was the greatest reformer that ever lived. If the marvellous discovery of the German mechanic imparted to us the art of multiplying and diffusing knowledge; if the Italian mariner, with his compass and needle, enabled enterprize to venture its explorations upon the trackless ocean, and to bring back the rich products of unknown realms; if Galileo, with his telescope, taught us to unveil the secrets of the starry world, Washington sought for more for the happiness and welfare of humanity. His mission was to exalt and dignify man's perceptions of his own capacity, destiny and worth. He aroused us to a more determined self-protective spirit, and quelled the timid perception until it ceased to be expected by the instructions, it pervaded the human mind in the form of a yearning for rational liberty and a [illegible] of the capacity of man for self-government and the modern world have made us the exemplar and the model. We have had the courage to be free. It is no irreverent act to be it said, that if the anthem of the multitudes of Christianity gave to the world those divine precepts whose observance must lead to eternal happiness, Washington taught us those grand principles of human action, without which it were vain to expect the steady advancement of the human mind and the progressive amelioration of the human character.

The parting words of our pure patriot should linger in the mind at this eventful crisis in our history. His exhortations to avoid sectional strife, and to stand by the Union, should be perused and reperused by those who have lightly and recklessly lent themselves to the fomenting of that unhappy controversy that now agitates the councils of the nation. Let us but cherish the spirit in which that immortable and touching Farewell was penned, and we shall have little difficulty in adjusting all subjects of difference, and in once more presenting the spectacle of a powerful, united and harmonious people.

From the realms of unspeakable glory, the disembodied soul of Washington is perhaps, even now gazing anxiously upon his children, and watching the result of our perplexing and perilous reckonings. Let us resolve to prove ourselves worthy of the Father of His Country, and to preserve forever, in all its integrity, the priceless inheritance which he gathered for his children.

☞ Those interested in the proceedings of the Legislature would do well to examine daily the third page of our paper, where, in general, the journals of the two Houses, and the official reports are published.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.—At Recorder Baldwin's Court, the individual named Glenn, charged with stealing a medal from Messrs Bodgen & McMurdo, at the late fire, was committed for trial before the First District Court. In the First Municipality, John Coleman, Patrick Skiffington and E. Bazinet, were sent before the First District Court, on the charge of larceny.

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR.—Our friend SPEAR is out under the comprehensive double platform of the crevasse, and the Poor man's Friend. See his announcement in another column. Mr. JOKE is still in the field. By the way, we shall publish a communication from the latter in to-morrow's paper, to which we invite attention.

LIFE AND WRITINGS OF EDGAR A POE.—We are indebted to J. C. Morgan, of Exchange Place, for a copy of the works of this erratic and unfortunate child of genius, compiled and arranged, with notices of his life and editorial remarks upon his productions, by Messrs Wilcox Lowell and Griswold. The work is published in very handsome style, by J. S. Redfield of New York.

DECISION IN THE GAINES CASE.—The room of the U. States Circuit Court was densely crowded yesterday morning, in anticipation of the delivery of a decision in the celebrate Gaines case. Judge McKinley remarked at the opening of the Court, that he had been unable to agree in opinion with his associate, Judge McCaleb, and should therefore abstain from delivering any decision himself, not being willing to reverse the previous judgment of the Supreme Court. His Honor then retired from the bench, when Judge McCaleb delivered a very lengthy decision adverse to the claims of the plaintiff.

The case will now go up to the Supreme Court.

☞ The *Canada*, which arrived on the 15th ult., from Liverpool, brought the largest mail which had ever been received at the port of New York, (49,000 letters) but she has been entirely outdone by the *Europa*, whose mails reached the enormous amount of fifty-five thousand letters. Of these, nearly twenty thousand went for the city of New York. Should the foreign correspondence continue to increase in the ratio during the remainder of the season, Congress might probably be forced to admit the necessity for steamer accommodations [illegible] now refused [illegible] Hall [illegible] quently obtain.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

[By the Southern Line.]

