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Saturday Morning, Jan. 19, 1850.

☞ The Northern Mail failed yesterday from beyond Columbus.

MISSISSIPPI.

Gen. QUITMAN, Governor elect of Mississippi, was sworn into office at the seat of Government, on the 10th inst. His inaugural address, which we received yesterday, is remarkably characteristic of the man. It is straight-forward, frank and undisguised, couched in energetic language, leaving nothing to surmise or to doubt. No one can complain of Gen. QUITMAN'S reserve. He has spoken boldly and manfully, and although we differ in many respects from his exposition of doctrine, we admire his evident sincerity and his uncompromising and ardent attachment to principle.

Gen. QUITMAN, in the outset, lays down the broad tenets of Democratic faith—that political creed which is so fascinating and beautiful in theory, but which in our time has never been reduced to practice—which rolls so trippingly from the lips of the place-hunting politicians, but is remembered only to be violated upon the attainment of office. In eloquent and dignified language, Gen. Q asserts the doctrine of State sovereignty in all its latitude; maintains that power is ever stealing from the many to the few; that the Federal Government should be vigilantly watched, lest it encroach upon the rights of the States—that its powers are limited and delegated, and that under the Republican principle of a strict construction of the Constitution, these powers are few, simple and well defined. As a natural consequence, all authority to impose Tariffs for protection, to regulate the currency, to improve the highways and harbors of our land, is emphatically denied.

Connected with this view of our federal relations, is the subject of slavery. Upon this question Gen. QUITMAN takes ultra Southern ground. The institution of slavery, he argues, is entwined in our political system, and cannot be separated from it, without destruction to our social fabric. It has existed among us from the settlement of the country; was recognised in the formation of the Federal Constitution, and to its continuance among us, may be attributed much of our rapid advance in prosperity, greatness and wealth. Gen. QUITMAN declares that slavery is not an evil; that we have in the States the institution above and under the Constitution of the United States, that we cannot give up this right, and will not shield it. With these views, our readers will not be surprised to learn that the Executive of Mississippi counsels strong, early and combined resistance to the designs of Northern fanatics. He says that the people of Mississippi have taken their stand in steadfast and unchangeable opposition to the restriction of slavery, and he pledges himself to execute their will, to the full extent of his constitutional powers.

Leaving this agitating theme, the Governor touches briefly but vigorously upon the resources of the State, and the necessity of their early and full development. He is an advocate of internal improvements of a comprehensive system of school education, the reform of many evils in the jurisprudence and judicial system of the State, the efficiency of the military establishment, the payment of the public debt, and the equalizing of taxation.

The language of the Inaugural is exceedingly dignified and impressive, and we have seldom seen more matter compressed with the single column in which it is embraced.

☞ The *Journal of Commerce* of the 8th has a long article which professes to point out some of the errors many American newspapers fall into in their discussions of European affairs. The demand of Russia upon Turkey for an extradition of the Hungarian prisoners, is cited as a case in point. The Emperor has been denounced as a blood-thirsty tyrant for making such a demand; and while the *Journal* is not disposed to question the justness of the appellation, it turnishes certain facts which render the policy of Russia more intelligible. The Editor says:

"At the very outset it is indispensable that we properly appreciate the fact, that it was not a few great officers and statesmen, such as Bem, Dembinski, Kossuth, etc., who took refuge in Turkey, but no less than 5,000 officers and men, who crossed the Danube and encamped near Widdin. The Turkish Government was evidently embarrassed by such a large number of *troops*, who threw themselves into her territory. At first she did not know what to how the ought to act, or what to do with these people. Had there been five, or ten, or fifty, or a hundred officers, she could easily have allowed them to pass, without delay, across her territory, to Constantinople, to Salonika, or to Scodra, and thence embark for England, France, or these United States. But it was not easy to manage so large a number in this way. She therefore kept them under arrest for weeks near the Danube, probably in the hope that a very large part of them, being private soldiers and petty officers, would be allowed to return to their native land, through some general act of amnesty granted by Austria."

