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☞ Parties in advertising can see the Bee at the Newspaper Office, Chartres street, through yesterday afternoon.

TO OUR ADVERTISING FRIENDS

We earnestly solicit our advertising friends to send in their copies before 2 o'clock, P. M. as the immense amount of Legislative matter, and the pressing daily, compels us to push up the publication of matters by the greatest pressure of labor that attends it, by the exertions of our entire journal out at a tolerably early hour. To advertisers desiring transmitting their announcements until late in the evening, we will be reduced to the alternative either of leaving the mount out of publishing at usual hour, or else keep back the impatient printers.

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CITY SCOTT AND THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE

The state nominee of the New York Tribune for President is Winfield Scott, the Whig candidate for President in National Convention was yesterday nominated. We have quoted the Tribune's position in previous issues, and we now give the Tribune's position in the matter, which we commend to the perusal of the Whigs of Louisiana, who have labored earnestly in behalf of the Compromise and the Union, which we hope to transfer their allegiance to Gen. Scott, if, indeed, upon a platform which will contain no compromise, but a clear, decided, and unequivocal support of the Constitution, and the Union Scott, let it nominate him, if possible, by acclamation, because it believes that such a ticket would adopt a declaration of opinions on the slavery question not at all in unison with the views of the Tribune. It dreads a Northern man, because it believes he would be a sectional candidate, and that the South would be compelled to support a Southern man. The Tribune is decidedly for Gen. Scott, but it imagines that around the peace banner Gen. SCOTT can be rallied without the aid of Southern votes. Since the Tribune has put both its views and its pen to the keys to other journals of the same party principles, but Whig and all Free Soilers may look out for an echo from most of the Whig papers. But it thinks he contemplated some, we apprehend, wise and just, a class, true and humilitating failure. In the true place, the South will positively refuse all support to Gen. Scott, unless he stands on the Compromise platform. No candidate Whig or Democrat can receive the Southern vote, who does not bear the mark on this question. The Tribune, in its conclusion, anticipated from the White National Convention a set of resolutions pronouncing the adhesion of the Whig party to the measures of adjustment which are now the law of the land. Such resolutions must be adopted or the Convention will be shorn of half its representation. No Southern Whig will expect its nomination unless it stands by the principle and rules Southern Whigs would act in the Convention were it to falter with or flank the question. We speak for ourselves, when we say, we would not, if publishing at the time of the nomination of Gen. Scott, the selection of Millard or Fillmore or DANIEL WEBSTER would be, of itself, the strongest possible endorsement of the Compromise.

In the next place, while the South would prefer a united front against any nomination that was not clearly free from Abolition taint, we feel satisfied that the National Whigs cannot, without incurring contempt to be made the dupes and instruments of Free Soil machinations. There are thousands of cold Whigs at the North, men who have labored earnestly in behalf of the Compromise and the Union, who cannot be induced to transfer their allegiance to Gen. Scott, unless upon a platform, which will contain no compromise, but a clear, decided, and unequivocal support of the Compromise. We speak very plainly on this subject, for we feel that the welfare and perhaps the continued existence of the great conservative party to which we are attached are involved in the issue. If the North thinks it can do Gen. Scott, let it nominate him. But if it thinks it can do so without Southern votes, let it shark the slavery question, try the experiment, and see what the result will be. The Tribune says, and make different speeches to different Whigs.

Bravo, Gen. Worth. We tender our acknowledgments to Gen. L. Worth, Navy Department, for the following new publications:

Report of the Chief Engineer of the Mississippi River, to accompany the bill, by John H. Robins, Chief Engineer.

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CONGRESS.

In the Senate on the 16th inst. after the presentation of petitions and memorials, Mr Underwood reported the bill from the House making land warrants assignable, with a recommendation that the Senate do not concur in the amendments.

Among the communications laid before the Senate was one from the Superintendent of the Census stating the difficulty of making the Congressional apportionment, in consequence of the absence of census returns from California. The communication was referred to a committee.

