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Tuesday Morning, July 26, 1853.

☞ The Northern mail failed yesterday from Beyond Charleston.

THE SLAVERY QUESTION—A RACY SERMON.

At the request of an esteemed subscriber, himself a large shareholder, we publish this morning one of the most witty, caustic and triumphant speeches on the Slavery question, which it has ever been our fortune to read.—Its author the Rev. Dr. Ross of Tennessee, was a member of the New School General Assembly, held at Buffalo a few weeks ago, and delivered in amazing series of resolutions relative to the backsliding of Northern professed Anti-Slavery Church members. The resolutions have been pretty extensively circulated among the Southern journals, but the full version of the speech by which Dr. Ross supported them has thus far, we believe, escaped observation. It merits careful consideration as an eminently witty and able production—in the words of a Northern cotemporary, "it carries the war into Africa so effectually, that, although the committee's resolutions passed in a modified shape, whereas Dr. Ross's substitute did not pass, all probably was not even put to the vote, everybody sees that the victory is on his side."—The committee's resolutions, although adopted, will be essentially inoperative, while Dr. Ross's, which were not adopted, will go all over the country, carrying conviction with them that there is quite as much need of investigation North as South."

Altogether, we hardly think that in these terribly dull times we could present our readers anything more mirth-provoking and yet more sensible than this same speech. Mr. Ross laughs his listeners out of their fanaticism, and compels them, by his admirable satire, to look into their own hearts, and perceive both their wickedness and their preposterous inconsistency. But for his imperturbable good-nature, which induces the Doctor to heal the wound almost as soon as it is inflicted, this speech would be one of the most withering rebukes of the hell spirit of Abolition ever uttered. As it is, few will be disposed to dispute the effectiveness, point, spirit and excellent temper.

BOARD OF HEALTH.—The newly elected members of the Board of Health are requested to meet at 12 o'clock to-day at the office of the Mayor, for the purpose of organizing.

MILES TUTHEMBERE.—We are indebted to the publishers, Stringer & Townsend, though J. R. Speer, No. 60 Cedar street, for a copy of this interesting and beautiful story, by Annette Marie Maillard. It is published in the very handsome style employed by Stringer & Townsend for their Library of Select Novels, and well deserves this typographical luxury.

QUARANTINE AT NATCHEZ.—The authorities of Natchez have determided to enforce the quarantine laws against all vessels from New Orleans arriving at that place. Boats must land at the quarantine station, and passengers will be detained 72 hours, while their baggage is aired and fumigated.

LATER FROM MEXICO.

ARRIVAL OF THE TEXAS.

The steamship *Texas*, from Vera Cruz, arrived in our port yesterday morning, bringing the mail from that place to the 22nd, and from the City of Mexico to the 17th instant, inclusive. The *Texas* brought $20,000 in specie.

The *Trait d'Union*—one of our best Mexican exchanges—has been compelled by a threat of the enforcement of the decree against the press, of the 20th April, to suspend its usual interesting batch of news, and to substitute for its lively and intelligent commentaries, a bare narration of facts as reported by the official journal. The Mexican tyrant has succeeded in reducing journalism to the simple nullity of the Cuban press.

There is, however, really little news of interest stirring in Mexico. The people have not yet awakened of their idol, and the rough shod style in which he is governing the country, either excites no dissatisfaction, or is accompanied by such significant demonstrations of force, as to quash effectually the slightest show of opposition. The papers continue to chronicle new decrees, most of which relate to unimportant subjects.

The rumor of a projected alliance between Spain and Mexico, reached the latter country early in July, and provoked no small amount of speculation and excitement. The *Universal*, which is the conservative organ openly expresses its approval of such a league, and publishes commentaries upon the necessity of a defensive alliance between Mexico and Spain. The *Siglo*, which is as liberal as despotism, allows it to be, is opposed to the scheme, believing that Spain is powerless to guarantee Mexican nationality. The *Trait d'Union* discredits the whole story, and properly considers it as a idle and absurd rumor.

One of the most pregnant signs of the times, is an elaborate movement in favor of the re-admission of the Jesuits into Mexico. An ecclesiastic, Mr Povidal, a member of the Society of Material Improvement, started the proposition, which was unanimously adopted, and a committee appointed to draft a petition on the subject to the Supreme Government. The result has not yet transpired.