Russia, however, according to this view of the subject, could not see without alarm, so large a force right upon the borders of Hungary, and not far from the Danubian provinces of Wallachia and Moldavia, over which the Czar claims a certain protectorate. She demanded their extradition both on this account, and because she dreaded to see many of these officers and men remain in Turkey, for fear they might be induced to enter the Turkish army. It is said, continues the journal, that Bem and some others have adopted the Mohammedan Faith, to qualify themselves for citizenship, and to insure protection. But it is also said that they have entered, or will enter, the Turkish army. Indeed it is reported that Bem has been made a Pacha, and become a high artillery-officer. This is precisely what Russia would dread. Scarcely anything more disagreeable to her could happen, than to have these officers and men, with their intelligence, their skill, their military spirit, and their deadly hostility to her and to Austria, enter the Turkish army. They are just the men that the Turks need, and the Turkish Government has sense enough to see this.

And this will explain why the Turkish Government was willing to suggest the adoption, on their part of the Mohammedan Religion—not that they could not *live* in Turkey as *Christians*—but because they could not *serve Turkey* effectively,—at least not in her army—without professing the Mohammedan Faith. There is not a *Christian* officer of any considerable rank, if one at all, in the whole Turkish army. With all the progress which Turkey has made within the last few years, *that* is a step which she has not yet dared to take.

☞ The Southampton steamer *Clyde* arrived at Havana on the 7th inst., with 50 passengers for Mobile, New Orleans and Havana. The Mobile *Register* says: Being so much behind her time she has probably gone direct to Vera Cruz, omitting to touch at this port, with a view to regain her time on her return trip.—This, however, is but a conjecture of our own. The cause of the delay is not explained, but it is doubtless owing to unfavorable winds and heavy weather. The failure at this port is the first that has occurred since the connection was established, and although it is unfortunate and has been productive of much embarrassment and inconvenience to passengers, it can hardly be considered extraordinary when the great length of the line is taken into view. We shall probably have a visit from the Clyde, via Vera Cruz, on or about the 30th inst.

MISSOURI (GA.) COUNTY ELECTION.—We learn from the Columbus *Enquirer*, that the election for county officers, which took place on the 7th instant, resulted in the choice of the regular whig ticket, with the exception of TAX COLLECTOR and CORONER, who are democrats.

YOUNG YANKEE.—By the Schooner Andes, Capt. Tuttle, we have received a Yankee specimen of the human species. He is a native of Connecticut, and is about 18 years of age. He is a fine looking boy, and has a very intelligent countenance. He is destined for Texas, where he has relatives residing. He is under the charge of Capt. Tuttle, who will see that he is properly cared for.

THE CREVASSE.

The following was issued by us yesterday morning in an extra. Since then we have had no further intelligence direct from the scene of disaster. The Mayor, as we anticipated, has acted with marked energy and promptitude.—He addressed letters to Messrs. SUMRL, DUNBAR and D'HERBIGNY, urging them to proceed immediately to the breach, and to spare no expense in arresting the flow of water, if practicable. Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Buisson—the Assistant Engineer of the 1st Municipality—repaired yesterday to the crevasse, and will doubtless use all possible exertions to repair the damage. In the meanwhile Mr. Dunbar has placed an additional force upon the Levee, for the purpose of strengthening the embankment constructed by the authority of the Joint Committee of the Councils, for the protection of the city. There is, therefore, no immediate danger of an overflow, and we have strong hopes that the early and efficient measures taked by Mr. Dunbar and his assistants, will speedily relieve us from all apprehension of another inundation.

ANOTHER CREVASSE AT SAUVES PLANTATION.

The City Again Threatened with Inundation.

We hasten to lay before our readers the alarming intelligence of the formation of a new and dangerous crevasse at Sauve's plantation—the scene of the disastrous breach of last year. A gentleman who has just arrived from the locality, informs us that a portion of the Levee, situated this side of the old crevasse and a short distance below the residence of Mr. SAUVE, sunk in at 4 o'clock, A. M., and a breach was effected, which in a few hours attained a width of THIRTY FEET, and through which the water was pouring with great impetuosity. The earth on both sides is giving way very fast, and the opinion of our informant—himself an intelligent planter—is that before the day is over, the crevasse will not be less than ONE HUNDRED feet in extent.

The Mayor of the city was apprised of the misfortune at 11 o'clock this morning, and without a moment's delay, has taken such measures as the circumstances required. Experienced and competent engineers will be, or have been, forthwith despatched to the place, with a view of ascertaining what effectual means can be adopted, to check the progress of the flood.

The river is at a most alarming height, being at this moment within 15 inches of the highest water mark last year, and is now at the precise elevation which it had reached at the period of the former inundation.