A bill granting to the city of Burlington, Iowa, the lands heretofore reserved between that city and the Mississippi river was taken up, considered, and was ordered to a third reading.

The bill granting land to Iowa, to aid in the construction of certain railroads in that state, was taken up, and Mr Bell resumed the remarks commenced by him on Thursday last, and adjudged the Senate in support of the amendments of Mr Underwood, which gives to the old States a quantity of land equal to numbers of acres to the federal population for purposes of internal improvement. He examined the whole subject of the administration of the public lands, and discussed various subjects incidental to the. No question taken and the Senate adjourned.

In the House Mr Stuart, of Michigan, moved that the rules be suspended to enable him to introduce a resolution making it the order of the day for the 13th of April, to take up territorial business, which was agreed to.

Mr Orr, of South Carolina, submitted a resolution, which passed without opposition, calling upon the President to inform the House whether the accounts of Prosper Wiethmore had been adjusted, and if any deduction had been disallowed, and to what amount. Also, what steps had been taken to obtain the said amount, and whether any compromise had been entered into on the subject.

Mr Hendricks, chairman of the committee on mileage, reported a bill repealing so much of the act relative to the territory of Oregon as established the mileage of the delegates from that territory, which led to a discussion that occupied the time of the House till near two o'clock, and which was not settled when the House adjourned.

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PRICE KEY WEST. By the *Isabel* at Charleston, dates from Key West to the 14th instant, have been received. We take the following from the correspondence of the *Charleston Courier*:

Particulars of disaster to bark Franklin, of Mobile, bound to Havana, extracted from her log. With a cargo of cotton, 500 bales, left Apalachicola Feb 2d, bound directly to the port of New York.

Feb 6. At 3 P. M. ran ashore in 11½ feet water.

Feb 8. Commences light wind from northward and hazy. At 7 P. M. wreckers came alongside in an open boat. At 8 P. M. a sloop came alongside, commenced taking out cargo. Day's work 22 bales.

Feb 9. Took out this day in all 116 bales. At 4 P. M. ran out our hawser to a sloop to heave vessel off. At 6 P. M. got her off the reef, and immediately made sail for Key West. At 11 P. M. Black Key Light, bore W by S, distance 10 miles.

Feb 10. Commenced with light breezes from northward, pleasant weather. At 5 A. M. made Key West Lighthouse. At 11 A. M. anchored in Key West Harbor, furled sails. Seconds this day at 36 hours.

Report of divers employed to examine the sunken vessel bottom, cotton, &c. They find on her part of her cargo, and both ships have in some places two inches and on starboard side copper knocked off in places, and plank cut in some places inches in one place and four had a little dated. The divers have, after a careful examination, expected her to receive her cotton from the wreckers and proceed on her intended voyage, as she does not appear to have received any material injury, but does she leak. She has been libelled for salvage and cause is set for trial, on Monday, 16th inst.

Feb 11. Wreckers are now employed with half of ship Delaware of New York and under charter to this port, to transfer on her to-day, as soon as she is able to repair her damage and under water. There is, I understand, some injury to her. Wind and ships pumps have been tried to the entire satisfaction of each of the underwriters. Steam pumps were not used on steamer Isabel, but have not heard of their arrival. Capt Burgess is now with his ships, using his exertions to get her off if possible.

Her dis. cargo has been appraised at $[illegible]
Cargo sold for $[illegible]
Total $[illegible]

None of her materials have as yet been sold. There is more cargo in her, but it cannot be procured at present, as the wreckers have driven her up, and there now employed are at the mercy of the agent.

Great Defalcation in New York.

Is out of two of the Parties, and the Escape of a Third One.