The President has granted his exequatur to Juan Meses, Consul *ad interim* of the United States, for the port of Monterey, and to A. C. Allen, United States Consul at the port of Mazatlan.

Commodore Heyhand has, we perceive, been dismissed from the Mexican service, for having concluded his leave of absence, and for having rendered no service to the Government during many years.

The Government has ordered five hundred coats of mail for the use of the garrison at Durango—no doubt to protect the effeminate Mexicans from the arrows of the Apaches.

Among the decrees promulgated, we notice one relative to the Theatres, another prescribing the dress to be worn by the judges of the Supreme Court, a third, prohibiting business during holidays, a fourth creating an industrial arts, with principals and subordinate agents to be paid by the Government, and many others most of which are exceedingly frivolous.

The town of Hurjacar, in Jalisco, was visited by a terrible freshet on the 31st ult., by which the suburbs were completely devastated, and a large number of houses swept away. Twenty-three dead bodies had already been found.

A robber named Diego Soarez, who was at the head of a band of miscreants, was recently arrested at Puebla, tried and condemned to be shot. The Government sanctioned the verdict of the Court.

Some idea of the scoundrelism of the lower orders may be inferred from one fact—a few days ago a poor Swiss traveller in the neighborhood of Rio Frio, became destitute of means to continue his voyage, and received from a charitable German one dollar, and some old clothes. For this wretched pittance he was foully assassinated and stripped. When found, the body of the deceased was pierced by no less than seventeen wounds. Three laborers were arrested on suspicion, and seized with terror, they confessed their crime. The details of this murder are absolutely too horrible for publication. The assassins have probably been executed. Meanwhile the stage coach continues regularly to be robbed, while excesses of all kinds—political ones excepted—are committed with impunity.

The Governor of Zacatecas for the purpose of repulsing the Indians who have invaded that State, has ordered the enlistment of all the male adults between the ages of 16 and 50.

A severe law has been promulgated having for its object the punishment of public defaulters—a class of political pilferers which abound in Mexico as in the United States.

The Count Raousset de Boulbon has arrived in Mexico, and been introduced to the President.

A rumor prevailed in Mexico in the early part of the month, that Mr. Dotaer, and one of Santa Anna's brothers in law, while accompanying the wife of the President from Rocerro to Tacubaya, were attacked by robbers, that Mr. Dotaer was killed and his companion wounded. As later papers however, make no allusion to the story, we presume it was a groundless report.

General Romulo Diaz de la Vega has been appointed Governor of Yucatan. Mariano Silvas has received the office of Commandant-General of the State of Mexico.

A line of telegraph is about being laid between Mexico and Tacubaya.

DROWNED.—George Sibley, son of the late Amory Sibley, of Augusta, was drowned on Monday afternoon. He was a sprightly boy of eleven years. His body was recovered about an hour after falling into the river from a boat, but all efforts to resuscitate him proved useless.

☞ From a tabular statement in the money article of the New York *Herald*, it appears that there existed in 1852, 940 banks in the United States, with an aggregate capital of $310,598,311. their circulation was $100,173,154; specie on hand, $51,685,874; and loans $486,857,398.

☞ Ismel Rhodes has commenced suit at the present term of the Cleveland court, against the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad Company, claiming damages of $100,000 for the loss of an arm, leg and other injuries, while in the employ of the Company as fireman.

☞ Hon. James Johnson, late member of Congress, has accepted a nomination for re-election from the second congressional district. He opposes A. M. Colquitt, Esq.

☞ The attention of the city and country buyers is called to the sale of one hundred and twenty packages and lots of Foreign and American Dill GOODS, This Day, at 10 o'clock, by VINCENT & Co., at their auction room, No. 63 Bienville street.

TWO WEEKS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

Arrival of the Panama.

The steamship *Pompero, Capt. Frederick*, arrived here on 12 o'clock on Sunday night—an hour at which most of the newspaper offices are closed during the Summer season. The *Pampero* connected with the Pacific steamer *Sierra Nevada*, which left San Francisco on the 1st inst. bringing down 700 passengers and a large amount of gold.

Left in port at San Juan, British mail steamer *Tweed*, two sloops and a schooner.

