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Boston	Feb. 7	Liverpool	Jan. 3
Philadelphia	Feb. 7	Paris	Jan. 3
Baltimore	Feb. 10	Bremen	Jan. 5
Savannah	Feb. 9	Boston	Jan. 20
Charleston	Feb. 10	Havana	Jan. 28
Mobile	Feb. 11	Vera Cruz	Jan. 25
Nashville	Feb. 11	Vera Cruz	Jan. 25

Commercial.

NEW-ORLEANS, SUNDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 20, 1842.

The sales of Cotton yesterday were 4,000 bales. The market is very flat, and prices are tending upward.

LIVERPOOL CLASSIFICATION.

Louisiana and Mississippi.		Tennessee and N. Ala.	
Ordinary	4 ⅞	Ordinary	5
Middling	7 ⅞	Middling	6 ⅞
Middling Fair	8 ⅞	Middling Fair	8 ⅞
Fair	9 ⅞	Fair	9 ⅞
Good Fair	10 ⅞	Good Fair	10 ⅞
Good and fine	12 ⅞	Good and fine	12 ⅞

There was some difficulty yesterday about the sale of the Improvement Bank, and they were generally refused by the other institutions. So much for the new law, which did little or nothing towards accepting. The amendments to the Bank Bill, introduced yesterday in the Senate do not amount to much; some further modifications are necessary to ensure a beneficial operation. We trust that they may be forthwith suggested, for such is the uncertainty of our present monetary condition, that most of the Banks have ceased doing business, some of them having lately declined to take anything on deposit.

DEPARTURE OF THE ATLANTIC STEAMERS

FROM LIVERPOOL.		FROM BOSTON	
Caledonia	Feb. 4	Mar. 1	
Acadia	Mar. 4	April 2	
Cambria	April 1	May 1	
Britannia	April 19	May 16	
Caledonia	May 4	June 1	
Acadia	May 16	June 16	
Columbia	June 4	July 2	

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

EXPORTS.

Liverpool—Per ship John Bolton—3022 bales cotton.
New York—Per ship Louisiana—4120 sacks coffee.
Liverpool—Per ship Kilian Preble—1904 bales cotton, 600 kegs lard.
Liverpool—Per ship Abbotsford—1818 bales cotton.
Havre—Per ship Marquis Wellesley—2,000 hhds molasses, 154 tcs do, 328 brls do.
Boston—Per barque Columbia—93 bales cotton, 55 brls alcohol, 260 brls beef, 1,002 brls flour, 108 brls pork, 164 do whiskey, 276 brls pork and lard, &c.
Havana—Per sp. polacre Juanita—1000 brls flour, 1000 bags lard.
Mobile—Per schr Candid—92 mill stones, 16 pcs bagging, 60 coils rope.
Mobile—Per schr Helen—82 brls flour, 50 brls bread, 30 do whiskey, 25 do pork, 90 sks corn, 75 pcs bagging, coils rope, 4 cases hams, &c.
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Philadelphia—Per schr Baltimore—201 tierces molasses, 400 hhds do.
Galveston—Per steamer Monmouth—provisions, groceries, &c.

IMPORTS.

Liberia—Per barque Union—126 casks palm oil, 200 tons red and gubson wood, 4½ tons camwood, 650 lbs ivory, 1000 lbs beeswax, 319 hhds ginger, 2 tierces do, 2½ lbs tortoise shell, and return cargo, to F de Lizardi & co.
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AN ACT

To amend an act entitled "An act to revive the charters of the several Banks located in the city of New Orleans, and for other purposes "approved February 5, 1842.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the fifth paragraph of the 1st section of the act entitled "An Act to revive the charters of the several Banks located in the city of New Orleans, and for other purposes," be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the following be substituted in lieu thereof, to-wit: That no person shall hereafter be elected or appointed a director of any Bank in this State who shall not at the time of his election or appointment be a citizen of the United States, or have made a declaration in due form of his intention to become a citizen: and if any director of a bank shall absent himself from this State for a period exceeding four months his seat shall be considered as vacated, and shall be immediately filled by the authority by which such directors had been originally appointed; or if such a director had been appointed by the legislature, and it be then in recess, by the governor; and the same rule shall apply to all vacancies occurring in the board of directors of any bank.

Section 2. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That so much of the fifth paragraph of the second section of said act as makes it the duty of the attorney general under the circumstance therein mentioned to institute suits against the members of the board of currency, be and the same is hereby repealed, saving and reserving to persons injured by any unlawful act of said board or any of the members thereof, the right to sue on the bonds furnished by them as in the case of the other official bond.

Section 3. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the 5th and 6th sections of said act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that each and every bank accepting the said act may issue notes payable on 30th September, 1842, or stamp their present notes payable at that period: *Provided, however*, that the whole amount of the notes issued or stamped payable at said date by any one bank shall never exceed three times the amount of specie in its vault; and if any bank should issue or stamp a larger proportion of notes payable as above than is allowed by this act, each and every person officer of the bank concerned in such stamping or issuing shall be subject to imprisonment for a period which shall not exceed two years nor be less than two months.