A case of false pretences or swindling involving a very large amount of money, has, for a few days past, attracted the attention of the police of New York city, and on Sunday week, two men of irreproachable character, named Wells F. Hawkins of No 260 Madison street and Isaac N. Wine, of No 207 Madison street were arrested by the police, on an affidavit of Mr Cyrus Scofield. The Times thus details the circumstances which led to the arrests.

Some time since, it appears, a number of respectable persons associated themselves into a secret co-partnership as street brokers and speculators in stocks, securities and the purchase of gold dust, and from the Sandwich Islands as they arrived at this port in the steamer from Chagres. Some of the gang had an office in Fulton street, while their confederates had offices in Broadway, Nassau, Pine and Liberty streets, where the ridiculous financial operations were conducted and carried into effect successfully. The last movement to carry out their schemes was to establish an extensive connection among interlopers responsible mercantile houses and exchange brokers, by sending introductions from irreproachable sources, and then borrow at times large sums of money, as they from $10,000 to $[illegible] $10,000, $15,000 and $20,000, to carry out their assumed speculations in gold dust, etc.

The loans were generally for a period not exceeding 24 hours, in which time the Scofield's would generally returning with a check to pay for the use of them. In this way the partners acted so unblemished, and in the most implicit confidence was placed in their honesty and integrity, by those with whom they transacted these immense operations. Last week the sum of nearly $100,000 was borrowed, in the manner above described, from ten or fifteen men, having their brokers business in Wall, Fulton, Ann and Cedar streets, and other parts of the town. Thus securing a heavy haul, the principal operator absconded, having in his possession the large sum of money, and the other accomplices returned to pay back a single dollar. Intense excitement prevailed among the victims of the fraudulent operations, and many of them have sought the aid of the law, and have been in consequence of their utter inability to meet their notes. Hence their pain it the rogues are not captured and made to disgorge their ill gotten gains.

Among the sufferers are J. W. Barker, of Cedar street, who loses to the time of $13,000; John W. French, boot maker, in Ann street, to the tune of $[illegible]; John Secely, Fulton street, $9,000; Cyrus Scofield, of Pike street, $3,500; Dr Lit. thefield, $3,000; Jas T Moulton, $7,000; Isaac Scofield, $9,000, and many others whose names have not been ascertained. We are reliably informed that the principal defaulter in this extraordinary swindle is named Pin White, who, or a long time, has been living in a gay and voluptuous style, in Pike street, and in other of the fashionable avenues. The police officers are on the qui vive to find the missing individual, and have secured the city for his whereabouts, but up to this hour, evening the 17th, they had not succeeded in obtaining any clue to him.

Mr Scofield, in his affidavit, states that he was induced to loan them $3,000, from the 21st, to the 21st of December last, Wine & Hawkins applied to him for the loan of $2,500. Previous to letting them have the money, Wine represented that he was worth $50,000, and that it was invested in gold dust, and, further, that Hawkins had just become a member of the firm, and that he was worth $80,000; that he owned a store in Cutherine street, the goods in which were worth $6,000 or $7,000, and a house in Madison street, worth from [illegible] dollars, further, that they were engaged in buying gold dust as it arrived from California in the hands of passengers, and that they were buying it in such a way that it was impossible for them to lose, as there was a house under the plankings agreed to pay them $17 60 per ounce for all they bought.

Pin White, who has escaped, is a man about thirty years of age, stout made, and finely, about five feet seven inches in height, full round face, full eyes, and wears a heavy beard and moustache. The reports have it that he carried off about $60,000, and that his partners, who have been arrested, are severe losers by him.

WHIG STATE CONVENTION.—We find in the Baton Rouge *Gazette*, of the 21st instant, the proceedings of a meeting of the Whig members of the Legislature, to which telegraphic reference was made some days since. The meeting was held in the State Capitol. We take the following account of the proceedings from the *Gazette*.

The meeting was called to order by the nomination of Judge Baker, as to Mary, as President, and O. F. Connelly, of Terrebonne, as Secretary.

