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STATE OF LOUISIANA:
THE UNION—IT MUST BE PRESERVED,
MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 14, 1864.

FOR GOVERNOR:
J. B. DAWSON.
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT:
B. MARIGNY.

The old board of council-men closed their useful labors on Saturday evening last. No board have been more sensibly or alive to the interests of their fellow-citizens than this one, or have accomplished more good. It is therefore with pleasure that we find many of them retained, and the pain we feel at the loss of others is somewhat relieved by the conviction that their places are well filled in the persons of their successors.

Mr. James Saul, late alderman of the first ward, in particular, is entitled to the warm thanks and sincere commendations of his fellow-citizens. His gentleness, by his bland and insinuating manners, as well as by his hearty devotion to the best interests of the city, has contributed greatly to the happy results we feel so much pleasure in noticing. It may be mentioned, as illustrative of the high sense in which he was held by his colleagues, and as an evidence of the weight attached to his judgment, that no measure proposed by him was negatived by them.

As chairman of the finance committee, although his motives were at one time impugned and the correctness of his course questioned, yet his opponents have given cause to change their opinions and to be the loudest in rendering him the public mark of praise to which he is so justly entitled. A singular proof, that justice will follow a high-minded honorable course, dictated by a sense of duty and a desire to advance the public welfare.

We understand that on Friday night last, a young man by the name of Kastel, in a fit of passion, cast the throat of his wife with a razor. Immediately after, believing her dead, he cut his own with the same instrument. The wife was not dead on Saturday morning last, and hopes were then entertained of her recovery. We have been unable to obtain any further particulars.

Superseded.—British bank Robt. Russell, from New Orleans, for Liverpool, was lost on Sand Key, 1st March—cargo will be saved—part of it had arrived at Nassau N. P. on the 12th.

It was one of the mad delusions of ancient times, and had its votaries like wild chimeras of the brain, that there was a secret or hidden connection between the moral and terrestrial world; and that the actions of mankind, good or bad, were regulated thereby; and hence arose the notion of a controlling planetary influence. If this age of genuine science were disposed to adopt this absurd hypothesis, it would naturally suggest itself to their minds, that a bad planet, if not a score of them, were now raging in our system, dispelling a baleful and blasting influence upon the morals of our people, and they would naturally conclude, therefore, that all the acts of violence and bloodshed that have transpired, were properly to be referred to this cause. But, unfortunately for the character of our law-makers, or rather our law-executors, none exist so credulous as to put the least faith in this exploded dogma of past delusion, and the only result will be, that they will be made answerable, if not to ourselves, to our neighbors as far as their reputations are concerned, for the frequent recurrence of crimes. It is very obvious, altho' we are aware that our city has been blandered in this particular, that there is not more depravity in it than in other places of the same size where there is a constant influx of strangers, especially when it is taken into consideration that the strong arm of the law does not hero punish every infraction of order, as elsewhere; but that, on the contrary, grave offenses duly go unpunished, or their punishment is protracted and deferred for a dangerous time. The real cause, disguise it as one may, is not that there is a radical defect in our criminal law, (for it is the same as that of our sister states, where order and tranquillity are preserved,) but a defect in the execution. The proper for crimes is sufficiently severe and onerous among us, but its certainty is too much involved in doubt, and too likely to be controlled by particular circumstances. It has been observed, with great force and truth by an eminent jurist, that it is not the severity of the punishment that deters the perpetration of crime, but the certainty, and the sooner we obtain an immutability upon this important point, the sooner will crime be eradicated from among us, and the horrid scenes of blood and violence that disgrace us a community cease to exist. We are not advocates of sanguinary law, but of mild laws, as being best calculated to answer the purpose designed. But we can by no means reconcile the justness or sagaciousness of inflicting unequal punishments suited to particular occasions or persons, or permitting such as are extraordinary and unusual to be resorted to by an improper tribunal, when it can possibly be prevented, because this argues a defect in the law itself. Besides, it is no way to remedy one public breach by committing another. Such precedents are not only bad, but may prove fatal. On no occasion should the public authorities permit these things—they should show themselves competent for the purposes for which their offices were created.

