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"THE UNION must be preserved."

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Attention is called to the notice of the Louisianian entitling "The Union must be preserved,"

and to the article of 200 shares of its stock.

Will the postmaster general have the goodness to inquire into the continued deviation of the eastern mail, across the Alleghenies? Whenever the mail north of Philadelphia is not forwarded by the steamboats to Charleston, we do not get the New York, Philadelphia, or Boston papers till we are in Philadelphia and cities north of it; we are led to infer that the deviation is in the Philadelphia postoffice, whence the southern mail is probably despatched to Pittsburg.

This is very annoying to journalists in New Orleans; and we have frequently complained without redress. But we trust that the wonted energy of Mr. Kendall will at length do justice.

What has been done towards the construction of the rail-road hence to Lake Borgne?

Why does not the Postobranch railroad company cover the flues of their engines, as in the Atlantic states; and prevent the disagreeable annoyances from the sparks continually emitted on the passenger? When will this annoyance occur at their depot by belching or other fires, to prevent the liability of accidents, like that which has so invalidated Dr. Dalton?

THE SWISS AND SWARM.—The more we reflect upon the system of internal improvement in this state, relative to the closing of bayous, the more do we perceive its impropriety and lavish expenditure of the public funds; and the more are we persuaded that extensive irrigation is the proper remedy for rendering arable the savannas of the state, and preventing the inundations of the Mississippi and its tributaries.

About 1722, there were 25 feet of water on the bar at the Bayou; 1757, Union found 20; in 1826, there were 18; and now in 1855, there are only 13 feet. From what does this originate, but from the miserable policy of closing the bayous or natural outlets of the flood, which formerly served not only as channels to diminish floods but as receptacles for the alluvial soil usually carried down by the current; and which as an inevitable consequence confined within the course of the Mississippi and its embankments that soil which is either deposited in its channel, or carried down to its mouth, which in the former instance elevates the bed of the river above the surface of the adjoining lands, and in the latter is no stopped at the bar by the opposing waves of the gulf? Hence also the different islands formed within the last century at the Bayou, by the trees, rafts and alluvion.—Hence the closing of the waters of the river through its porous banks; hence its overflowing its embankments.

Although perhaps not singular, it is a striking peculiarity in the waters of Louisiana, that the embankments of every bayou and lake are considerably higher than the adjoining lands—which of course is attributable to the alluvion brought by the Mississippi from its *lengthened course* through various regions. This was beneficial to the rivers and bayous on whose banks are now the best plantations in the country. Put this final result has been greatly restricted since the closing of the bayous.

Reflected on a moment on the state of the swarm surrounding this city, and seriously pause on the dangers of sounding by a crevass in the bank immediately above on McCarty's plantation. Historical records prove positively that inundations were few and far between before the natural outlets of the river were embanked; and that the express swamp was not great nor deluging before the closing of the bayou Marcher, or rather the river Iberville—a measure that was as impossible as unconstitutional; and for which we anticipate and expect that Congress will adopt the proper remedy at its ensuing session.

Yet look for a moment at the topographical bearings of the swamp; and you will find that it is almost impossible to drain it without irrigating it by the Mississippi. The waters that escape over the levees of outlet through them, joined to that which flows in places affected by embankments, and to the rain water, never return to the river; but they find many outlets to the marshes and swamps below: and this effect is not easily because the embankments of the lakes and the different bayses running through the swamp between the city and the lakes are greatly elevated above the swamp lands. Thus is it on the bayou Metairie, on the bayou St. John, on the bayou Gentilly and Bienville; which in their present state are comparatively useless for irrigation, yet which nature has pointed out as proper channels for draining off superfluous waters; but which man has wilfully resolved shall be mischievously alienated: so that one or two of them are actually dried up in summer because their beds are higher than the stagnant marshes surrounding them.