After a brief statement of the object of the meeting, Mr. King, of St. Landry, introduced the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, it is deemed advisable that the State of Louisiana should be represented in the National Convention, which will be held during the ensuing year, to nominate candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency:

It is therefore Resolved, By the Whig members of the General Assembly, that the respective popular delegates to the Whig National Convention be requested to send delegates to a Whig State Convention to be held at Baton Rouge, on Monday, the 16th day of March next, for the purpose of appointing delegates to represent the State in the aforesaid National Convention.

Further Resolved, That these proceedings be published in the Baton Rouge Gazette, with a request to the Whig papers in the State to publish the same.

On motion of Mr. Lumsden, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

JOSHUA BAKER, President.
O. F. CONNELLY, Secretary.

☞ The Ohio Free Soil Convention, at Columbus, February 11, recommended John P. Hale for President, and Samuel Lewis (Ohio) for Vice President.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE N. O. BEE.]

By the People's (O'Reilly) Line.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Monday evening, Feb. 23

The sales of cotton to day sum up barely 1000 bales, the quotations being for middling uplands and for middling Orleans 9½c ⅌ lb. Flour has been in our request at unchanged rates. Of corn about 12,000 bushels have been sold at 61c ⅌ bushel for mixed western. Lard in bbls has sold at 8@9½c, and in kegs at 10@10½c. Rice 3½@4c ⅌ lb. Rio coffee 5¾@6½c. New Orleans molasses 26c ⅌ gal.

The Philadelphia has arrived from Havana and Charleston. Our passenger, Christopher Amend, died on the passage. He belonged to Nashville, Tennessee.

Washington's Birth Day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23

The Congressional Banquet in honor of Washington's birth day has come off to day, and was a splendid affair. Speeches were made and toasts offered by General Scott, Justice Wayne, George W. Parke Curtis, Commodore Stockton, Thomas Ritchie, Thos. H. Bayley, M. Toombs, M. Cittenden, and others, all of whom took ground in favor of non-intervention and against the movments and doctrines of Kossuth, as relates to the United States.

The proceedings in Congress to day have been without general interest.

Ohio River—Markets.

CINCINNATI, February 23d

The river here is still swelling rapidly, and has risen 3 feet 6 inches during the last 48 hours.

Flour is selling from store at $4 12½@$4 25 ⅌ bbl. Provisions are generally firm, and holders mostly asking advanced rates. Whiskey sells at 15½ ⅌ gallon.

PITTSBURGH, February 23d

The river is still rising at this place, and there are now 17 feet water in the channel.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Tuesday, February 24th.

The demand in the Cotton market is yet limited, and prices without any quotable change. Flour dull at $4 37½@$4 75 ⅌ bbl, for State Brands. Corn steady at 68. ⅌ bushel for mixed Western. Kentucky Tobacco 4@5c. ⅌ lb. Sales of Lard in bbls, at 9c. ⅌ lb.

Arrival at the City of Glasgow

PHILADELPHIA, February 23th

The steamer City of Glasgow arrived here this morning. Her dates from Liverpool are to the 4th instant only, and her accounts have been anticipated by the Cambria.

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The river here is now stationary, with 17 feet water in the channel. The weather is cold and clear.

Important Arrest.

ALBANY, N. Y. Feb. 20

The police officers arrested to day having in custody Turner the murderer of the murdered last April on the occasion of turnpike and bridge robbery. Mr Feb. Turner was caught at Rome in the Hydraulic Mountain, where he had for a little time been concealed.

Mr. Webster's Lecture.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24

Niblo's Theatre was crowded last evening on the occasion of Mr Webster delivering a lecture before the State Historical society. He spoke in pronouncing Clarke one of the most eloquent ever delivered by him.

Ohio River—Steamboats.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 24

The river here is yet rising, with seven feet water on the falls. Weather warm. The steamboats Cincinnati, Burk and Jesse Mitchell have departed for New Orleans.