[TRANSMITTED TO THE N. O. BEE.]

BALTIMORE, February 19.

New York Markets.

Cotton has advanced 1/4c at New York, with sale of three thousand bales. Fair Upland is quoted a 10c; Orleans at 12c. Flour is firmer; Western brands command $5. Corn is improving, and is quoted at 61c. New Mess Pork at 18¾, and Prime 13. Lard in barrels 6¾. Coffee, Sugar and Molasses unchanged. Tobacco is improving.

In Baltimore, to-day, 200 bbls. New Orleans Sugar were sold, at 4¾ 4¾c.

The reports from Washington, in reference to the resignation of members of the Cabinet, are wholly groundless.

SECOND DESPATCH.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.

The purport of this despatch is extremely obscure. We gather from it, however, that great excitement prevailed at Montreal, and that a mob had assembled at Three Rivers, to make a demonstration against the School Act; that the Assembly House, the Canadian Institute, and the Governor's office were burnt on the 17th, and that troops had been called out to quell the disturbances.

Congress.

In the SENATE, on the 12th, the morning hour was occupied in the discussion of a motion to receive a petition praying that slavery may not be extended to California and New Mexico. Mr. Berrien then concluded his address on the compromise resolutions. After which, a joint resolution, authorizing the appointment of a special clerk to the Supreme Court, was taken up and adopted.

In the HOUSE, the joint resolution from the Senate, limiting the expenses of collecting the revenue from customs for the present fiscal year was passed, with an amendment allowing a million and a quarter for the last half of the present fiscal year, together with the amount received from storage, cartage, and labor for said half year, and in the same proportion for a shorter or longer time until Congress shall act upon the subject, and suspending the legal restriction of salaries in California and Oregon during such time.

In the SENATE, on the 13th, the joint resolution for limiting the expense of collecting the revenue, as amended by the House of Representatives, was passed, with a proviso, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of, lease or retain the bonded warehouses, at his discretion. A message was received from the President of the United States, enclosing a copy of the constitution of California, as received from the hands of the Honorable William M. Gwin, Senator elect; and a motion was made by Mr. Benton, that the subject be referred to a select committee, of which Mr. Clay should be chairman; but, as the motion could only be entertained by unanimous consent, and Mr. Foote having objected, the subject was laid over till to-morrow. The Senate then resumed the consideration of Mr. Clays' compromise resolutions; upon which Mr. Davis, of Mississippi addressed the Senate, but had not concluded his remarks when the Senate went into executive session; after which that body adjourned.

In the HOUSE, a message from the President enclosing a copy of the constitution of California, having been referred to the Committee of the Whole, on a motion to reconsider, the vexed question was again debated by Mr. Stanton of Tennessee, and others. Subsequently, the Senate's amendment to the resolution for limiting the expense of collecting the revenue was concurred in, and the resolution passed.

MONUMENTS FROM NICARAGUA.—We understand, says the *National Intelligencer*, that Mr. [illegible], charge d'Affaires of the United States to Guatemala, has sent some very extraordinary monuments from the Island of Zapatero, in the Lake of Nicaragua, to the Smithsonian Institution. They consist of two statues, one of which represents a tiger springing upon the back of a sitting figure. Both are carved in black basalt. They are not among the largest and most elaborate, as these cannot be removed except by powerful artificial aids. Some are as large as the columns of the Hall of Representatives.

THE ILLINOIS.—Our readers will bear in mind that the proceeds of the petitionances to [illegible] in the evening at the theatre of the Harmonic Association, are to be devoted exclusively to the benefit of the Female Orphans' Asylum, under the immediate and philanthropic direction of Sister Rose. The entertainment selected for the occasion is BULWER'S admirable comedy of *Money*, and from the materials composing the [illegible] and the ease and position be[illegible] confident it will be faithfully and excellently performed. As the entire receipt of the theatre are to be handed over to the beneficiary, for this laudable purpose, we trust that the public *en masse* will attend to bestow upon her an overflowing testimony of kindness and esteem.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Feb. 13—A. M.