The British bark of war *Espiegle* sailed from San Juan on the 15th for and the Rinaldo.

Steamship *Northern Light* left for New York an hour or so previous to the sailing of the Pampero, with 800 passengers and $650,000 in gold on freight. The Irish exile, Patrick O'Donohoe, was among her passengers.

The health of the town on the Isthmus is reported good. Transit excellent. River in fine stage, and roads in good order.

On the 21st inst., off Cape Antonio, spoke brig *A. C. Pratt*, bound to New York, from Bordeaux.

At 3 o'clock, p. m. on the 23d inst., Bailie bearing N. W., distance 50 miles, saw steamship Philadelphia, bound S. and Eastward.

The *Pampero* encountered considerable rough weather during her passage.

The following is a list of the *Pampero's* passengers:

Miss Relief Brown, Mrs May and child, W H Davison, G M Robinson, Miss R Goldsack, E Robinson, M Abrams, C Baker, Mrs Julia Frank, J C Armstrong, A J Benjamin, B Greer, J Mechroney and servant, J H Bowers, J Newberry, E S Middleton, H Stewart, J S Ravel, J Hollt, R P Wilson, J W Wilson, F Deming, G A Compton, J M Gray, J Gibson, Thos Watson, R Gilchrist, J P Lynch, F P Sears, J Halsch, E Peeples, C F Schiel, G M Peeples, Levi Spencer, H May Jos A S Morse, J S H Davis, J O Nelson, R D Nelson, J D Gilman, J Loudenbaugh, W Marr, Geo Masters, Jos Sinclair, Capt Holmes, J V Pelcy and lady, B F Myers, A Jamison—72 in steerage.

Through the polite attention of the Purser, Mr. HENDRICK, we have received the *Alta California* and *Herald* of the latest dates.

The Democratic State Convention assembled at Benicia on the 21st June, and after a stormy session, succeeded in effecting the following nominations:—Governor, Mr. BIGLER; Lieut. Governor, SAMUEL PURDY; Treasurer, S. A. MEARS; Supreme Court, ALEXANDER WELLS; Comptroller, SAMUEL BELL; Superintendent Public Instruction, P. K. HARRIS; Surveyor General, S. H. MARTLETTE. In various sections there is a very strong opposition in the party to Governor Bigler, but none as independent ticket is started it will probably give way before the day of election.

☞ We take the following items from the summary of news furnished by the *Alta California*:

Since the last steamer the news from the interior has been of the most encouraging character. Even all parties of the miners we hear the most favorable reports, and the miners are generally represented looking better than at any time previous. A great many water companies have got their ditches in operation, so that many miners are now successfully at work where it has previously been impossible to do any thing.

In the vicinity of Monkeisme Hill, they are expending the water from the Mokelumne river about this time. This ditch is one of the largest and best in the State, and extends through one of the richest mineral districts. The confidence which the near introduction of water has inspired the people with, is such, that there are almost as many buildings in process of erection as there are already built. This will give some idea of the prosperity of the place.

In the vicinity of Murphy's, the miners are more successful than in any district of which we have been informed. There are a good many claims paying in the way claims used to pay in 1849. From three of these, $5 pounds taken out daily, rather than of the ounces. The Union Water Company's ditch supplies all that section with water, and is giving returns to its stockholders that might sound like a fabulous tale, if told in round numbers. Some tunneling operations are going on about there that have exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine.

At Columbia and vicinity the miners are doing better than at the dates before supplied with water from the ditch of the Tuolumne County Water Company. This ditch is also paying large dividends on the stock.

Sonora is probably improving as fast as any town in the State. It is now expected that a large part of the emigration from the States will come through there, and the citizens of the vicinity are making strong efforts to build a road through to Walker's river, which will lessen the distance very much for the emigrants. Enough money has already been subscribed and paid in to insure that the road will be made. A grand ball is to come off in Sonora on the 22nd, under a large portion of the main street of the town. A charter has been obtained from the city government, and it is the opinion that the operation will be one of the largest and most profitable ever commenced in that part of the country.

At Jamestown, Montezuma, and in fact in all of the Southern Mines, there seems to be a general state of prosperity, and the miners are taking out a large quantity of gold.