SECOND DISPATCH.

EAGLE HOTEL, Feb. 24

The Government land bill for Pine Bluff, Colesbaloma and Aiden station. The Senate passed Tax Bill for national purposes. Also a bill relating the use of indians and punish recorders. Also a bill conferring the M. Connon bill, special provision in commissioners to submission, to accept the grant of 1850 Feb. 5th. Also a bill to be decided in favor of the State. The House passed to a third reading the bill providing for a State convention to be located in the parished Rapides. Also a bill relative to the manufacture of shoes passed to a third reading. The bill relative to medical practitioners passed. The bill to amend trespass on public lands passed. Also the bill granting a bounty to slave labor.

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At Marysville there was more activity. Exchange on eastern cities was in demand at 3 per cent premium.

City Intelligence.

MARDI GRAS has come and gone. It was celebrated with unlooking exuberance of fun almost worthy the good old times. The day was ushered in at four o'clock by the motley and grotesque procession extending several squares, and the long line of carriages and horsemen presented a comical and to the stranger, unique appearance. Showers of sugar plums saluted every balcony and window along the routing and countless thousands of people throughout the city, shouts of glee to the blast of the trumpets and the rolling of the drum. Joyous carnival is now over, and gloomy lent begins. Shrove Tuesday is followed by Ash Wednesday, ends as it did and shadows each other throughout life.

MISS CATHERINE HAYES.—To-night is the last we say it with sadness—the very last opportunity we will be enabled to hear a specimen of the sweetest of the living nightingales warbled by the fair daughter of Erin. As to her last concert every body will be there. Those who have been silly enough to hesitate to forego the pleasure, will hasten to embrace this that opportunity. Those who have heard her, will be anxious to linger once more over the enchanting melodies of native land, of which she is so delicious an interpreter. The programme comprises a number of Miss Hayes' finest pieces.

PLACIDE VARIETIES.—This evening we are to have Paul Fry, with inimitable skills as the personator of the unfortunate victim of curiosity, after which the fine musical piece of the "Point of Honor," and the amusing farce of the "Post of Honor."

RACCOLET BOUNTY.—A little child named John Green was on Monday sent out by her mother to collect some little alms which were near her. She child succeeded in collecting $7 60, and was returning with the money, was met by a man at the corner of Claiborne and Dumas streets, who robbed her and ran off. A warrant was yesterday issued by Recorder Genois for the arrest of the suspected robber. We trust that the officer succeeded in arresting the heartless villain.

INQUESTS ON INFANTS' BODIES.—The body of a child was yesterday found in Carondelet Canal, and an inquest was held on it by Coroner Williams. The jury returned as the cause thereof that the child had been still-born.

A second inquest was held on an infant's body found in a vacant square in the Second Municipality, Orleud and Lesseps streets, in the Third Municipality. Verdict, dead from want of proper care and attention.

This body appeared to have been in the box about three days. The box itself was laid covered with cotton. On a bandage on the forehead of the infant was written with indelible ink—"M Louis Duceuse." The bandage will probably lead to the development of some mystery.

FIRES.—We hear that yesterday fired 825 by Recorder Caldwell, for carrying concealed weapons and disturbing the Variety.

THE SHELL ROAD TRAGEDY.—The examination of the seven prisoners charged with the murder of the Californian on the Shell Road, was continued before Recorder Caldwell yesterday. No positive testimony has yet been obtained against any of the accused.

☞ The Whigs of the Second Ward, First Municipality, will assemble at Prentiss Clubhouse, corner of Royal and Bienville streets, on SATURDAY, the 28th of February, at 7 o'clock, to select delegates to the Convention to be holden on the 5th of March.

We are requested to call the attention of our readers to the sale of the Succession of J. D. LANIER, comprising valuable slaves which will be sold THIS DAY on a credit at the St. Louis Rotunda at 12 o'clock the sale is under charge of Messrs J. A. Bayrd and Roy Auctioneers, See advertisement.

