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NEW ORLEANS:
FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 26, 1869.

Senator Ogden, it appears by the report of the proceedings of the Senate yesterday, calling the attention of that body to the censure which we administered upon them in our issue of yesterday, stated that at no time had he ever shown himself in opposition to the city charter as reported by the committee, and that his action of Wednesday night was directed against the adoption of Mr. Ray's substitute, which, he feared, might be accomplished in the confusion of the "filibustering" proceedings in which the Senators indulged on that occasion. We cheerfully give the Senator the benefit of his statement, having no wish to do him injustice. We shall notice, however, into no discussion with any Senator as to the "justice" or "dignity" of our comments upon the conduct of the Senate as a body, on Wednesday night. Their behaviour was simply indefensible. If our remarks do not suit them we are indifferent to their pleasure, or their displeasure, as to that matter. So long as they hold public offices they are amenable to the fair criticism of the public. There are members of the Senate who admit the correctness of the observations of ours to which Senator Ogden refers. If this were not the case we should still rest satisfied with maintaining the ground we have assumed, and with knowing, as we do know, that our censure was merited. To retort on Senator Ogden might be both appropriate and justifiable, but we refrain.

Grant and Johnson.

The friends of the President-elect say he has intimated his intention to refuse to ride in a carriage from the White House to the Capitol on inauguration day with President Johnson, as he has been censurary for the outgoing and the incoming Presidents to do, and the reason so signed is that Grant has not forgiven, and cannot forgive President Johnson for having branded him—to put it mildly as a man—having no respect for truth. Now, if our recollection serves us, Grant was the first to question the veracity of President Johnson, and we all know he came out seconded best in the wordy encounter, for Mr. Johnson proved, by overwhelming testimony, that it was not his memory that was treacherous.

But how does Gen Grant know that Andrew Johnson will invite him to ride to the Capitol on the 4th March? Had he not better wait to see whether Johnson is disposed to ride with him before he puts on any unnecessary and ridiculous airs, and announces his intention not to ride with his predecessor on the occasion referred to. The first movement in the matter must come some from Mr. Johnson. For Gen. Grant to refuse, in advance of an invitation, is the same as if an individual, who is not invited to an entertainment at a private house, were to volunteer a refusal to accept an invitation when there was no thought of offering one. We think President Johnson has probably intimated that he does not wish to be brought into association with his successor, and if so, this accounts, to use a homely expression, for "the milk in the cocoanut."

General Meade Wants the French Mission.

It seems that Gen Meade claims to have been the first man to nominate Gen Grant for the Presidency. The Savannah *News*, of the 20th instant, contains a letter written by John McCarthy, a private in the 5th United States Cavalry, dated Atlanta, Ga., February 14, 1869, relating an incident which happened during the war. The night following the charge of Hancock upon and capture of the division of Gen. Johnson near Spotsylvania, Meade called at Grant's headquarters and complimented him upon the achievement of the day and told Grant he would be the next President. Grant was sceptical—thought Meade was joking, but Meade was in earnest, for he exacted a promise from Grant that he would appoint him Minister to France. Grant agreed, thinking all the time he would never be called upon to perform that promise. The writer of this letter, who was a carrier at headquarters, and heard the conversation, however, says Meade holds Grant to the promise, and thus winds up his story.

The above conversation happened, as I have above stated, in my presence. The next day there was heavy skirmishing and artillery firing. Gradually the flood of battle drifted by the left flank toward the objective point, Richmond, and after the numerous engagements that marked their bloody march, the grand finale was enacted under the fabled branches of the Appomattox apple tree. We gained the victory. Lee surrendered to Grant and the war ceased. In the changes that occurred, in the redistribution of the forces, I found myself two years after in front of Peach tree in Atlanta, attached to the headquarters of Gen. Meade, and I heard him tell Gov. Brown, of Georgia, the above conversation, and he continued by saying, I have invariably boosted Grant about the French mission whenever I have met him. At first he took it in very good grace, but by and by, when his name actually became the watchword of the powerful Republican party, and it seemed to grasp at the nomination as the tide seem to move it from rain, he would fight shy of any allusion to it, and evidently was so egged by having it recalled to his mind. But finally when I made a direct point, and asked him if he intended to carry out his promise, he said: Meade, I am certainly the choice of the people. I made you the promise of the mission to France; it was given in a jocular meeting at my camp fire; but as you demand that it was a serious conversation, I will here confess that I never have yet failed to keep a promise, and no matter what may come of it, you shall be Minister to France if I am elected President. JOHN MCCARTHY.

