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NOTICE.

IN order to facilitate the transaction of my business, I have given a general power of attorney to Mr. ETIENNE DUVERGER, my Cashier, under date of the 5th February last. Mr. Duverger is consequently duly empowered to pay all debts, collect all moneys and bills or accounts, which are due to the office of the undersigned.

G. F. WEISSE.

New Orleans, May 1st, 1851.

THE NORTHERN Mail arrived through yesterday, with the latest dates.

PROGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC.

The subjoined paragraphs from the London *Athenæum* have been going the rounds of the press. We may have published them before, but we will bear repetition:—

"The American crisis is not yet complete—the returns already received point to one of those periods of expectation. Less than a century ago, in 1750, the population had a total of 1250,000; in 1800, 5,300,000; in 1840, 17,000,000. This rate of increase was unparalleled in the history of statistics. But the population is now said to have reached the astounding number of 25,000,000. [This is not the suburb of Dresden, &c.] There are but two larger cities in Europe; in ten years more, it is said, there will probably be seven. Even London, in ten years from this date New York will probably rival in the same terms, be larger than Paris.

"At present we must consider that the commercial capital of America is not fed, like our Manchester and Liverpool, at the expense of the country; its advance is the type of that of the country. In 1790 the import trade was £3,000,000; in 1840, 80,000,000; in 1849, £100,000,000. In 1840 it collected 29,000,000 dollars. So far as the returns can be implicitly trusted, the population will in the present decade increase at the rate of 36 per cent. Should the 1-10-50 rate of increase be maintained for forty years, the population will then amount to more than 100,000,000! *German wars and French revolutions sink into complete insignificance by the side of considerations like these.*

"With such a comment, how well we may un-Jerseyfied the "Tears of Laughter" with which the American Senate recently received the inscriptions of Austria! When the United States shall, at the year of England, their people numbered no more than 30,000,000, and there were last measured against a European power, they were not more than 8,000,000. Ten years hence they will be paid to France or Austria! There hardly seems to be a limit to their growth. The valley of the Mississippi would alone support the whole population of Europe. In its vast basin, nausea are now growing up as if at the bidding of enchantment.

There is not a syllable of exaggeration in the statement. The growth of the Republic, from its boldness and numerical insignificance into its vast and teeming population, exceeds every thing that history or trade can furnish, and presents an unrated phenomenon on which the eclaircissant gazes with mingled astonishment and amazement. In all the elements of greatness, we equal the most powerful nations under the sun—in many we eclipse them. We have a population of unbounded energy and hardihood, and which constantly receives supplies from the parent stock. We have the only free government under the canopy of Heaven—the only system of policy alike applicable to the populous cities of a San Marino, or the unmeasurable extent of the American continent. In commerce, in the arts, in superior education, in medicine, in divinity, in every thing, except in the purity of its political professions, we much *par pasus*, with the elder and more expensive communities of Europe. Our civilization is young, vigorous, stalwart and expansive. There is aged, effete, cramped for space, worn out energies, and with no inequalities that place eternal barriers to the progress of the masses. With such advantages in position, command of means, extent of territory, and liberal principle, there can be no difficulty in accounting for the rapid and resistless march of our country, as there will be in divining its future giant paced progress.

What a spectacle will the United States present in but a century, if the ratio remain and whose position of her Sons continue to unite as now! Those who are called to succeed us will then number a population of one hundred millions, and the centre of gravity of the United States will be found in the valley of the Mississippi. Our population will be counted by millions of millions, and the wealth of the Republic will be the envy of the nations of Europe. Our possessions will then have extended in the same ratio, and all of North America will be the American empire. New York will then be what Constantinople is to Paris in numbers and extent, what Moscow and St. Petersburg are to London. Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago will be what Lyons and Marseilles are to Paris in numbers and extent. Vienna and St. Petersburg. The city of Washington will be among the wonders of the world, and the capital of a country which has between Missouri and the Pacific Ocean a population of 20,000,000 of freemen. There will have been converted into cities and villages the millions of acres which are now the property of citizens of the United States. There is in fact no limit to the prosperity of the American government, except that which God has given it when he girded the Continent with the Atlantic and Pacific.

All this glorious prospect may, however, be marred and blasted by sectional strife. It can only be realized if the people are true to themselves. Let them think of the past, and cause it to open ever upon them both to the future, and determine that as a united nation we will enjoy the matchless heritage bequeathed to us by those who gave us liberty and independence.