Appointments by the President.

By and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

John F Smith, to be register of the land office at Milwaukie, Wisconsin.

John S H Rainey, to be receiver of public moneys at Champagnole, Arkansas.

Wm M Lapsley, to be receiver of public moneys at Cahaba, Alabama.

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Thomas J Burke, to be receiver of public moneys at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

George W Wood, to be register of the land office at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

DIFFERENCE OF A DECADE.—Sir Pertinax Macsycophant, (H. J. Walker,) in 1842, wanted to secure Irishmen's votes for Polk and Texas, and he sent the following toast to a Repeal *Meeting* in Pittsburgh, inclosed in a letter, dated Senate Chamber, March 12, 1842:

"*Ireland*—The hour approaches when her glorious name shall be written by the God of battles in the *blood* of her *oppressors* upon the scroll of independent Republics."

In 1852, this same Mr. Walker is blarneying England, as a paragon, and proffering America an bayonets to defend her Queen from an imaginary attack by the Continental despots. It is the gold and the blood of the "oppressor" he is after now.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

☞ CRAWFORD, the American Artist, is said to be busy in Rome upon his Washington Monument for the State of Virginia. He has finished, in plaster, a bas relief of the Arms of the State. The figure of Patrick Henry is completed, and that of Jeff'rson is already far advanced. The bas relief has all the grace and beauty for which his works are distinguished. The figure of Patrick Henry receives the admiration of all the foreign artists in Rome. One old Italian sculptor speaks of it as the finest figure since the days of Thorwaldsen. Jefferson is represented severe, stately and thoughtful, his foot upon the broken chain, his arms folded, and holding in one hand the Declaration of Independence.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Official Report of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, Feb 19, 1852.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—57 members present.

After reading the journal, various petitions and memorials were presented by Messrs. Alexander, Morgan, Munday and Heard, and appropriately referred.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr Pecot, on behalf of Committee on Public Education, to whom was referred the following entitled bills:

An act to establish free public schools throughout the State.

An act to amend the several acts to establish free schools in the State of Louisiana, approved 16th March, 1847.

Also, a bill relative to parish superintendent of public schools.

Reported by substitute, as follows:

An act to abolish the office of parish superintendent of free schools.

Which bill was ordered to be printed.

Mr Parham, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, reported unfavorably on the following entitled bills:

An act to amend an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes in this State, approved 21st March, 1850.

An act for the relief of Wm Reed, and on Senate bill, entitled:

An act for the relief of Gustave Ducros of the parish of New Orleans.

Bill on the subject of the Jail of the city of New Orleans.

An act for the relief of David F. Tabor, of the parish of Natchitoches.

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City Intelligence.

MARDI GRAS has come and gone. It was celebrated with unlooking exuberance of fun almost worthy the good old times. The day was ushered in at four o'clock by the motley and grotesque procession extending several squares, and the long line of carriages and horsemen presented a comical and to the stranger, unique appearance. Showers of sugar plums saluted every balcony and window along the routing and countless thousands of people throughout the city, shouts of glee to the blast of the trumpets and the rolling of the drum. Joyous carnival is now over, and gloomy lent begins. Shrove Tuesday is followed by Ash Wednesday, ends as it did and shadows each other throughout life.

MISS CATHERINE HAYES.—To-night is the last—we say it with sadness—the very last opportunity we will be enabled to hear a specimen of the sweetest of the living nightingales warbled by the fair daughter of Erin. As to her last concert every body will be there. Those who have been silly enough to hesitate to forego the pleasure, will hasten to embrace this that opportunity. Those who have heard her, will be anxious to linger once more over the enchanting melodies of native land, of which she is so delicious an interpreter. The programme comprises a number of Miss Hayes' finest pieces.