Private 2d New York Cavalry, of the 5th U. S. Cavalry.

DeBow's Review for February—The number of this Review for the present month has been laid upon our table. It contains the following articles: I. The Last of the American Federalists. II. The Tenure of Office. III. Taxes of the Southland. IV. Carnivora. V. Address of the Third Grand State Fair. VI. Progress of the Through Grain Movement. VII. Rivers and the Saline. VIII. Condition and Wants of the Cotton Raising States. IX. Former Slave Populations. X. Address of Professor Fontaine. XI. Maxico. XII The Darien Canal. XIII. Department of Commerce. XIV. Department of Agriculture.

As the titles indicate, these articles are on subjects of present interest and are fully up to the standard. We regret our incessant occupation does not permit us to devote the time necessary to read with the attention it deserves matter so instructive as this Review always contains.

The South-Western Presbyterian.—We have received the first number of this new publication, a weekly religious journal to be issued in this city, under the editorship of the *Revd.* Henry M. Smith, D. D., whose superior qualifications for the post will be immediately recognized by the large and influential denomination of which he is a prominent member and to which he is known as a pious and learned divine. The paper is to be published by a Board of trustees who, besides the Revds. H. M. Palmer, D. D., Revd. J. R. Markham; Revd. H. M. Smith, D. D.; R. C. Knox; Moses Greenwood; David Haddon; W. C. Black; H. T. Bartlett and Fred. Stringer.

We wish the new enterprise every success. The columns of the present number indicate the possession by its conductor of the talent and judgment requisite to make an instructive and readable religious newspaper. The field is unoccupied, and we have confidence that the *Presbyterian* will accomplish a great deal of good in the sphere of its influence.

The French Opera.—The grand opera of the *Huguenots* will be performed on Saturday evening next, with the same distribution of characters as on its last presentation. Mesdames Cambier, Rosnlman and Chauvenet, and Messrs. Pizer, Van Hoffen, Perrot, Canton and Julien will appear on the occasion.

Crescent City Circus.—The first exhibition of this popular company, at the corner of Orleans and Bourbon streets, was given last night, and was witnessed by a goodly attendance. Equestrian sports when well presented have always been popular with our people, and those given by Mr. Myers cannot fail to be executed, for they are of a superior order. The riding was excellent, especially that of the little prodigy Woods Coates; the rambling and leaping could not be surpassed, and the jokes and witticisms of the clowns were fresh, brilliant and spicy. Mr. Myers enjoys an enviable reputation as an indefatigable, worthy and successful manager, and his present company and the excellent performances they possess are good evidences that he justly deserves the good success that is so freely accorded to him. To meet a very generally expressed wish they will exhibit to-day and to-morrow at 12 M., doors opening at 11 A. M. for the convenience of the little folks. The evening performance will be given at 7 o'clock. Go early if you desire good seats, for there is sure to be a rush as the news of Crescent City Circus is a talisman that draws a large house.

Punishment Rods Wanted.—A gentleman sends a spirit-furnished reader to the Second District. A liberal price will be paid. See advertisement in another column.

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LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

FORTY-THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, FEB. 25.

SENATE.—The Senate was called to order at noon, Lieutenant Governor Dunn presiding. Nineteen Senators present.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Judiciary—Favorably on the bill for the relief of A. P. Field.

Finance—Unfavorably on the bill providing for the collection of arrearages of State taxes.

Claims—Favorably on the bill for the relief of Marvin Lowry; favorably for the relief of Wm Lockwood.

Internal Improvements—Favorably on the bill granting ferry privileges to certain persons in the parish of Madison.

Charitable Institutions—Favorably on the bill making appropriations to the charitable institutions of the State.

Lands and Levees—Favorably on the bill for the relief of Mrs Camilla Waggle.

Railroads—Favorably on the bill to aid in the construction of the Louisiana Central Railroad.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Darrell—To incorporate the Louisiana Mining and Manufacturing Company.