Section 4. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the 8th section of said act be so amended that no bank shall be bound to receive in payment the notes of any bank or banks in liquidation to an amount which shall exceed in the aggregate thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the circulation of the bank thus receiving it, as fixed by the scale established by said act, in which amount shall be included the notes of the liquidating bank held by and all balances due to the said bank receiving such notes, and said act shall not be so interpreted as to require any bank to receive a larger amount of the circulation of a liquidating bank than that for which security shall be given, the sufficiency of which security, in case of difference of opinion, shall be determined by the Board of Currency.

Section 5. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the 12th section of said act be so amended that until the first day of July next it shall not be necessary for the banks that shall accept the same to settle their weekly balances in specie, and that until the said first day of July next said balances may be adjusted by transfer from one dollar to the credit bank of paper not having more than ninety days to run, which note shall be taken at a discount of interest not exceeding eight per cent. per annum, and the bank transferring the same shall be liable for any loss or deficiency thereon. *Provided, however*, that the Board of Currency are authorised to modify or suspend, at their discretion, these settlements in regard to any particular bank or banks, when they are fully satisfied of the entire solvency of such bank or banks, and when circumstances may render it advisable. That said section be further amended, so that the Merchants' Bank and Gas Light and Banking Company shall be permitted, until the 30th day of September next, to pay out the notes of other banks which may have accepted the act to which this is an amendment, so far as may be necessary to relieve the debts now owing or liabilities incurred by said Merchants's Bank and Gas Light and Banking Company.

Section 6. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That that portion of the 17th section of said act, which subjects the members of the Board of Currency to criminal prosecution, and those portions of the 9th and 10th sections of said act, which provide that on certain contingencies therein mentioned, the office of the Attorney General of the State shall be considered as vacated, and direct the Governor to appoint another in his stead, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 7. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That the 19th section of the said act be so amended that the bonds required by said section to be issued by the state, shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually, instead of five per cent. as provided by said act; and that said bond shall be made payable at periods corresponding with those at which any bonds of the state heretofore issued in favor or for account of the banks to which they are furnished shall mature, and in the proportion that the amount of bonds now bear to the whole amount of bonds issued by the state, for or on account of said bank.

Section 8. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That the 26th section of said act be so amended that any bank in liquidation will be allowed to take its stock in payment of debts due to it, on a written authorization to that effect of the Board of Currency.

Section 9. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That the 25th section of said act shall be not construed to apply to renewals of loans on stocks made prior to the passage of said act.

Section 10. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That any bank accepting the said act, and which has issued bands for the whole or a part of its capital, shall be and is hereby authorized to agree with the holders of such bonds, to postpone the time of payment of any series that may fall due prior to the year 1845, by dividing such payment, so as to make the same payable in four annual instalments of one fourth each year, during the four years next ensuing that in which said series shall fall due.

Section 11. *Be it further enacted, &c.* That any Bank which shall accept the act to which this is an amendment, shall be permitted, by a vote of the stockholders, in all elections held after the passage of this act, to reduce the number of its directors, to any number not less than eight: *Provided, however*, that those banks in which the state or the city of New Orleans have the right to appoint a portion of the directors, shall make this reduction in such manner as to preserve to the state and city the same relative proportion of directors to which they are entitled by the charters of the said banks.

Section 12. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to grant leave of absence for a term not exceeding four months, to members of the Board of Currency, and to appoint other persons to fill the place of such members during their absence; *Provided, however*, that leave of absence shall not be granted to more than one member of the board at a time, and that if any member absent himself without leave or for a longer period than that for which leave was granted him, his salary shall cease to run during the whole time that he shall thus be absent without leave, and that in all cases the person appointed in lieu of an absent member shall be entitled to the salary of such member for the period during which such member shall be absent, and be bound to give the same security.

TERRIFIC STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION AND LOSS OF LIFE!

The steam towboat *Mohican*, Captain HEATON, on Saturday evening last, the 19th February instant whilst engaged, with the towboat *Star*, in towing the British ship *Ed. Thorn*, (inward bound,) across the Bar, burst all her boilers, by which, we regret to add, that from *twelve to fourteen* lives were lost, amongst whom are the two engineers, two firemen and three deck hands. Lieut. BURUP, one of the Revenue officers at the Balize, was blown from the boat on board of the *Star* and was killed on the spot. The mate of the *Ed. Thorn* was killed by the explosion, and the captain is dangerously wounded. The latter, and Captain HEATON, who is likewise badly hurt, were brought to the city yesterday on board of the *Star*, and medical aid was immediately procured to render them every possible assistance. Capt. HEATON, of the *Star*, (a brother of the commander of the *Mohican*,) did every thing in his power to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded, and with a promptitude worthy of credit, returned forthwith to the city with a view of securing immediate remedies for their recovery.

The *Mohican* caught fire immediately after the explosion, and was entirely consumed. The deficiency of water in the boilers is said to have been the origin of this afflicting accident.

BURGLARY.—Some scoundrels broke into Mr. A. Champion's dry-goods store, No. 30 St. Philip street, on Friday night, by forcing both the staples of the door with a crow-bar. The family heard the noise, but mistook it for the howling of the wind—the night being stormy. The thieves went off with $1,000 worth of dry-goods, laces, cotton ons, &c.

THE HERODS from Albany to New York begin again, and the news from the Legislature is now received direct.

INSTRUCTION TO THE BLIND.

We perceive that Dr. SAMUEL G. HOWE—a name identified with the broadest and most benevolent philanthropy—