Not a moment must be lost by the authorities in COMPLETING *the necessary measures for the protection of the city from the threatened overflow.*

THE CORRES CHOR.—The *Courier & Enquirer* of the 8th inst., has the following remarks on the Cotton crop:

We have received a number of letters from the South respecting the Cotton crops, which we would be glad to publish if we had space. They all agree that the crop is not likely to be so large as was anticipated by many, and that the estimate we made after mature deliberation in November last, of 2,100,000 bales will not exceed the amount. Many have been deceived by the large quantities brought into market, forgetting that the difference in price from 5 cents to 10 cents per pound, caused small planters to bring their cotton into market "with a rush," and now that prices have further advanced and are still on the increase, we would not be surprised if a much larger quantity than usual was brought immediately to market—*but this will not add to the stock.* And we feel confident that the crop will not prove to be larger, to any considerable extent, than what we have hither-to prognosticated.

From the able Cotton Circular of Messrs. Talcott & Co., prepared for the last steamer, we extract that portion relative to the crop:

On this subject a total revolution in *public* opinion has occurred since the 24th ult., and we have unanimously have reduced our estimate at a 2,500,000 bales, advised during November, been reduced to conform to our early recorded opinion of 21 a 2,150,000 bales.

Many conversers on the subject, and with every means of obtaining information, estimate at 1950 a 2,000,000, but we shall adhere to our early estimate, earnestly hoping that it may be realized.

A deficit in a smaller quantity would lead to disastrous results, by fostering a speculation which it would be impossible to control. The error of those advising extreme estimates in November, arose from their deducing conclusions of the large crop yield from early heavy receipts caused by the high prices realizing at the opening of the crop, and from over estimating the benefits resulting from the fine weather which prevailed during the picking season.

That the consumption of the world can be maintained at its present rate, with a crop of 21 a 2,150,000 bales, even allowing the reduction that it is claimed will result from the change made by the English spinners from coarse to fine numbers, is physically impossible. The strong ge for their respective proportions of the crop is now commencing between the great consuming powers of the world. The spinners of France, although they have had the advantage of those of Great Britain. They have been for two months past and still are buyers in all the Southern markets; while with reduced limits in accordance with the 24 a 2,500,000 bales in store in the Ports advised (and accredited in Manchester) her agents are unable to purchase and now await orders based on the revised opinions. Should planters prefer to hold on to the bulk of their crops, which they are abundantly able to do, rather than realize as they have thus far done, as fast as their Cotton could be baled and sent to market, prices will reach a point higher than the most sanguine present anticipations. But we hope that planters will continue to sell freely, and not attempt to exercise the power they hold. All restrictions to trade are injurious, and combinations whether of producers or consumers, prejudicial to the interests of those who are parties to them.

Of course we do not publish the above as *news*, but merely for the purpose of showing that the opinions entertained by us for so many weeks past are shared by parties whom we consider to be competent judges in the premises.

POLITICS, &c., IN WASHINGTON.—We take the following from the Washington correspondence of the Charleston *Courier* of the 9th:

There was a brief discussion in the Senate, to-day, which elicited some important declarations on the subject of the question pending between the North and South. Some anti-slavery resolutions from the Legislature of Vermont, were presented, and on the motion to print, Mr. Mason, of Virginia, and others, took occasion to declare that the South would resist any measure for carrying out these principles. Mr. Hale declared that the resolutions meant nothing—that they were made for home consumption—that there were a few fanatics, like himself, in Vermont—and that the Whig and Democratic parties both attempted to get their votes by accusing each other of pro-slavery, and passing anti-slavery resolutions. But he was glad that there was a deep and growing dissatisfaction among the Northern people, at the influence exerted by the South over the legislation of the country. Mr. Phelps contended that slavery was unknown, and added that, while the Northern people disclaimed any intention to interfere in the domestic concerns of the States, they were decidedly of the opinion that Congress had the right to prohibit slavery in the territories. Mr. Calhoun remarked that he had long seen that abolition was running to a head, and that he hoped to check it; but he was now in doubt in regard to arresting it, for Northern gentlemen had admitted that it was universal and irresistible. What course the South would take, it was not for him to say, but, when the time arrived, she would, no doubt, protect her rights and interests.