A man by the name of Otto Beasco was severely injured in the neighborhood of Columbia, in attempting to blast a rock. He was very much injured about the head, but it is thought he will not loose his eyesight.

In the neighborhood of Stockton, the grasshoppers are the cause of immense ravages, destroying every thing of a vegetable kind that they can light upon.

In the vicinity of Grass Valley miners are said to be doing better than at any previous time. Large tunneling operations are going on there generally by the Chinese.

A duel took place at Marysville between Col. Rust of the *Express* and Judge Sludger of the *Herald*. The latter was wounded in the foot and the affair was settled.

The Whigs throughout the State are preparing for the fall election. Delegates to the Convention to be held at Sacramento on the 6th of July, are already chosen in many counties. Capt. William Waldo has the best prospect now of being nominated them to get Gen. David F. Douglass and F. A. Crabb, of San Joaquin, are also mentioned to be in the field for the same nomination.

San Francisco News.

Mr. William O'Donohoe, one of the Irish patriots and exiles in Australia, has escaped, and arrived at San Francisco on the 22d of June.—He has published an account of his escape.

The convention for the revision of the charter of San Francisco, has concluded its labors.

Grades have been established for the streets of the city east of Kearny and north of Market street.

At a meeting of the business men, it was resolved, that money should be collected and lawyers employed, to try the constitutionality of the present Vigilance Laws Committee, and secure taxes on labor and enterprise.

The question of what signals should be used at the Golden Gate, to enable vessels to find the entrance at all times, in safety, has attracted considerable attention.

The clipper ship Typhoon, when leaving the harbor, struck upon a rock and stove a hole in her bottom. She returned and ran upon the rocks near Rincon Point to repair.

Mademoiselle Dumier, a celebrated actress and danseuse, from South America, has arrived from Valparaiso.

Miss Ella Bruce, the popular ballad singer, from New York, has given one concert.

Lola Montes has gone to Sacramento. It is reported that she is to be married.

About a month ago a thousand head of cattle have been driven this year from Los Angeles county to the Northern markets.

Some immigrants have arrived from New Mexico, and a few have arrived over the Northern route.

Oregon.

Gold has been found on the Santiam river.—There was considerable excitement in Portland in regard to it.

Very good coal has been discovered near St. Helens.

Gen. Lane has been elected delegate to Congress by about 1600 majority over Skinner.

Another Conflagration!—Keough and Ready Destroyed by Fire.

On Tuesday morning, 26th ult., about 3 o'clock, a fire broke out in the store of Mr. Brundage, in the town of Keogh and Ready, Nevada county, which could not be arrested in its progress until the greater part of the town had been laid in ashes. Our statement is to the effect that only fifteen buildings, of all descriptions, were left standing, among which was the Post Office. Adams & Co's Express Office was burned, but the books and papers were saved. But few goods were saved by any of the sufferers, and one store only, that of Mary Wood's escaped. The number of houses destroyed exceeded forty. Downey's hotel, and a few dwellings at the end of the town, are the only buildings not consumed. The Oak-forula House was also consumed with all its books and papers. The females, who were inmates had barely time to escape in their slight clothes. We are happy to learn that no lives were lost. Adams & Co's Office would be rebuilt in twenty four hours. We find in the "Sacramento Union" of yesterday, the following list of losses: C H Howard's store, $20m, Adams & Co's buildings, $800; Union House, $1000; Ramon & Co's store, $4000; Empire House, $500; Martell & Dennis, merchants, $15,000 Brundage's House, $900, clothing store, $600, Comstock's boarding house, carpenter shop and store, $16,000, Brundage's building, $400; Power's store, $10,000; Tuite's house and bowling alley, $1,300; Nelson's store, $6,500; H Bright & Co's store, $3000; Owen & Elderton, California Exchange, $4,000; J Mitchell's store, 4,000, J Birch, stable, four tons hay, 3,000 pound meal not estimated.

From the *Alta California Gazette* we learn that the Indians near the head waters of the Stanislaus, have become very unwelcome, having killed several persons and stolen a number of horses and mules.

Wm Cranston Hamilton, a highly respectable citizen of San Francisco, from New York, died towards the last of June. He was co-editor of the San Francisco *Herald*.