By Mr. Day—For certain parishes to aid in the construction of the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad.

By Mr. Kay—For the relief of John L. Lewis for organizing the militia of Claiborne parish in 1865. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Darrell—To incorporate the town of Patterssonville, in the parish of St. Mary. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Field—Amending article 5 of an act relative to Police Jurors. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Campbell—To incorporate the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted York Masons of Louisiana. The bill passed.

Mr. Anderson, (under a suspension of the rules,) called up the bill conferring additional powers upon the First and Third Justices of the Peace of the parish of St. Landry.

Also, the bill to amend the act of incorporation of the Town of Vermillionville. Passed.

Mr Ogden (Dem.) rose to a question of privilege, and read a personal article from the *Bee* of this morning, which he considered an "unjust," "unwarranted" and "undignified" article. He then stated that at no time has he ever shown himself in opposition to the City Charter as reported by the committee; that there were certain objections in the bill which he would have hoped to have seen amended; that his objection was to the substitute offered by Mr. Ray, and that in the confusion that existed last night, and fearing the passage of the substitute, he preferred the defeat of the entire charter to the adoption of the substitute. That he had always thought the will of the people should be consulted in the matter, and that the charter should be referred to them for ratification or rejection.

By Mr. Packard—To amend the act relative to Attorneys.

By Mr. Fonte—To amend the charter of the Crescent City Bank. Referred to the Committee on Banks.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. O'Hara—For the relief of Kavanagh and others.

By Mr. Ray—For the relief of the Chairmen of the Committees on Contingent Expenses and Enrollment, allowing them extra compensation for extra services. Passed.

The bill granting certain powers to the Mayor and Council of the city of Shreveport, Louisiana. Passed.

The bill to amend the act relative to Masters and Wardens of the Port of New Orleans, was made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

By Mr. Packard—To make the hour for the special order of the day at 2 o'clock instead of half past one. Lies over.

ORDER OF THE DAY—UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The bill to amend the Charter of the City of New Orleans came up as unfinished business.

Without action, Mr. Branghn moved the adoption of the bill as a whole. Carried—yeas 20, nays 5.

The bill then passed finally by a unanimous vote.

The bill to extend State aid to the Grosse Tete and Opelousas Railroad Company was made the special order for this evening.

The bill to regulate Public Education, and to establish the Public School system, was made the special order of the day for this evening.

The bill extending the powers of the Third District Court of New Orleans and Metairie Railroad Company, passed.

The bill making general State appropriations was postponed until 8 o'clock this evening.

The bill to incorporate the Right Bank Railway and Transit Company was referred to the Committee on Railways.

Senate bill to regulate the transfer of assets cases to the Second District Court of Orleans was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

House bill to license gambling houses in the city of New Orleans was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

House bill to authorize the city of New Orleans to issue and sell bonds to the amount of $500,000 to fund the floating debt of said city, etc., was laid on the table.

Mr Carroll from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill relative to vagrancy in this State, which was read twice and made the special order for the 25th inst.

Senate bill fixing the terms of the District Court of the Thirteenth Judicial District was concurred in.

The Committee on Corporations reported a bill to amend an act incorporating the town of Carrollton, which was made the special order for the 25th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

The House bill to authorize State tax collectors to receive certain warrants for taxes.

House bill for the relief of E. Eade, late collector of notarial records.

House bill to punish street car drivers for negligent or unlawful driving.

Senate bill relative to damages for usurpation in public offices.

An act relative to parish Recorders.

An act to amend and re-enact article 99 of the Code of Practice.

House bill No. 46—An act appropriating $125,000 for a uniformed militia.

House bill relative to legal judicial advertisements in the city of Orleans.

An act appropriating the sum of $2000 for binding and preserving the notarial records of the parish of Orleans.

House bill prohibiting Justices of the Peace of the parish of Orleans from issuing process against the city of New Orleans and the Board of Metropolitan Police.

An act to exempt from taxation certain lands within the limits of the First Drainage District was lost, having been rejected on the second reading.

An act to punish the bribery of witnesses was passed.

A joint resolution relative to the New Orleans, Mobile & Chattanooga Railroad Company, extending certain privileges, was postponed until Monday next at 3 o'clock P. M.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Mosby, of Ouachita, in the chair.

