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The Mess Benevolent Association.—The regular monthly meeting of this Association takes place this evening, 6th inst., at 7½ o'clock, at the Polar Star Lodge. No. 19, St. Louis street.

An exhibition of the New Orleans Literary and Debating Society will be given on Tuesday evening at Tabby Church, corner of Jackson and Coliseum streets. We are obliged by an invitation to attend its exercises.

The New Orleans Photographic Company.—This is the style of a new establishment at 57 Camp street, which will be opened to public patronage for the first time to-day. But though newly created, it would be a great mistake to infer that it lacks in respect to artistic appliances and operative facilities all that an extended duration, remunerative business and abundant experience, talent and skill could secure. We have sufficient reason to know that every important requisite to satisfactory results in the photographic art are plentifully possessed by the gentlemen who have engaged in the new enterprise, and they may be safely left to hold in their own hands the interesting instrumentality of deserved success and well-deserved reputation.

None of the wonderful arts to which the present century has given birth, is more progressive than photography. None has more stimulated inventive genius, or has occasioned for boldness or individuality that is satisfied with mere mechanical results and would dignify itself with the false title of "creative" productions the fervid artist may always be discomfited from the cold mechanician. The delicate process may produce a fine picture, or a pitiful, or a dead and ghastly copy. If the photographer has the esthetic eye and the creative gift the first will be the result, if, with all serious regard to attitude, to character and to characteristic expression, as well as to adjustment, of costume,—for there is no need for Shakspeare to tell us that the apparel oft proclaims the man, or Carlyle that there is worth of human nature in clothes,—if, with all these conditions, he aims at a barren, or else enclosing a meaningless copy of fish and shades, the work will bear about the same resemblance to a true reproduction of nature as a sarcophile bears to a city.

Identical truth is often actual falsehood. An exact copy is not always a likeness; or in the case of likeness. The genuine artist and the true poet know this by instinct or find it out by reverential study. They dare not shatter nature by exhibiting as her fruit a shell that has no kernel, and as her image a shadow that is cast by no substance.

In proportion as this feeling it happens photography will its products be marked by an unfailing vitality and beauty which belong to the sphere of the fine arts. The extraordinary specimens which have been exhibited to us in the rooms of the New Orleans Photographic Company test the mechanism and excellency of the art itself, but a small part of the work executed there, and not all the higher requisites of the finest, natural tone and effective tone were necessary to such for and successfully applied.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Two Days Later from the North

PER THE J. C. SWON AT MEMPHIS.

Gold in New York on the 28th ult., 203 1/2 - Cotton 83 to 84.

SINKING OF THE STEAMER JAS WATSON WITH THE SUPPOSED LOSS OF 1200 PERSONS

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(By the Associated Press.)

Memphis, March 5 3:45 P. M.—The steamer J. C. Swon passed Greenville afternoon bringing New York dates of the 28th.

New York, Feb. 28.—Cotton dull at 83 to 84. Gold opened at 202¾ and closed at 202½.

Memphis, March 5.—The steamer James Watson, while passing down the river on the night of the 24th inst. on the Bank, a few miles below Napoleon, struck a sunken log and commenced to sink in five minutes after. She had on board 1,200 soldiers and citizens, including a number of refugees. As far as we have heard only 300 to 400 were saved. Among the drowned were two members of the Legislature from Ohio.

New York, Feb 26—The Richmond papers are quite jubilant over the Fort Fisher repulse. It would have been well for them had they kept quiet. The Enquirer says: "The enemy has been defeated and driven back to their ships, and we have captured a large number of wagons and prisoners besides a large number of dead and wounded. It is especially gratifying to us that Gen. Whiting was in command of the forces engaged in the repulse of the enemy. Gen. Whiting is a native of North Carolina, and has a host of friends in that State, who will rejoice at his success." The Whig says: "The enemy has been defeated with great slaughter, and driven back to their ships, and we have captured a large number of wagons and prisoners besides a large number of dead and wounded. It is especially gratifying to us that Gen. Whiting was in command of the forces engaged in the repulse of the enemy. Gen. Whiting is a native of North Carolina, and has a host of friends in that State, who will rejoice at his success."

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the second the capture of Cahawba, Selma and Montgomery, Ala., and Columbus, Ga.—and the third to destroy Hood's army in everything works well. Kirby Smith's Trans Mississippi army will be attended to next summer.

New York, February 28.—Charlotte, N. C., *Democrat*, of the 21st, had a vague rumor that General Sherman's rear had captured 8,000 prisoners besides a large number of wagons. A postscript says it was Cheatham's troops that were engaged in the fight at Alton, S. C.

New York, February 28.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says all the released prisoners are sent south to Sheridan and they appear more enthusiastic than those who have been in the rebel camps all winter.

The *Times* prints a list of 500 released Union officers sent to Annapolis. This empties the prisons at Richmond and Danville, of all of our gallant men who have survived the horrors of the rebel prisons.

New York, Feb. 28.—We are informed that private letters have been received in this city announcing a probable union of General Sherman's army, on Moultry the 27th. The source is not stated.

Headquarters
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To the Hon. J. C. Breckinridge, Secretary of War

Gen. Echols reports that detachments of Vaughan's cavalry struck the Railroad beyond Knoxville, at Sweet Water and Athens, capturing the garrison at both places—two men of the 13th Ohio regiment with their horses and equipments were taken.

(Signed) R. E. LEE.

Louisville, Feb 27.—The *Journal* in speaking of Lee's army editorially says we have reason to say that the rebels are expecting very soon to retire into the cotton country and actually to starve the white country and actually to starve the white country and actually to starve the white