The *Herald* has the following:

Capt. Anthony, the far-famed traveller and Santa Fe trader, left this city yesterday afternoon on his way to Fort Atkinson. It is to be given him the command, with a view to establishing a military post on the Nemaha River, and to protect the Indians from the encroachments of the whites. Capt. Anthony will be accompanied by a company of Texas Rangers, who will be stationed at the Fort. Through the kindness of Capt. Anthony we have been favored with a copy of the Fort Atkinson Gazette, published at the Fort, which contains the news down to the 4th inst. Nothing of importance. The Indians are very troublesome, and have stolen a number of horses and mules.

The Sacramento *Union* of the 23d says:

Who are the descendants of the first Maryland Legislature? Where do their representatives live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Virginia? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Massachusetts? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Connecticut? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Rhode Island? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of New York? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Pennsylvania? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of New Jersey? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Delaware? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of North Carolina? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of South Carolina? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Georgia? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Kentucky? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Tennessee? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Ohio? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Louisiana? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Indiana? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Illinois? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Mississippi? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Alabama? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Missouri? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Arkansas? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Michigan? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Florida? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Texas? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Iowa? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of Wisconsin? Where do they live? Who are the descendants of the first Legislature of California? Where do they live?

☞ From a statement published in the Cincinnati papers, it appears that the Ohio Life and Trust Company has failed to redeem its notes in specie, and has suspended payment. The assets are said to be sufficient to pay all the liabilities of the Company.

☞ Lieutenant Maury is going to Brussels, to confer with European hydrographers, pilots, &c., concerning the Winds and Currents of the great seas of the world. This will be a grand movement in carrying out the ideas of old Hannibal. Let his request, the Emperor of Russia has established a long chain of magnetic stations from Moscow to Peking, across Northern Asia, for the purpose of interrogating the wild oracles of the Winds. Temples to the winds (and fire) were the earliest raised in Greece, and the magnetic stations would seem the most appropriate monuments to the winds, by sea and land, to know "whence the wind cometh, and whither it goeth," are among the most important of this scientific age.

☞ Mr. Pierce has removed Mr. Goodrich, our Consul at Paris, contrary to a memorial addressed to him by prominent American citizens, resident there, to have Mr. Goodrich retained. Cause—Mr. Goodrich is not a Democrat—or, a Pierceite or Dixonsonist.

☞ Beautiful specimens of variegated black marble have been discovered on White river, Arkansas. For beauty and fineness it is said to equal the Egyptian article.

☞ The Providence Journal, in giving an account of a Fourth of July dinner in that city to the colored people, on which occasion they made the following very sensible suggestions:

"Some irregularities would naturally occur in so large an assembly and on so joyful an occasion but they are hardly worth noting. We do indeed regret, however, as a general rule, that the colored waiters sat down at the table in their shirt sleeves, before the Mayor was left to wait upon himself. It is the dignity of labor to take off their hats. But it is a free country and it was Independence day."

THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF BLACKS NORTH AND SOUTH.—The Richmond Examiner publishes an interesting statistical article, contrasting the physical condition of the free blacks of the North, and of the slaves of the South. The Examiner says:

"In Maine, there are 1355 free blacks, of whom 34 are insane—*one to fourteen!* In Louisiana, there were 63 insane out of 192,194 slaves—*one to every four thousand three hundred and ten.* In Massachusetts, the ratio of insanity among the free negroes was 1 to every 178. In Virginia, 1 to 1143. In Missouri, 1 to 979. In Illinois, 1 to 1143. The census of 1850 showed that there was one blind person in every 1445 whites, one blind to every 3643 slaves, while there was one blind person in every 5000 of the population of the Abolitionists at the North, there is *one blind to every 870.* There is one idiot to every 1031 whites, and one idiot to every 4376 free blacks at the North! The total of afflicted, of blind, deaf, dumb, idiotic, and insane among slaves at the South, is *one to every 1055*, while the horrid statistics of wretchedness among the free blacks of the North, under the care of Gerrit Smith, Garrison, Aunt Harriet, and Douglass, is the ratio of *one to every three hundred and eleven!*

WOMEN AND LADIES.—In the days of our fathers, there were such things to be met with as men and women—but now they are all gone, and in their place a race of gentlemen and ladies, or, to be still more refined, a race of "ladies and gentlemen," has sprung up. Women and girls are among the things that were. But "ladies" are found every where. Miss Mortissa, wishing to see the women wards in Pentonville, was answered by the warders, "We have no ladies here at present, madam." Now, as far as the ladies were concerned, it was very well that none of them were in prison; but then, it sounds a little odd—ladies in prison! It would seem bad enough for women to go to such a place.