From the decisiveness of the lands before the city on the eastern side of the river towards the lakes, it is easy to perceive that the island on which New Orleans stood was formed by the river alluvion; and also manifested that had not the alluvial deposit been prevented by the embankments, the swamp lands would have long ere this been elevated to a proper height, as is elsewhere effected in the formation of the islands of the Mississippi. But an overflowing the swamp by the river would now be an impudent expedient—we should resort to a substitute of a similar tendency: that of clearing the bayous in their course to the lakes, and then connecting them with the river by artificial sluices. Local remedies on a limited scale, will be worse than useless. We must avert the cause before we can remove the effects; and as the swamp is evidently caused or continued by the waters of the Mississippi stagnating these without the means of egress to the bayous or lakes, the natural outlets of the river must be opened and artificial sluices constructed, before any attempt at irrigating the swamp can succeed.

Open therefore the river Iberville, which will also have a salutary effect when navigable in carrying the agricultural produce of Florida to our market, instead of conveying it through the miserly channel of the bayou St. John and the canal Carondelet; and connect the bayou Metairie with the river. Deepen then the bayou Gentilly or Sauvage, and that of Bienville. These should and must be effected before the swamp can be drained—else it will be a sinking fund for any of the donations and subscriptions that could be raised.

In looking over an old work on the colony and province of Louisiana, when it extended to most of the regions west of the Mississippi and the lakes, our attention was arrested by an idea broached in it of the possibility and practicability of having a seaport at the mouth of the Columbia flowing westward into the Pacific ocean; and of connecting the Columbia river with the Missouri or Yellow Stone by a route across the Rocky or Missoula mountains, many parts of which are passable, considering the improvements made in steam-boats and railroads. There are many places across the mountains, over which a railroad could be much more easily constructed, than over the Alleghanies; and if a seaport were formed at Columbia, an excellent channel could be opened to the trade of China, and the East Indies.

This route would perhaps be preferable to any through the Mexican territories, and is equally practicable.

It is melancholy to read the accounts of the late riots in New York; and to perceive the ill feelings that have been engendered in consequence. The causes leading to those were somewhat similar to what disturbed the attention, and temporarily destroyed the harmony of our own citizens in April last—a struggle between native and naturalized citizens, when nothing can be more preposterous, impudent, and unwise.

Yet in New Orleans there were not the same feasible grounds of opposition as in New York—where Irishmen have so far separated themselves in part from the American community. There are none who more respect and honor the Irish people than we still think it one of the most independent expedients to which they could possibly resort, in defending themselves in corps and societies, in New York—as if they were resolved still to retain their interests and characteristics distinct in a pool, where they are cheerfully and constitutionally incorporated as members of the body politic. Were they denied the rights of citizenship, they might have seen fit, or were the alien and sedition laws in existence. But when they enjoy all the privileges with but one exception—the use of the soil, there is no reasonable excuse for preserving themselves distinct, partly when by the oath of allegiance, they forever allay foreign suspicion; and when by prudence, they should forgo all foreign suspicion. Probably they wish advantages while a difference.

A Great Speculation.—A great sum of the bar is in a neighbor county, in easy circumstances and pretty good practice, he rendered himself somewhat remarkably by his taste and knowledge of the way of materialistic speculation. A man inured in years, including some suites taken in

London, Paris, and other cities, and a large sum of money.

WANTING.—A barbers with good references, will

be engaged, and good wages by applying at

151 Chartres street, July 3.

They do not find that emigrants to the United States from any other country, as band together—none from England, Scotland, France or Germany. Why then should they? If they had formed close-voluntary societies for charitable purposes, the St. George's, St. Andrew's, St. David's and St. Patrick's, these would be laudable, but extraneous to such a purpose, clubs or corps of the naturalized citizens of any nation or country are not calculated to inspire confidence.

Yet fortunately this spirit of segregation is almost confined to New York. Here all our citizens live more in harmony, at least in appearance—although threatened with an American or Anglo-American party. But our differences are chiefly of a natural nature—and not relating to the capacity of constitutional or political privileges; but in, we earnestly trust that they never will. The direct results of such a contest have been so fatiguing and fatally evaded in New York, as to deter from such an invidious, unjust and impious course.

The Louisiana (St. Landryville) Journal of the 16th inst., gives utterance to apprehensions of a gloomy nature respecting the status of the slaves, etc. in that place—a consequence of a plot or concatenation of plots supposed to be projected in their favor, under the countenance of fanatics and wanderers, ejected from Mississippi, where the insurrection originated.