First bill taken up was for the improvement of St. Charles Avenue by paving said avenue with the Nicolson pavement.

After considerable discussion the committee arose and recommended the indefinite postponement of the bill. Report received.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole again, Mr. Carr, of Orleans, in the chair.

House bill appropriating the sum of $5000 to be used for correcting and revising the records in the Land Office of the State.

Pending consideration of the bill the committee arose, progress was reported and asked leave to sit again. Agreed to.

The House then adjourned.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The First Wednesday Night.—The fire on Bienville street, between Tremé and Marais, Wednesday night, to which we briefly alluded, proved to be more serious than we apprehended it would, quite destructive.

The fire was discovered in the office of Dr. Thiele, on the lower floor of a two-story frame house, occupied by him and owned by Mrs. Gardner. The said house, owned and occupied by Mrs. Gardner, was destroyed.

The one-story frame house between these and Marais street were badly damaged, and one of them is almost a total loss.

The fire originated in the office of Dr. Thiele, who, in endeavoring to save his medicines, whose stand faces on the same street. This was consumed, or so much damaged as to be of no further use. Dr. T. was not more than five hundred dollars. Meanwhile, the flames had begun to spread toward the swamp, and had attacked the house occupied by Mrs. Gardner. This was totally consumed. The house was the resident herself, together with Dr. Thiele, had for both tenements had cost $8000. The insurance on the house is $4000. The only other damage done in this direction was the scorching of the house occupied by Mrs. Ray, on Marais street, but that house too was upon the opposite side were scorched and blistered by the heat.

The alarm on Wednesday night burned the planing mills and factory of the Star Planing Mills, corner of Rampart and Esplronise streets. They belonged to Messrs. J. Simpson & Co. and were insured in the merchants' office for $10,000, which is only about one third of their value and about half of the loss. During the fire Mr. Pinchback, of the Fire Department, fell from a shed and was badly injured.

Highway Robbery.—About a quarter past twelve o'clock Saturday morning Mr. John Guard was attacked on the corner of Peters and South Market streets by six men, knocked down and robbed of the sum of one hundred and thirty-four dollars. John McNamara, Thomas Ward, James Valentine, Tim Quinlan, John Cooney and John Doherty have been arrested by Officer McDermott, who made the offense. Mr. Guard was also examined as a witness.

Arrest of Rascal.—Julius Rosax was arrested Wednesday evening by Special Officers Maddox and Rosenblum, in Congress avenue, at the corner of Chartres street and Royal street. He was committed for trial before the Criminal Court, on the charge of stealing a diamond pin worth $1500 from Mr. Mahon, and stealing a gold watch and chain, and $10 in money from Mr. Hall, and in getting out of prison on straw bail, and, it is suspected, was about to leave the city.

Pickpockets.—Mr. M. Lefort, residing at 45 Dumaine street, while standing in the City Hall, had his pocket picked of a portmonnaie containing one hundred and fifty dollars in greenbacks, a draft of Chas. Hagen, for $350, a draft on Basile Joseph & Co. for $295, and one on E. R. Beegle for $46. Special Officer Cunningham is looking up the case and will doubtless trace it to the thief.

Run Into by a Car—Wednesday evening a carriage and two horses, the property of Mr. Peters, undertaker, at the corner of St. Philip and Claiborne streets, being left without a driver, ran into some of the Claiborne street cars, causing considerable damage to both vehicles. Fortunately, none of the passengers were injured, though all seemed pretty badly frightened.

A Wife Disposes of Her Property to Save Her Husband from Distress—One of those cases which are constantly occurring in the above locality and so frequently occur, has been called to our attention. The circumstances, as usual, are very distressing and for the sake of the noble wife we suppress names. Some time since a party, of this city, who had always borne a good reputation, was entrusted with or collected from one of our merchants a sum of $2000, and suddenly disappeared without accounting for the money. It was ascertained that he went to Houma, Terre Bonne, where he was identified by means of some personal defect, and arrested on a telegram from Superintendent Cain. The fact coming to the knowledge of his wife, she at once disposed of all her property, consisting of jewelry and silverware, and with the proceeds sought to compromise the matter by paying the debt, and in the meantime her husband had escaped from prison in Texas, the compromise was effected. The officers inform us that it was one of the saddest cases which ever came under their observation.