A lecturer discoursing upon the characteristics of women, illustrated them: "Who were the last at the cross? Ladies. Who were the first at the sepulchre? Ladies. This is modern improvement, we have heard of but one thing that beats the above. It was the finishing touch to marriage ceremony, performed by, or on the part of, a Yankee. All were assembled. When he had thrown the chain of Hymen around the happy couple, he concluded by saying, "I now pronounce you husband and lady."

The audience smelled their handkerchiefs for their mouths, and got out of the room as quickly as possible, to take breath.

☞ The attention of transgressors is invited to the following little piece of poetry;

We had a dream the other night,
When all around was still—
We dreamed we saw a host of fifes
Pay up their Printer's bill!

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE N. O. BEE.]

[By the Southern Line.]

Mail Boat Two to Mobile.

Mobile, July 25.

An election was held to-day, to take the vote of the property holders of this city on the question of the propriety of issuing $100,000 of Bonds to aid in the construction of the Grand Railroad. The result was in favor of the issue of bonds, the vote standing 1,000 to 500, the vote requiring only to favor of, and only 33 against the measure.

Arrival of the Northern Light.

New York, July 25, 12 P. M.

The steamship Northern Light has arrived here from San Juan with dates from San Francisco of the 1st inst.

Freights.

Sierra Nevada—Panama.

Pennsylvania, July 25, 6:12 P. M.

Many contracts exist in this city with regard to the arrest of a fugitive slave, for whom a writ of Habeas Corpus has been issued. Mr. Hopkins, the Deputy Marshal, refused to produce the body of the slave under the writ, and the Court has commenced proceedings against him.

Abolitionism in Syracuse.

Washington, July 25.

It is reported here that Mr. Soulé has been appointed Minister to France, but the fact is he has not sworn until the August mission is over.

New York Stocks.

New York, July 25.

The Cotton market here is firm, and yesterday's sales reached over 2000 bales, principally at 9 1/2 @ 9 5/8c for Mobile and 9 1/2 @ 9 3/4c for Orleans.

New York, July 26.

The Cotton market has been quiet to-day, but prices are unchanged.

COMMERCIAL.

The Markets.

CITY OFFICE
Saturday Evening, July 23, 1853.

The Cotton market now is at a stand-still, and we can not hear of any sales of note. About 100 bales were offered to small lots.

Ordinary	4	Fair	9
Middling	4	Fully Fair	9
Good Ordinary	5	Good	9
Low Middling	6	Prime	9
Middling	7		

Exchange rule in better demand. Sterling 109 @ 109 1/2. Francs 5.15 @ 5.17 1/2. Sales to-day at 109 @ 109 1/2 Sterling, and 5.15 @ 5.17 1/2 francs. Checks par @ 1/4 @ 1/2 premium.

EXCHANGE OUT DOORS.

Sterling	109	109 1/2	
Francs	5.15	5.17 1/2	
Checks	par	1/4	1/2

There is nothing new to-day in Produce.

Steamboat Departures—This Day.

Alabama	Mobile	12 m
Southerner	Mobile	12 m
Louisiana	Mobile	12 m
Mississippi	Mobile	12 m
Wm. Brown,	Red River	5 p m
Ben Franklin	Bayou Sara	5 p m

Fire Department Items.—The Grand Jury met in session yesterday, and examined a number of witnesses relative to the fire in Carondelet street, on Saturday night last. The Jury will probably report to-day.

Fire.—Yesterday morning, about 2 o'clock, a fire broke out in the rear of the store of Mr. Hart, No. 79 Tchoupitoulas street, which was entirely consumed before it was discovered. The building was owned by Mr. Hart, and the stock was insured in the Crescent City Insurance Company.

Fire.—John Dreher was arrested in the Second District Police Court, on Saturday, by the watchman of the Fourth District, on a charge of setting fire to the house of Mr. Hart, in Tchoupitoulas street, on Saturday night last. The prisoner was committed to prison