This conversation, though brief, impressed every one as conveying a just idea of the state of this question. The matter may not, and I think, will not, come to a head at this session, nor during the present administration.—But Gen. Taylor will not admit that. But the abolition policy—so far as it is connected with politics—is, no doubt, destined to grow, and there will always be fanaticism enough to help it along. At present, however, the commercial and manufacturing interests of the North will be strong enough to keep it in check. Pennsylvania, for instance, will not hazard dissolution at a time when she is begging the South to protect her iron by increased rates of duty—to buy her iron at prices higher than she can import it from Great Britain.

The state of parties in the House is illustrated by the daily trials to elect a Clerk. The Democratic candidate receives 107 votes; the Northern and the Southern Whig candidates—Foote and Campbell—about the same number in the aggregate; and there are seven scattering Free Soil votes. The Whigs have a decided advantage in the struggle, because their Clerk holds over till another shall be elected; and the same rule applies to the other officers. They will not, therefore, vote for adopting a plurality rule.

DEATH OF AN INVENTOR.—A gentleman of scientific reputation, named John H. Ryan, to whom the world is indebted for the discovery of what is termed Kyanized wood, died, in his boarding house in Bowery street, New York, a few days ago. He was in his fifty-seventh year. Seventy-four years of age, and had lived, been engaged with a committee of the Common Council on the subject of the Croton water question, and died in poverty.

Correspondence from the Capitol.

BATON ROUGE, Jan. 17, 1850.

To the Editors of the Bee:

The first question asked me when I arrived at Baton Rouge, was who are to be Speaker, Treasurer, Clerks, &c. Considering this is the capitol of the State, and that all the Big Bugs are here congregated, it is passing strange that they know so little about matters and things. The only news that I have heard is that Judge King resigned on the 15th, and that Gov. Johnson is to be appointed in his place. No body knows anything more about Gov. Walker's appointments than we did about Gen. Taylor's until they were named. Willis is here, and it is rumored that he will be the Recorder of Mortgages. As a sacrifice is bound to have it, a more clever and competent one could not be found. John E. Layet and Judge Cuvillier will be the candidates for Clerk, and Gen. Horatio Davis, as course, Secretary of the Senate. All three are now on the spot, but few members have yet arrived.

The State house in a very unfinished condition to receive the *Legislature*, and from the lights before me, I should say it will be a very uncomfortable place to legislate in. The building is damp, and the interior presents a very unfavorable appearance, portions of the walls being yet unplastered. I think, in consideration of this being the capitol, the good people of Baton Rouge might "improve their ways." The landing is in a deplorable condition, the wharf-boat that was sunk not having been replaced by another. You have to ascend considerable of a hill, and it the mud continues much longer, the chances are you take one step up and two back.

The people of the city appear to be much pleased with having the government here, and try to do every thing to make you as comfortable as possible, but there is a scarcity of accommodation in the way of lodging rooms, which I fear will cause much dissatisfaction. Our friend Judge Bordelon is stretched on his back—cause, eating too many woodcocks—result, gout. He bids me say, however, that he does not intend to die just yet. Jaw Gov. Johnson to-day—he had been sick, but is now doing well. He is the same clever fellow that he was the day of his inauguration—bye-the-bye, talking of inauguration, there will be such doings here on the 29th—balls, parties, and fairs. The ladies are determined to do all they can to make the assembled wisdom contented with the low of New Orleans amusements. You must try and send us up an opera or a concert, or a ballet, or somebody's menagerie, it will do to keep the members in a good humor, else I fear New Orleans may again be cursed with the State House.

MORE ANON.

FROM HAVANA.—The steamship *Isabel* arrived at Charleston the 11th, with dates from Havana to the 8th inst., inclusive. She brings no news of special moment. The Havana correspondent of the Savannah *Republican*, writes as follows:

I am inclined to the opinion, that, bad as it is, and oppressive as it will continue to be, it is not yet a time for hot-headed annexationists to endeavor to conquer Cuba. Invincible as our troops have ever been, it is not a mere handful of men that is to take this Island. The soldiers here are not indolent Mexicans—nor men drilled merely for show—they are *all from Old Spain*, and the officers are men of experience and repute, many of them, many of them, were brave in the wars of Europe. They *will fight*—and so will the soldiers—to sustain the glory of their Queen, and their own name as men of might and daring. From what I have heard, I should believe there is no strong a feeling as letter writers generally assert, for a separation of Cuba from Spain. I have heard several of our American merchants here, pronounce the assertions of several papers of the United States, in relation to the feelings here, as unfounded in fact, and calculated to mislead the popular mind on a question which must be debated more temperately in order to be successfully met.