PLACIDE VARIETIES.—This evening we are to have Paul Fry, with inimitable skills as the personator of the unfortunate victim of curiosity, after which the fine musical piece of the "Point of Honor," and the amusing farce of the "Post of Honor."

RACCOLET BOUNTY.—A little child named John Green was on Monday sent out by her mother to collect some little alms which were near her. She child succeeded in collecting $7 60, and was returning with the money, was met by a man at the corner of Claiborne and Dumas streets, who robbed her and ran off. A warrant was yesterday issued by Recorder Genois for the arrest of the suspected robber. We trust that the officer succeeded in arresting the heartless villain.

INQUESTS ON INFANTS' BODIES.—The body of a child was yesterday found in Carondelet Canal, and an inquest was held on it by Coroner Williams. The jury returned as the cause thereof that the child had been still-born.

A second inquest was held on an infant's body found in a vacant square in the Second Municipality, Orleud and Lesseps streets, in the Third Municipality. Verdict, dead from want of proper care and attention.

This body appeared to have been in the box about three days. The box itself was laid covered with cotton. On a bandage on the forehead of the infant was written with indelible ink—"M Louis Duceuse." The bandage will probably lead to the development of some mystery.

FIRES.—We hear that yesterday fired 825 by Recorder Caldwell, for carrying concealed weapons and disturbing the Variety.

THE SHELL ROAD TRAGEDY.—The examination of the seven prisoners charged with the murder of the Californian on the Shell Road, was continued before Recorder Caldwell yesterday. No positive testimony has yet been obtained against any of the accused.

☞ The Whigs of the Second Ward, First Municipality, will assemble at Prentiss Clubhouse, corner of Royal and Bienville streets, on SATURDAY, the 28th of February, at 7 o'clock, to select delegates to the Convention to be holden on the 5th of March.

We are requested to call the attention of our readers to the sale of the Succession of J. D. LANIER, comprising valuable slaves which will be sold THIS DAY on a credit at the St. Louis Rotunda at 12 o'clock the sale is under charge of Messrs J. A. Bayrd and Roy Auctioneers, See advertisement.

An act to exempt certain property from liability to sale for debt, and

An act to exempt from seizure and sale on execution the "Homestead of a householder having a family and to extend the exemption from seizure for rent, or sale on execution of personal property and effects to the value of two hundred and fifty dollars, and the wages of labor and compensation for professional or other services, to the amount sufficient to support a debtor and his family.

Mr. Payne called attention to the fact that there were two bills and he suggested that Mr. Sever's bill be taken up and read first, and his own next.

Mr. Parham remarked that there were three bills—one by the gentleman from Jefferson, Mr. Peck. The Speaker said Mr. Peck's bill had not been made the special order with the other bills.

Mr. Sever presumed there would be no extraordinary course pursued in regard to these bills. After the first had been taken up and discussed he was in the following toast to a Repeal *Meeting* in Pittsburgh, inclosed in a letter, dated Senate Chamber, March 12, 1842:

"*Ireland*—The hour approaches when her glorious name shall be written by the God of battles in the *blood* of her *oppressors* upon the scroll of independent Republics."

In 1852, this same Mr. Walker is blarneying England, as a paragon, and proffering America an bayonets to defend her Queen from an imaginary attack by the Continental despots. It is the gold and the blood of the "oppressor" he is after now.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

☞ CRAWFORD, the American Artist, is said to be busy in Rome upon his Washington Monument for the State of Virginia. He has finished, in plaster, a bas relief of the Arms of the State. The figure of Patrick Henry is completed, and that of Jeff'rson is already far advanced. The bas relief has all the grace and beauty for which his works are distinguished. The figure of Patrick Henry receives the admiration of all the foreign artists in Rome. One old Italian sculptor speaks of it as the finest figure since the days of Thorwaldsen. Jefferson is represented severe, stately and thoughtful, his foot upon the broken chain, his arms folded, and holding in one hand the Declaration of Independence.

LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Official Report of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, Feb 19, 1852.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—57 members present.