Recorder Gabriel's Court—Dr. Thiele, in an affidavit made before Recorder Gastinel yesterday, is charged with firing the premises by which he had an office, on Bienville street, as elsewhere noticed. He is also charged with carrying concealed weapons.

Sampling.—Sergeant Cambier, of the river police, reports having captured yesterday Pat. Gallagher, who had in a skiff, in which he was, empowered as Fred 72, Pine Diorite, the following articles, which the officer reports were smuggled from some unknown vessel: two bags of Havana cigars, two barrels Havana cigarettes, two half barrels, a box and a package of Havana cigarettes.

Distressing Casualty.—While Mr. Morris McGraw was sitting upon the jury in a case in the Fifth District Court, news reached him that his son had fallen from a gallery and was dangerously injured. We understand that five of his ribs were broken, and that he is so badly injured by concussion of the brain as to render him temporarily, if not permanently, blind. His recovery is doubtful. We deeply sympathize with Mr. McGraw, and trust the injuries will prove temporary.

Fifth District Court—Judge Cooley—An application for a writ of *habeas corpus* was made in this court yesterday, in behalf of Tom Ussy, who surrendered himself before Recorder Gastinel some weeks since, stating that he had since been informed that one Joseph Lipes, of Fort Monroe, Va. Recorder was required to transmit the testimony and evidence of Mr. Ussy's previous trial. The case was continued for hearing this morning.

Knee—Harris Recorder and Jno. D. Knee were arrested yesterday charged with keeping a house game, at 107 St. Charles street. Their gambling apparatus was taken in charge by the police.

Shot on Tobacco—Two mild were discovered with a box of tobacco, yesterday, on the corner of Front and Lafayette street. They escaped before a detective arrived. The box is left at Judge Harper, Tupper.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

Congressional Proceedings.

Ku-Klux Outlawed in Arkansas.

Arrival of Chinese Women at San Francisco.

FROM HAVANA.

Miscellaneous Matters.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Washington, Feb. 25.—HOUSE.—The bill authorizing the coinage of nickel cents passed.

The report of the Conference Committee on the Omnibus bill was considered. It provides for some modifications at small salaries. Butler advocated the report warmly built was defeated, 45 to 102. A new conference was asked for.

The conference on the suffrage amendment reported that the House recedes from its amendments and agrees to the Senate proposition. Adopted, yeas 150, nays 43.

The following is the resolution:

"The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

The legislative appropriation was considered to recess.

SENATE.—The bill relieving manufacturers of naval machinery for the Government from taxation passed.

A joint resolution that Congress shall meet at 3 o'clock P. M. instead of noon March 4th passed.

The Army Appropriation bill was considered to recess.

Osborn introduced a bill granting lands in Florida for the construction of a railroad from Pensacola to Louisville.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Customs receipts for the week ending 20th, three and a half millions.

The President nominated D. D. Townsend Adjutant General, vice Thomas, retired, and quite a number of military promotions.

Dawes has left for a visit to Maine, with drawing from the contest for the Speakership.

Both parties have entered into a truce for recreation to-day and consultation on Tuesday.

Grant is said to consider Virginia, North Carolina and Alabama practically the best reconstructed of the Southern States.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Both Houses are in session. The House is considering the Delaware bill.

SENATE.—Private bills under consideration. The conference report on the suffrage amendment was made the special order for 1 o'clock to-morrow.

Richmond, Feb. 25.—In the case of James Grant, on trial for killing H Rives Pollard, several hundred citizens having been quashed, only two found who had not formed an opinion. The jury was completed at noon this day, from Alexandria and Norfolk.

In the Circuit Court, to-day, a charter was granted to Joseph Flanagan, and other citizens of Georgia and Florida, to build telegraph lines in those States. Capital stock not to exceed a million and a half.

MISCELLANEOUS CAPITAL DESPATCH.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Four hundred Chinese women arrived yesterday, and a trial per got into a fight over them. Great excitement prevails in the Chinese quarters.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 25.—A resolution urging the repeal of the Tenure-of-Office bill was tabled.