I cannot perceive any great difference between this Government and that of Canada—In both places the military is more potent than the civil power, and the lower classes, as they are styled, are equally loath in their dispositions of the rich and titled. I cannot judge, of course, very accurately at present, but as my stay is likely to be for some months, I mean to enquire into the matter more fully, and report to you at the end of the time.

Gen. Concha arrived in safety here during the holidays. Havana was particularly gay on Sunday, the great festival of the negroes coming on that day. I never found one of the latter out of temper on "King's Day" before. The representation of the different tribes by the negroes was excellent. Every variety of savage costume was to be seen, and the imitations were generally admirable. The dances of those nations from which the representatives had been taken, were executed in the public squares of the city. The beating of tambourines, shrill squeaking of a reedy kind of pipe, the clash of cymbals, the noise of castanets, and direful yells, mingled with shouts and screams of every kind, rendered the scene one of the wildest and most exciting I ever witnessed. The police were not to be seen, and the orders and the actions of the negroes in any way—all were *free* for that day, and they gave themselves up to the most unbridled excesses of every kind.

DEBT OF NEW YORK CITY.—The Mayor's annual message, sent in to the new Councils which were installed on Monday, the Whigs having a majority of two in one board, and a controlling voice in the other, sets forth the following as the condition of the city finances:

"The total aggregate of the city debt, from stocks issued and redeemable from the sinking fund, was, on the 31st December, 1849, fifteen millions three hundred and fifty-six thousand two hundred and eighty-three dollars (15,356,283.) Of this amount, three million one hundred and ninety-nine thousand and fifteen dollars, (3,199,015,) are held by the commissioners of the sinking fund; leaving a net debt of the city, redeemable from the sinking fund, twelve million one hundred and fifty-seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars, (12,157,768.) Add to this three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars of stock exempt from taxation, and we have the total net debt of the city at twelve million five hundred and twenty-two thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars, (12,522,768,) on the 31st day of December."

A DECISION ON FLOUR BRANDS.—The Utica *Observer* gives a report of a trial before the Recorder of that city, in which Erasmus D. Robinson was tried on an indictment for the following terms. The defendant resides in New York city, and the complainant, Jesse Thompson, resides in Utica. The *Observer* gives the particulars of the case as follows:

"On the 11th of December last, defendant sold to Thompson 280 barrels of flour, marked 'Genesee Flour,' 'Genesee Wheat,' for $1,365, which turned out to be from wheat from Milan, Ohio, ground at Rochester, and of a poor quality. The defence was that there was no deception, and that Thompson was informed that the flour was made from Milan wheat, ground at Rochester. The examination was extended—twenty witnesses having been sworn—and warmly contested on both sides. One thing was established, that the various brands upon flour barrels are very often understood by the trade to be humbugs, a fact of which the community should be informed. Defendant was discharged."

DRUIDS.—A company has arrived from England, who profess to reproduce all the old mysteries of the Druids, as described by Diodorus, Siculus, and other ancient writers. They made their *début* in New York on the 8th, before an immense audience.

SECRET OCCUPATIONS OF PARIS.—There died in Paris not long since, a man ruined by the Republic, and who had always followed a business productive as it was. One day he was reflecting on the numberless efforts he had made in vain to gain a livelihood. The idea crossed his mind, "There are annually lost in Paris, at least one hundred bank notes; one-tenth of this money belongs to persons who have no faith in human probity, and are never reclaimed. Now, of the persons who find these notes, three out of ten are honest. Of their honesty, now perfectly sterile: I will make use: This was the origin of a new industry. He caused to be printed on credit, a number of hand-bills to the following purport:

Bank Note Lost—Honesty its own Reward.—A poor man, father of a family, has lost a bank note, and is too poor to be reward of his toil, somewhere between Montrouge and Bercy.—The finder will please bring it to No. ——, street, and will be amply rewarded by the consciousness of having done his duty.

This notice placarded every month at the various corners of Paris, procured for its inventor an income of twenty-five hundred or three thousand francs, on which he contrived to live very comfortably.

The establishment of the Republic, which rendered the loss of bank notes most improbable and almost impossible, put an end to this strange occupation.

General Council.