ARRIVAL OF HUNGARIAN PACKETS.—The bark Harriet T. Bartlett, which arrived this morning from Smyrna, has on board as passengers Gen. Guyonia Turrecello and Prof. Pietro Horal, two Hungarians who fought under Gen. Bem. They are about thirty years old and make a fine appearance.

They were helped on to Smyrna by the Turkish Government, and Captain Baker gave them a free passage to Boston. They have letters to their friends in New York, where they intend proceeding.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Feb. 13—12 M.

LATE NEWS FROM THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—By the arrival last evening of the bark Arthur Pickering, from the Cape of Good Hope, we have advices to the 24th December.

The contest between the people and Government still continued, but the latter had thus far triumphed, in consequence of traitors who had furnished government with supplies.

Considerable excitement prevails at Cape Town. Half of the shops are shut, business [illegible], and many of the merchants are contemplating their operation with a view of leaving as the convicts are landed.

In the mean time Mitchell and the convicts are still cooped up in the Neptune at St. Simon's Bay. Letter writers predict that if Government attempts to land the convicts there will be a great outbreak.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Feb. 13.

LATER FROM CAPE HAYTIEN.—The brig Adelphi, from Cape Haytien, Jan. 26, has arrived. She brings nothing new. The foreign merchants who had refused to trade under the new monopoly law had determined to submit, believing that it must soon be unconditionally repealed. Coffee was not plenty.

☞ The Natchez papers seem fearful that the bluff in front of that town will cave in. A portion has already given way, carrying with it a number of beautiful shade trees.

ALABAMA PAPER.—The Montgomery *Journal* comes to us printed on paper manufactured at a mill recently established in Russell county, Ala., by John G. Winter, Esq. It is excellent in quality, strength and color.

REJECTION OF COL. WEBB.—As none of our correspondents were fishing in Senatorial depths for the secrecis of the Executive Session on Monday evening, we were not among the first to announce Col. Webb's rejection. One report says there were *eleven* votes in his favor, but another says there were but *seven* namely: Messrs Bell of Tenn.; Berrien of Ga.; Dawson of do.; Mangum of N. C Seward of N. Y.; Spruance of Del.; and Wales of do—7. Noes 31.

It is said that Col. Webb got no vote from a Free State but Gov. Seward's. We think Gen. Cass failed to do the fair thing by him.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

NEW YORK, Feb. 13—P. M.

VERDICT OF THE JURY.—The jury of inquest upon, after being in consultation about three hours, came in last night and rendered their verdict. They censure Messrs. Taylor & Co. for using more steam than they were informed the boiler would bear. They also censure Messrs. Willigon & Walker, manufacturers of the boiler, for allowing it to go out of their shop or hands, knowing it to be in an imperfect condition. They also censure Mr. Montgomery, the patentee of the boiler, for not publicly condemning it. Messrs. Pease & Murdock, they have are censured for selling the boiler after it had been exposed for so long a time to the open air.

☞ The attention of buyers is called to the extensive sale, for account of whom it may concern, of slightly damaged Virginia manufactured Tobacco saved from the late storm of Messrs. Bridges & Macmurdo, 35 Camp street, which takes place this day, at 10 o'clock, at the corner of Carondelet and Perdido streets, by Murphy & Nevius. The stock is [illegible] quantity obtained.

LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA.

[Reported for the N. O. Bee.]

BATON ROUGE, Feb 20, 1850.

The House was pursuant to adjournment.—

[illegible] a petition from C. Bellear, for relief.

Mr. Herrer presented the petition of Dr. D. Herrer.

Mr. Lewis—Remonstrance of the Medical College of New Orleans, praying for an appropriation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. King, from the Judiciary Committee, reported favorably on the petition to allow Cleo Boudousquie to adopt two children.

Mr. True, from the Committee on Parochial Affairs, reported favorably on the act to annex Musique Island, a portion of Ascension parish, to the parish of Livingston.