Binghampton N. Y., Feb. 25.—Rev. Charles H Pinel, pastor of Christ's Church and Chaplain of the 50th N. Y. Militia, died to-day.

Auburn, N. Y., Feb. 25.—The leading Catholics, indicted for disturbing a church by leading an objectionable pastor from the altar, were acquitted.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—At a ball in Fosterburg, near Alton, Illinois, fire or six persons drank poisoned liquor. Two young men are already dead.

Memphis, Feb. 25.—The Spring meeting of the Memphis Association commences April 19.

The *Avalanche's* Little Rock special to night says the House to-day passed what is known as the Ku-Klux bill, which outlaws everybody belonging to the Ku-Klux, or K. W. C., who does not voluntarily withdraw from the organization within thirty days after the passage of the act; and when convicted they may be confined in the Penitentiary not less than two years, or fined not less than a thousand dollars. It will undoubtedly pass the Senate.

Speaking of the capture of the steam tug Nelson, the *Avalanche* says: "Memphis people must understand that we are terribly in earnest, and she cannot prevent some of her citizens from assassinating Col. Fisk, or any one's mothers' son of those who assisted in capturing the steamer on the Hooper," and that each one of them will pay the penalty of their rash conduct. Mr. Hamilton, Speaker of the Senate, was inaugurated Governor to-day, in place of Brownlow, resigned, and the Legislature adjourned. Governor is still engaged in considering disabilities, and will report to-morrow.

Brownlow left for Washington to-morrow. The resolution repealing the act empowering the Governor to declare martial law and call out the militia, was tabled yesterday—40 to 18.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Madrid, Feb. 25.—The vote of the Cortes thanking the Provisional Government and empowering Serrano to form a ministry, stood 199 to 62.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—The German Parliament meets on the 4th of March. The Prussian Diet adjourns on the 6th.

Rome, Feb. 25.—Accounts from Santiago de Cuba are unfavorable. The cholera don't abate. The insurgents are destroying and plundering plantations. The revolutionary General Figueredo orders subordinates to "respect property and not to commit excesses on Cubanas. Cane grinding has commenced on a few plantations in the Santiago District. Not more than half a million barrels of American provisions are wanted in the provinces of Nuevitas, Gibara and Mazanillo, with few exceptions, grinding has not commenced.

The steamship Bavaria sailed yesterday for New Orleans.

Sugar quiet, buyers demand a reduction. No. 12 10¼ offered. Lard advancing; Cincinnati tins packages 9¾. Sterling exchange 14 to 15 premium. Paris 7 to 7¼ premium. Federal gold, long, 24¾ to 3 per cent. premium; short, 2 to 6.

Advices from Kingston, Jamaica, report the death of Mr. Cochrane. Crockett died of the vomito and several of the crew are down with it.

Cubana continues to arrive in large numbers. Quarantine accommodations are being enlarged.

A number of old, hitherto neglected plantations are preparing for work. The Government promises to inspect a large number of cooties.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

London, Feb. 25.—Evening.—Bullion in the Bank of England decreased £260,000. Bonds 80¾. Tallow 45s 3d. Sugar dull.

Frankfort, Feb. 25.—Bonds buoyant at 85¾.

Liverpool, Feb. 25.—Evening.—Cotton—middling uplands 11¾d; middling Orleans 12¼d; sales 20000, 2000 to speculators.

Havre, Feb. 25.—Evening.—Cotton closed quiet, both on the spot and afloat.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

New York, Feb. 25.—Evening.—Cotton heavy and lower; sales 500 bales; middling uplands 29¼c. Flour—more doing at a decline; superfine State $5 70 to $6 25; common to fair extra Southern $6 35 to $6 90. Wheat heavy. Corn unchanged; white Southern 95c; yellow 96½c; new Orleans 90c. Pork lower; new mess $31 50 to $32. Lard firmer; steam 19¼c to 19¾c. Whisky more active at 91½ to 95c. Sugar firm and quiet; Muscovado 12¾ to 14½c. Other Groceries dull. Turpentine 54½ to 55c. Rosin $3 65 to $6. Freights a shade firmer.

New York, Feb. 25.—Evening.—Money easy at 5 to 7 per cent. Sterling 107. Gold 132¾ to 132¾. Southern Securities firm. U. S. 6s, new, 93; Tennessee 67, new 65¾; Va. 57; Lou. 72; Levee 59 @ 61. Stocks closed steady, but not active.