Sitting of Thursday, Jan 17, 1850.

The Council assembled this day conformably to adjournment.

Mr. Culbertson was called to the chair.

Members present—Messrs. Bengal, Javvis, Tompkins, Bebee Culbertson, Theard and Vandergrift.

Absent—Messrs. Benit, Roselius, Vignetti, Allan and Caldwell.

On motion, the Council proceeded by ballot to elect a President.

Messrs. Bengal and Tompkins were appointed tellers, and it appeared that of 7 votes,

Mr. Culbertson had obtained.....6
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Consequently Mr. Culbertson was declared elected President.

The reading of the Journal of the last sitting was dispensed with and the President authorized to sign the same.

Mr. Jarvis presented the following resolution, which, on motion, the rules being suspended, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby requested to draw his warrants on the three Municipalities, according to the quotas, for the sum of eighteen hundred and twenty-five dollars, in favor of the Secretary of the Board of Health, being the sum appropriated under the Ordinance of May 3d, 1848, for the expenses of said Board for nine months, ending 31st inst. And we hereby certify that the same is the same man, twice, *sure!* The next day a word slight than the foregoing was put upon us. A couple of individuals came into the office and asked "Is this Britton's Exchange and Banking establishment?" This was too much for human nature to bear, and we determined to inflict summary punishment. The men were powerfully made and evidently strong, but just as we were "squaring off" for a round through a course of "sprouts" that would have lasted them their natural lives, the thought that they might have wives and children who would grieve at seeing them return home smuggled and used up, put a stop to our sanguinary purposes, and so we let them off.

The asking of an editor to change hundred dollar bills, is a direct and positive insult—for how, in this non-subscription-paying age, can it be supposed that an editor could have that amount of change honestly in his possession! We intend to inflict the "unnecessary condign" upon any person who asks us that question again.

THE CATASTROPHE at St. Louis, with which is connected, unhappily, the historic name of MONTESQUIEU, is again the subject of consideration, from the circumstance of the passing through this city, on his way to St. Louis, of M. de Cessac. This gentleman is allied by marriage to the individuals implicated, and is the bearer of letters, certified by unfortunately most respectable letters, to urge, in behalf of his connexions, considerations of the deepest interest, as we know, which, when duly weighed, cannot fail to engage public opinion, by peculiar sympathy, in favor of the unfortunate young men who, in a moment of phrensy, committed a deed grievously deplored, but for which, as we are impressed by evidence, they might not to be held morally responsible. The phrensy was not consequent upon any cause within their control, but brought upon them, as it unfortunately had been before upon others of their immediate family, by the act of God. It is nonetheless to be remembered, too, that this family of Montesquieu—so distinguished in the history of France—is also well known for its ancient and steady friendship towards the U. States; and that it was the first to announce, and with a view of more intimate acquaintance with our country and its institutions, that these young gentlemen directed their unhappy steps hither. Let us hope that M. de Cessac's mercantile errand may be successful.—*National Intelligencer.*

City Intelligence.

MISS DAVENPORT.—The charming actress performs the Countess this evening in the interesting drama of "Love." Her success in the character has been signal, and she is now placed her in the front rank of her profession. We advise the lovers of fine acting to witness the admirable performance of Miss D.

VARIETIES.—To-night we have at this popular establishment the amusing drama of Fortunio and his seven gifted servants; and the comic ballet of "*La Diable a Quatre*," with the entire choreographic force of the Theatre.

MR. BAN'S BENEFIT.—This gifted and versatile actor takes his benefit on Wednesday, and presents a most attractive bill of fare, as may be seen by the announcement. We shall allude to it again.

ORLEANS.—The Natchez *Courier* thus humorously notices the enormity of the opposition that an editor should be a moneyed man:

We even complained, some time last week, and now give public notice that we will not submit to such treatment any longer. Last Tuesday, an individual, from whom we had a right to expect better things, came into our sanctum apparently in a great hurry, and drawing a one hundred dollar bill from his pocket, asked us to give him small change for it! We rose from our chair with the determination to knock him down—but did'nt. He stands about six feet two, muscular and well proportioned, and fearing it might hurt him if we "upset his apple-cart," we refrained from carrying out our first intention. He hadn't better do so again, however, for we won't take the same insult from the same man, twice, *sure!* The next day a word slight than the foregoing was put upon us. A couple of individuals came into the office and asked "Is this Britton's Exchange and Banking establishment?" This was too much for human nature to bear, and we determined to inflict summary punishment. The men were powerfully made and evidently strong, but just as we were "squaring off" for a round through a course of "sprouts" that would have lasted them their natural lives, the thought that they might have wives and children who would grieve at seeing them return home smuggled and used up, put a stop to our sanguinary purposes, and so we let them off.