Mme. Sontag opera of Don Giovanni has been given in New York, by Wagnalz, with very splendid cast: Bosio as Zerlina, Truffi as Anna, Miss Whiting as Donna Anna, Mr. Marini as Leporello, Lorini as Octavio, and Benedetti as Don Giovanni. It is spoken of in the strongest terms of commendation by the musical press of that city, which says that it requires future *prima donne*, a tenor, bass and baryt ne.

Col. WALTON AND THE INSPECTORS.—A certain number of the Custom House Inspectors, wishing to give Col. Walton, lately dismissed from the office of Deputy-Surveyor, a testimonial of their respect and esteem, tendered him yesterday a fine silver Goblet, handsomely ornamented, and having engraved on it an appropriate inscription. The presentation took place at Col. Walton's residence. Mr. L. J. Conon, on behalf of the Inspectors, accompanied the compliment with an address, in which he expressed the regrets which the donors felt at the dismissal of Mr. Walton, and at the discontinuance of their official intercourse. Col. Walton answered in appropriate terms, and thanked warmly his friends for the testimonial they had tendered him.

CASE OF CORNUCOPIAS VS. WEBB.—*Superior Court*—Monday, June 9th.—Mr. James Watson Webb, in the case of Coddington and wife against him, in relation to letters, already referred to, appeared this forenoon in person, with a view of having proceedings opened as to the application for injunction, he having been taken as to time, &c. He read an affidavit, in which extracts were introduced; but Mr Clarke objected to their being read. Judge Sanford remarked that Mr. W. could show good cause why the default should be set aside, it might be so—but, as the case now stands, the motion for an order to that effect is denied.

THE PRESIDENT of the United States has recognized THEODORE W. RILEY, as Consul of the Republic of Chili, to reside at New York.

THE LYNCHINGS: TRAGEDY.—A telegraphic despatch from Lynchburg dated the 11th, states that Terry and Saunders, who were engaged in a street fight in that town, are both dead.

(OFFICIAL.)

NAVY DEPARTMENT, June 9, 1851.

John C. Hunter, of Georgia, is appointed a Purser in the Navy, vice Hugh W. Greene, resigned.

THIS DAY, at 9 o'clock, will be sold by Messrs. J. A. Beard & May, the slaves belonging to the Estate of the late Junius Rambo, Esq. Sale will take place in Ba. ke Arcade, at 9 o'clock. ☞ See advertisement in another column.

☞ We are requested to call the attention of the Trade, to the extensive sale of Sugars, which takes place THIS DAY, at 10½ o'clock, at the store of D. Bornio, Jr., No. 24 Custom street, by Morphy & Notrus, Auctioneers.

KEY WEST.

By the *Isabel*, at Charleston, intelligence from Key West to the 9th instant has been received. We annex the material parts of the *Courier's* correspondence:

KEY WEST, June 9th.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT WITH LOSS OF LIFE.—On Tuesday last, 3d inst., at about 4 P. M., as the crew of the British brig Sprightly, were engaged in her hold, prying out heavy pieces of cast iron, belonging to the Light House now building at Sand Key, Capt Anson her commander, wishing to give some instructions, went into the hold, at the time they were endeavoring to handle one of the pieces of casting, when it started, striking him on the back part of his head, and jamming him against the side of the vessel. Assistance was near at hand, but Capt. Morris never made to extricate him. He was conveyed to Mr. Tift's warehouse, where medical attendance was promptly brought through Drs. O'Hara and Jones. The poor man never spoke, although much bruised and suffering severely. He died on the same evening at about 7 P. M. He was buried on Wednesday afternoon, the 4th inst., at 5 P. M. As a mark of respect, the flags of our shipping were at half mast, also, those of the Custom House and Foreign Consuls, during the day.

Our island continues very healthy—weather unusually warm. Many of our citizens leave by the *Isabel*. Business is scarce. No other news.

The U. S. Survey steamer *Hetzel* will leave here on the 10th inst., agreeable to orders, for New York.

The *Mead* arrived here, per steamer, to take in charge of the new Light, formerly in charge of the late Mrs. Leonard. But, I understand, that as the figures have not yet arrived from New York, the workmen will leave here on or about 1st of July next.

JUST SOLD.—Some 20 bales of cotton found at sea among the Keys, entered I. O. I have been sold within the last two weeks, by the U. S. Marshal and at auction, for one-half, at $17 3 4 to 9.27. Many of them appeared burnt on the edges of the bales, though they had been scorched. They were push by from some vessel's dock. The last sale took place on the 23d May. The last sale took place on the 23d May. The last sale took place on the 23d May