New York, Feb. 25.—5 98's of '62, 116¾; of '64, 112¾; of '65, 114¾; do, new, 111¾; of '67, 111¾; of '68, same; 10 60's 110¾.

Mobile, Feb. 25.—Nothing done in Cotton; receipts none. Sterling exchange 109 bales; gold 66 to 67½.

St. Louis, Feb. 25.—Flour, $4 50 to $6 00. Wheat—No 2 red $1 20 @ $1 21. Corn 70 to 72c. Oats 50 to 52c. Rye $1 00. Pork $31 25 to $31 50. Bulk meats a trifle higher. Bacon—shoulders 13½c; clear sides 17½c. Hams 18c. Lard 18 to 19c. Whisky 92.

Cincinnati, Feb. 25.—Family Flour $6 75 to $7. Corn 65 to 66c. Oats 47 to 48c. Whisky 93c. Pork nominal. Bulk shoulders 12½c; sides 14½c. Bacon—shoulders held at 14c; clear rib sides 16½c; clear sides 17½. Hams 19 to 19½c. Lard 19½c.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Flour $5 25 to $6 50. Wheat $1 01 to $1 25. Corn 58c. Oats 54 to 55c. Rye $1 25 to $1 28. Barley $1 85 to $1 88. High Wines 90 to 91c. Pork $31 25. Lard 19½c. Bulk shoulders 12c.

Louisville, Feb. 25.—Sales 230 hhds Tobacco at full rates. Pork $32. Lard 19½c. Bulk shoulders 13c; clear rib sides 15c; clear sides 16½c. Bacon—shoulders 14c; clear rib sides 17c; clear sides 17½c. Superfine Flour $5 50 to $6. Corn 60 to 62c. Oats 61 to 63c. Whisky 94c.

RIVER NEWS.

Vicksburg, Feb. 25.—Passed up: Robt. E. Lee at 1 P. M. Down: Lady Gay at 6 P. M.

St. Louis, Feb. 25.—River declining.

Louisville, Feb. 25.—River falling: 8 feet 9 inches in the canal.

Cairo, Feb. 25.—Passed down: Robert Fulton, City of Cairo, Louisville and Great Republic. River stationary.

Memphis, Feb. 25.—Weather clear and cool. River stationary. Departed: Bath St. Louis and Rith for St. Louis; Wauuita for New Orleans; The Coons, for Evansville, did not get off till this evening.

FROM SOUTH WEST PASS.

Southwest Pass, Feb. 25.—Barometer 30.60. Weather calm. No arrivals or departures.

[Further Dispatches.]

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Both Houses in session.

SENATE.—Private bills under consideration.

The conference report on the suffrage amendment was made the special order for 1 o'clock to-morrow.

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Chicago, Feb. 25.—Flour $5 25 to $6 50. Wheat $1 01 to $1 25. Corn 58c. Oats 54 to 55c. Rye $1 25 to $1 28. Barley $1 85 to $1 88. High Wines 90 to 91c. Pork $31 25. Lard 19½c. Bulk shoulders 12c.

Louisville, Feb. 25.—Sales 230 hhds Tobacco at full rates. Pork $32. Lard 19½c. Bulk shoulders 13c; clear rib sides 15c; clear sides 16½c. Bacon—shoulders 14c; clear rib sides 17c; clear sides 17½c. Superfine Flour $5 50 to $6. Corn 60 to 62c. Oats 61 to 63c. Whisky 94c.

RIVER NEWS.

Vicksburg, Feb. 25.—Passed up: Robt. E. Lee at 1 P. M. Down: Lady Gay at 6 P. M.

St. Louis, Feb. 25.—River declining.

Louisville, Feb. 25.—River falling: 8 feet 9 inches in the canal.

Cairo, Feb. 25.—Passed down: Robert Fulton, City of Cairo, Louisville and Great Republic. River stationary.

Memphis, Feb. 25.—Weather clear and cool. River stationary. Departed: Bath St. Louis and Rith for St. Louis; Wauuita for New Orleans; The Coons, for Evansville, did not get off till this evening.