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Messrs. Bengal and Tompkins were appointed tellers, and it appeared that of 7 votes,

Mr. Culbertson had obtained.....6
Blank.....1

Consequently Mr. Culbertson was declared elected President.

The reading of the Journal of the last sitting was dispensed with and the President authorized to sign the same.

Mr. Jarvis presented the following resolution, which, on motion, the rules being suspended, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby requested to draw his warrants on the three Municipalities, according to the quotas, for the sum of eighteen hundred and twenty-five dollars, in favor of the Secretary of the Board of Health, being the sum appropriated under the Ordinance of May 3d, 1848, for the expenses of said Board for nine months, ending 31st inst. And we hereby certify that the same is the same man, twice, *sure!* The next day a word slight than the foregoing was put upon us. A couple of individuals came into the office and asked "Is this Britton's Exchange and Banking establishment?" This was too much for human nature to bear, and we determined to inflict summary punishment. The men were powerfully made and evidently strong, but just as we were "squaring off" for a round through a course of "sprouts" that would have lasted them their natural lives, the thought that they might have wives and children who would grieve at seeing them return home smuggled and used up, put a stop to our sanguinary purposes, and so we let them off.

The asking of an editor to change hundred dollar bills, is a direct and positive insult—for how, in this non-subscription-paying age, can it be supposed that an editor could have that amount of change honestly in his possession! We intend to inflict the "unnecessary condign" upon any person who asks us that question again.

COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, Jan. 18, 1850.

A duty-contest of business has been transacted during the past week, and with few exceptions, prices remain as before quoted. The only important change has been the upward movement in Cotton experienced by the receipt of the Canada's advices of Monday, reporting an advance in the Liverpool market, of ¼d. ₰ lb., though the controlling influences of the late rapid improvement arises chiefly from the conviction that the crop is decidedly not to be very short, thus rendering our market in a great measure independent of the complexion of the foreign offices.

The Canada reached New York on Tuesday evening, on that the letters with her were not delivered on Wednesday or Thursday next. By that time also, we shall begin to look out for the accounts by the Niagara, which sailed from Liverpool last Saturday.

The weather since our last has been generally pleasant, though the temperature is unusually warm for the season.

The river is within fifteen inches of the high water mark of last season.

COTTON.—Arrived since the 11th inst., of Louisiana and Mississippi, 16,973 bales; Tennessee and North Alabama, 6,600; Alabama, 1,923; Mobile, 647; Texas, 296; Florida, 51; together, 24,679 bales. Cleared in the same time, for Liverpool, 6,810; Glasgow, 2,854; Havre, 4,777; Trieste, 2,013; Barcelona, Sal; Genoa, 613; Vera Cruz, 30; New York, 3,088. Boston, 3,219; Baltimore, 320; together, 26,526 bales; making a reduction in stock of 1,983 bales, and leaving on hand inclusive of all on shipboard not cleared this day, a stock of 179,589 bales.

STATEMENT OF COTTON.

Stock on hand Sept. 1st, 1849..... bales	13,791
Arrived last week.....	24,679
Arrived previously..... 616,909	641,148
	453,939
Exported last week..... 26,507	
Exported previously..... 246,788	275,376
Stock on hand and on shipboard.	179,589

We stated in our review of Friday last, that the Cotton market had closed quietly, but firmly at the advance of ⅛@¼c obtained in the early part of the week. On Saturday, there was some demand, and the sales reached 4,500 bales, at steady prices. Monday open with a moderate enquiry, and about 3,000 bales changed hands in the forenoon, at previous quotations. During the afternoon, telegraphic despatches received, advising the arrival of the Canada and bringing information of an advance in the Liverpool market of ¼d. ₰ lb. Our own market immediately sympathised with this intelligence, and 1,500 bales were disposed of at ¼@¼c advance. On Wednesday, factors advanced their asking rates ¼@⅛c., and their pretensions were met to the extent of 6,000 bales, bidding having been sold at 11¼@11¾c., and Good Middling at 11¾@12c. ₰ lb. Since then, however, the demand has materially slackened, and the market being left without competition has displayed a certain degree of heaviness, preventing holders from obtaining the extreme rates realized on Wednesday, though, after all, no quotable change can be made in prices. The business of the past three days has only amounted to 5,000 bales, making the total transactions of the week, 26,500 bales.