Mr. Auch, on behalf of the Special Committee, reported favorably on the following bill:

An act to amend An act entitled an act to extend the limits of the parish of Orleans.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Calvert—An act in relation to Parish Recorders, Notaries Public and Justices of the Peace.

Mr. Perkins—Resolutions ordering the State Engineer to repair to Mile Perry Bluff, on Sabine river, with the State bands.

Mr. Haynes—An act for the support of the Insane Asylum, at Jackson, for two years.

Mr. Abney—An act to create a General Weighmaster for the city and port of New Orleans.

Mr. Sargent—An act to repeal the second section of an act to celebrate marriages.

Mr. Morrow—An act for the relief of Thos Bigore.

Mr. Canonge—An act to regulate the elections in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson.

The House then passed the bill to incorporate the town of Bayou Sara.

The House then took up the report of the Committee of the Whole to amend the Constitution.

After a protracted debate, the same was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

ARRAIGNMENT OF PROFESSOR WEBSTER.—This legal ceremony was performed on Saturday, in the Supreme Court at Boston. The accused responded "not guilty" in a firm voice. He annoufced that Mr. Sohier and Judge Merrick were his counsel, who, being in Court, expressed a desire to have the trial commenced as soon as possible. Tuesday, the 19th of March, was assigned by the Court as the day for the trial.

The Journal says:

The prisoner during the reading of the first part of the ment, manifested considerable emotion, evidently making an effort to stand perfect. In finally hearing the first count of indictment, where it describes the manner of inflicting the mortal wounds, just as the clerk pronounced the words "with a certain knife which he then and there in his right hand had and held," &c., the prisoner let his right hand fall and rest upon the railing in front of him, where it remained until the reading was finished.

RE-VACCINATION.—We take the following information, which may prove useful to all classes of our fellow-citizens, from the Rome Journal:

"First, every individual is susceptible of vaccination; second, re-vaccination is not necessary before puberty; third, the system undergoes a change at puberty, and re-vaccination is then necessary; fourth, vaccination is not preventive of small pox; fifth, re-vaccination is a sure preventive of variolod; sixth, the third vaccination is next, seventh, the system is susceptible of variolod after puberty, whether the individual is exposed to small pox without revaccination; eighth, re-vaccination is not necessary if the first operation was performed since puberty; ninth, those who disregard vaccination are always liable to small pox if exposed to the influence of that dreadful disease; tenth, if every individual were vaccinated before puberty and re-vaccinated at that revolution of the system, there would be no such disease existing as the small pox."

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Official Report of Debates.

MONDAY, Feb 11, 1850.

SENATE.

The Senate met, pursuant to adjournment. The Hon. J. B. Planche presiding.

Mr. Ritter, on behalf of the Special Committee, reported favorably on the petition of Mrs. Jeffer son, to whom was referred An act to incorporate the city of Jefferson in the parish of Jefferson, reported back said bill, with the recommendation that it do pass.

The President submitted a letter from Colonel J. H. Dickens, the acting Secretary of the State House informing the Senate that the instructions of the builders was such that no apprehension need be entertained that the roof would fall in.

Mr. Bryce, on behalf of the Judiciary Committee, reported the following bill:

An act relative to the trial of slaves—with amendments.

An act relative to appeals in criminal cases.

An act to make the proper expenses of the last illness of her husband a charge upon the estate of Mrs. Eliza Ann Bullard.

An act to amend the 99th article of the Code of Practice.

And a substitute for the act relative to proceedings in criminal cases.

Mr. Bryce introduced the following bill:

An act to regulate the manner in which depositions are to be taken and to prescribe what testimony shall be admissible and excellently to provide.

The entire receipt of the theatre are to be handed over to the beneficiary, for this laudable purpose, we trust that the public *en masse* will attend to bestow upon her an overflowing testimony of kindness and esteem.

Mr. Bryce said that questions of the kind were very frequently before the House, and he would move to suspend the rules. However, a half would be required to suspend the rules, when the Rapidemist rives and the Mississippi will then, understanding the whole matter, be ready to act