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Gold opened at 133 to 133¼, against 132¾ at New York) and, after a moderate movement, closed at 133 to 133¼. The sales include $2000 $5000, $10,000 and $18,000 at 132¾, $3000 at 133; $1500, $10,000 and $15,000 at 133¼, $2000, $3000, $4000, $6000 and $10,000 at 133¾, and $10,000, sellers' option two weeks, at 134¾. Bidding reported in Silver. It is quoted at — to 131¾ for American half dollars, and 135¾ to 136¾ for Mexican dollars.

The movement in Foreign Exchange has been on an exceedingly limited scale, and rates have not changed in agreement with the course of Gold at New York. The sales of Sterling include £3000 bill of lading at 143¾. In Francs 100,000 A1 commercial bills at 5 93¾, 60,000 at 5 92½, and 75,000 private bankers' at 5 91¼. Sterling may now be quoted at 143¾ to 143¾ for good to A1 bill of lading and clear, and 144¼ to 144¾ for bank; and Francs 5 90 to 5 93¾ for the former and 5 91¼ to 5 90 for the latter.

Domestic Exchange was dull during the forenoon, but with moderate offerings rates at the close were stiffer, though not quotably higher. The bank clearings at New York at par to ¼ per cent. premium, and the sales of commercial included $40,000 New York sight at par, $10,000, $12,000, $15,000 and $20,000 at ¼ per cent. discount, $12,000 thirty days' sight at 1½, $30,000 sight on Boston at 1-16, and $10,000 without grace at par.

In Stocks there were sales of 25 shares Union Bank at $40, 30 Gas Company at $150, and 15 do. at $150 50.)

The sales of Bonds included $1500 City of Jefferson at 73½, and $2,000 City ten per cents. at 96.

There was a fair movement in Warrants and we note sales of $1000 State at 89, $500 and $15,000 at 89½, $5000 and $20,000 at 90, $1000 at 90¼, $4000 at 91, $2000 and 4000 Metropolitan Police at 91¾, $4000 at 92, $2000 at 92½; $6000, buyers' option, ten days, at 86¾; and $6000, buyers option, ten days, at 95¾.

City Treasury notes were inactive and lower. The sales include $5000 at 96 per cent. discount and $5000 at 94½. The dealers bought the small extra offered versus their counters at 96 discount and sold at 95.

In State notes $1500 sold at 89½, $6000, $6000, $1000 and $2000 at 90.

We note a sale of $10,000 Bank of Louisiana Notes at 31¾.

The sales at this Evening's Board embraced $8500 at $2000 Gold at 132¾, $2000 same at 132¾; $10,000 same, buyers' option, fifteen days, at 133.—$5000 State Warrants at 89¾, $6700 same at 89¾, $5000 same at 89¾, $9000 same at 89¾, and $10,000 same, buyers' option, 90 days flat, at 89¾; $2000 State notes at 87½.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 25 1869.

COTTON—The sales to-day were confined to 1460 bales, at irregular and lower prices, closing at a decline of ¼ to ½c. We now quote ordinary at 24½ to 25½c, good ordinary at 26 to 26¾, low middling at 27 to 27½c, middling to 28, good middling at 28¾ to 29¼c.

The market opened unsteady, with only a moderate enquiry, and buyers claiming a further reduction from the factors would not admit. The movement was consequently extremely limited, and although under the influencing news by the telegrams from New York and Liverpool some sellers were finally induced a willingness to meet the demand more freely, yet only a few buyers were induced to come forward and the transactions were small in the amount noted above. Several trifling lots were sold at less than quotations, it being difficult to effect sales except by order to some account sales, without coming down to buyers' views in example, we are aware of middling having been sold at 28¼c, but under circumstances which prevented it being cited as a basis for quotations. Most of the stock we have viewed up, and an inconsiderable supply was offered at the ruling rates, but the demand was equally limited.

Stock on hand last statement	2,779
Arrived since last statement	1,460
Arrived yesterday	1,460—4,239
	977
Cleared to-day	none
Cleared previously	261,760—261,760
Stock on hand and on shipboard	16,304

SUGAR AND MOLASSES—The market for both Sugar and Molasses is active and the receipts this morning embraced 500 hhds and 200 bbls Sugar and 900 barrels Molasses were nearly all sold at an advance of