Most of the foregoing business has been done for the North, some little for the Continent, a few parcels for England, and an occasional lot on speculation. As a general rule, foreign buyers have retired from the market, and will be precluded from operating to any extent, until advised of the effect in Manchester of the upward movement here as well as the corrected estimates of the crop. In the meanwhile, stocks must accumulate on this side of the water, and the spirit of speculators will be tested to the fullest extent. We have no doubt of the entire and complete success of the American movement, based as it is on the most legitimate of all grounds—a greatly deficient supply—provided parties are not carried away by extravagant ideas, and do not attempt to push prices beyond the verge of safety. But of this more anon.

LIVERPOOL CLASSIFICATION—LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI.

INFERIOR.....	@4
ORDINARY.....	10¾ @11
MIDDLING.....	11¾ @11¾
GOOD MIDDLING.....	11¾ @12
MIDDLING FAIR.....	11¾ @12
FAIR.....	12¾ @13
PETTY FAIR.....	13¾ @13¾
GOOD FAIR.....	13¾ @14
GOOD AND FINE.....	14¾ @15

TOBACCO.—Arrived since the 11th inst., 20 hhds. Cleared in the same time, for London, 4 hhds. Trinidad, 11. Boston, 5; Charleston, 10; together, 515 hhds. Stock in warehouses and on shipboard, 5,525 hhds.

STATEMENT OF TOBACCO.

Stock on hand Sept. 1st, 1849..... hhds.	13,393
Arrived last week.....	20
Arrived previously.....	7,621
	5,054
Exported last week..... 515	
Exported previously..... 14,464	15,009
Stock on hand and on shipboard.	5,525

The transactions in Tobacco continue to be to the most limited scale, arising from the extreme smallness of the stock now remaining on sale, besides which, holders are demanding outside prices. Sales reported since our last, 200 hhds., including 4 hhds. Admitted, at 6¾c; 1 Refused, at 5c; 7 do. Mason County, Admitted, at 10c; 6 do. Refused, at 8c; 3 hhds. Admitted, at 7c; 40 do. at 6¾c; 24 do. at 6½c; 21 hhds. Mason county, on private terms; 23 hhds. new crop, of which 14 hhds. were agreeably to said judgment paid as follows: $188.336 98 in cash, and the balance in 63 interest notes of the said Commercial Bank, in pieces of Municipality No. 1 and 2, bearing interest, and it being declared and adjudged by said Court, that the said Commercial Bank should be restored and endorsed in the purchase and extinguishment of the bonds issued by said corporation for the stock in the said Commercial Bank.

Notice is hereby given to the holders of said bonds that the Commissioners of the General Sinking Fund, will, on the 1st of April, 1850, receive proposals for the purchase and extinguishment of said bonds which were issued as aforesaid, for said stock, and dated June 1st, 1839, and payable in 1869, and N. Morse, Recorder, for the sum of $1000 each, and are payable on the 30 June, 1873.

The said Fund reserves to itself the right of accepting such of said proposals which shall be deemed the most advantageous to the Sinking Fund.

The said proposals shall be left in the hands of Hon. A. B. Crossman, Mayor of the city of New Orleans and President of the Board of Commissioners of the General Sinking Fund of the city of New Orleans, New Orleans, Dec. 13, 1849.

A. B. CROSSMAN, Mayor,
President of Sinking Fund.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Baton Rouge, January 16, 1850.

WHEREAS, Daniel D. Bell, Esq., Register of the State Land Office, has certified to me his resignation of the office of Register aforesaid, and the appointment of his successor, to wit:

1st. A Bond of five thousand dollars, executed by the State Land Office, Register of Accounts, and Treasurer, together with John L. Lewis, Dunstan Augustin and Richard Gridley, as sureties.

2d. A Bond of five thousand dollars, subscribed by him in the parish of New Feliciana, on the 14th inst., before Judge Bakewell, with Albert Babineaux, John L. Lewis and Dunstan Augustin, as sureties.

3d. A Mortgage given by him on real estate in the city of New Orleans, to