After reading the journal, various petitions and memorials were presented by Messrs. Alexander, Morgan, Munday and Heard, and appropriately referred.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr Pecot, on behalf of Committee on Public Education, to whom was referred the following entitled bills:

An act to establish free public schools throughout the State.

An act to amend the several acts to establish free schools in the State of Louisiana, approved 16th March, 1847.

Also, a bill relative to parish superintendent of public schools.

Reported by substitute, as follows:

An act to abolish the office of parish superintendent of free schools.

Which bill was ordered to be printed.

Mr Parham, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, reported unfavorably on the following entitled bills:

An act to amend an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes in this State, approved 21st March, 1850.

An act for the relief of Wm Reed, and on Senate bill, entitled:

An act for the relief of Gustave Ducros of the parish of New Orleans.

Bill on the subject of the Jail of the city of New Orleans.

An act for the relief of David F. Tabor, of the parish of Natchitoches.

By a message from the Governor, through his private secretary, in reply to a Concurrent Resolution, it should be decided in favor of the parished Rapides. Also, a bill relative to the manufacture of shoes passed to a third reading. The bill relative to medical practitioners passed. The bill relative to trespass on public lands passed. Also the bill granting a bounty to slave labor.

FOUR DAYS LATE FROM CALIFORNIA. The steamer El Dorado, bound to Aspinwall from San Francisco to the 2nd inst., arrived at N York, on the evening of the 16th. She brought $1,000,000 in gold. The passengers of the El Dorado made the quickest trip on record, between San Francisco and New York, the running time between the two ports, including the crossing of the Isthmus, being thirty three and a half days.

The rains on the isthmus had ceased, and the Gorgona road was in fine order.

The health of the isthmus was very good and passengers were leaving Panama very rapidly in mules vessels and steamers, tickets for passage on which were commanding a premium.

The propeller Pioneer had arrived at Chagres.

Salt provisions on the isthmus were selling at high rates. Beef had sold at $100 dollars per barrel.

CALIFORNIA AFFAIRS.—The steamer Golden Gate left San Francisco on the 2d ult., for Panama, with 300 passengers, a large portion of whom have arrived in the El Dorado.

New mines of great richness have been discovered 120 miles north of Sacramento river, which occasioned great stampede.

Three prisoners, named James Burns, James Peterson and Lewis Ottinger, escaped from the State Penitentiary on the 26th of January.

A health department has been established at San Francisco, the first act of which levies a tax of one dollar on every passenger arriving in that port.

No definite proceedings with regard to the election of a United States senator had yet taken place in the legislature. The Senate resolution in favor of meeting the House on the 20th to vote on election was laid on the table in House.

Mr Crabbe gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill relative to slaves and free people of color.

Brown, formerly a well known hotel keeper of Mobile and New Orleans, died at San Francisco on the 9th ult.

The Legislature was proceeding quietly with business at its new quarters in Sacramento.

The Miners Convention was late in season there, and the town was crowded with visitors, among whom were all the Senatorial candidates who were by no means backward in coming forward in the session.

The dry diggings were again destitute of water and the miners were flocking to the rivers. The late dry weather had an unfavorable effect on the Southern mines. Many of the richest gulches had become dry, and the miners were idle.

Further proceedings as to the trial of the officers and crew of the ship Challenge have been dropped for the present, the extreme penalty attached to the offence of which Captain Wainwright and his crew were convicted being five years imprisonment and $1000 fine.

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COMMERCIAL.

The Markets.

TUESDAY Evening, Feb 25th

COTTON The demand has been very active to-day and the sales embrace fully 12,000 bales, with advancing prices. We now quote middling at 7¼@7½ and good middling at 7½@7¾.

TOBACCO—We did not hear of a sale

SUGAR AND MOLASSES—There was a good demand for sugar with sales of 1000 hds at prices a lower. Molasses was active and 1000 bbls