We propose to return to this subject again at a moment of more leisure. It is high time that reformation and innovation should be made and introduced to cure the evils which like an incubus, weigh down the energies of our city, and are a reproach to us abroad.

The Girard bank which has succumbed to "the orders" of the money-king, Nicholas the 1st, has a capital consisting of thirty thousand shares, of which (mark reader!) eight thousand are held in Europe. That our foreign institution should have a fellow feeling for another is not at all astonishing, and we cannot but regard it as an omission on the part of the secretary of the treasury to select such a depository. We hope he may forthwith repair his error by transferring the quota of deposits under its control to a more proper place. The prudent the bank have little in this transaction to boast of. The reason why the Girard bank had acted in conpliance with their views is, in our mind, quite obvious and we think it reasonably accounted for on the hypothesis we have noted.

RATHER FUNNY.—The Girard bank has publicly thrown up the depository. Yet the minors of the U. S. bank insist that it should be suffered to retain them, "till such time as it can conveniently restore them." How considerate! The essential of every contract is a consideration, a something for something, and when that ceases to exist, he by whose act it has been occasioned, can have no claim upon the indulgence of the other party. If he suffers, it's through his own folly—and he must take the consequences. Apart from this, however, the secretary of the treasury has done wrong in selecting an institution, against which the same objection exists as against the U. S. Bank, and he should hasten as we have before observed, to repair the fault by removing every dollar from its vaults.

COMMUNICATED.—To the Editor of the *New Orleans Bee*.—Sir.—Permit me, through the medium of your very useful and widely circulated paper, to state for general information, and more particularly for masters of vessels passing the Grand Cayman Islands, that on my voyage to this place, and while passing the little Cayman, I observed several boats to leave the shore in chase which I believed to be pirates. Knowing that it was sea when I last saw them, and immediately followed, I took a boat and went to the chase except one boat, which continued to chase many boats from land, with a white flag flying when a sight struck me that they were shipwrecked men, as I was not aware that the island was inhabited; and I immediately hastened to, in order to afford them relief if necessary; but to my astonishment, as soon as they came alongside, I found them to be some of the inhabitants of that wretched island in a state of starvation and disease. They had been on the island from Jamaica, to carry on the torturing business, and that the thought had burnt up all vegetation, and their stock, in consequence had all died, and at that moment sat an tribe of fowls of every kind save turtle, was on the island, and that their supplies had not come from Jamaica. My means of relief being scant, of course it was but little I could afford so many people, but such as it was, it was received with grateful hearts.

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Should this command attract your attention, I respectfully request to attend. By Order, AUG. ST. MARTIN, Secretary.

MICHAEL McDONALD, Master of the sloop Fox, of Baltimore.

Further extracts of the late European news.

Paris Feb. 14.—The Quatre-Jeune was seized yesterday. The Carcasses.

ATROUSSES ACT.—Yesterday morning, about 6 o'clock, the steamboat Splendid was leaving the landing, a shot was fired from a gun near the wharf from whence the boat started, and killed one of the passengers. The boat returned, and the corpse was brought on board.

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Three persons are now lodged in jail, taken up on the

charge, that the Corone's inquest is investigating the

matter. We shall therefore, nothing more on the

subject at present. citizens of Nantes, we have no

doubt, will take care that no more atrocious acts of the

kind will be committed, at least from the same house.

The man who was killed was from New Orleans, in

which city he had been working at his trade—blacksmithing.

His name is Barney Norman, and is said to have

a man of good character. He was formerly of Little

Rock, Pennsylvania, previous to going to the O-

leans, had resided at Yellow Banks, Virginia, to which

place he was about to return when he was killed. He

was about 30 years of age. We shall endeavor to be well

informed concerning the whole transaction, and the causes

of his death.

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a long resistance, the Poles, who were confined in a strong castle of Ratisbon, have been sent off to Berlin, to the

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to get rid of our confederate Poles and Italians, whose

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