There is very little doubt of a project of insurrection having been seriously entertained in the state of Mississippi, and it is to be feared that the spirit of that project has been diffused in the upper parts of this state. It is therefore to be hoped that precautionary measures will be adopted in the respective towns, as has been done in St. Landryville, where meetings have been held on the subject, and an ordinance issued by the town council.

The habitation on the coast should be vigilantly reconnoitered by the executive authorities.

Suspicion is greatly in want of provisions and other agricultural produce. Shipments of wheat have been made from Liverpool to Cadiz, which should set an example to our citizens. Cadiz would be an excellent market for the superabundant exports of New Orleans. We should leave to trade the southern parts of Europe, where our merchants could procure an excellent and easy market for their commodities, besides acquiring valuable imports in wines, etc.

The steamboat *Athena*, belonging to the American Fur company, was recently burned on the Missouri, by an explosion. The value of the cargo destroyed consisting of buffalo robes, estimated at \$80,000.

(From the *Louisiana Recorder*)

THE CREOLES OF LOUISIANA.—One who is intimate with the characteristic traits of this colony would be struck with the almost similarity of them as compared with those which B. Y. Van der Velde in his history of the West India's attributes to the Creoles of the Americas.

Edwards writes:—Among such of the natives as have happily escaped the contagion and decreasing effects of youthful excesses, men are found of capacious minds and permanent as among any people whatever; as I cannot therefore admit that the creoles in general possess less capacity and habits of mind than the nations of Europe, much less can I allow that they fall short of them in any quality of the heart, render a man a better husband, a more amiable and interesting companion. For those who claim her hand, Her eyes are full with hidden yearning. Her cheek is pale with care—her brow with anxiety, her bosom with the load of her sorrows, her heart with pain.

The dancer, gayly in the ball—She wears a white dress, with a green sash.

With various music and wandering glances For those who claim her hand.

Her eyes are full with hidden yearning.

Her cheek is pale with care—her bosom with the load of her sorrows, her heart with pain.

She wears a green sash, with a green sash.

And oh! her heart is thine!

COMMERCIAL.

NOTICE OF THE MARKET.

S. T. STOCKS, New Orleans, July 20.

G. Shares Western Ins Co Bank.

SALES OF COTTON.

504 Bales, Mississippi, 17 3/4 PRODUCE.

TOBACCO—ldds 87 & 9

SUGAR—35 bales Brown 87 & 7 3/4 lbs prime 8 per cwt.

MOLASSES—3500 lbs per ton

COFFEE—Havana, 14 & 15 lbs

RICE—13 1/2 lbs

MRSS POWD—817 lb new

BACON—Pork, 12 & 13 lbs per lb dull

Middlings, 9 & 10 lbs per lb dull

Shoulders, 6 & 7 lbs

Hogheads 7 1/2 & 8 1/2 per lb

90 lbs per barrel, 30 lbs per 30 do

COFFEE—Havana, 14 & 15 lbs

MEAT POWD—ldds 87 & 9

BAKED APPLES—ldds 87 & 9

RAPE ROPE—15 lbs per yard

IRON—25 & 26 per lb

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CATTLE HIDES—Cattle 85 Mexican 10 & 11 lbs

PETRUM—10 & 12

SOUL LEATHER—22 & 25 lbs

LEATHER—Horn—Hides, 77 & 78 lbs

HARNESS—Horn—Hides, 78 & 79 lbs

BAGGING—Woolens, 100 per yard

WHISKET—Rye, 22 & 25 cts per gal

TANNERS OIL—None in market

IMPORTS

Per sehr Ho., 1000 bunches bananas to Richard, and 84000

in order.

SHIPS

NOTICE OF NEW ORLEANS.

CLEARED.

Ship Montpelier, All'n, London, Hogart & Haworth

Burke Arcadia, Donaldson, Liverpool, Etc.

Hagan Niven & Co., Godfrey & Blomstrand, master.

ARRIVED.

Steam towboat Lion, British, from the river Poole.

Arrived at New Orleans from Liverpool, June 10.

WATER WITCH, Q. P. Mason, master, is now

in residence to receive cargo.

Apply on board, E. W. GREGORY,

61, Charter street.

NOTICE

LORRAINE Cotton Seas Co, Factory & Store Co.

New Orleans, July 17, 1855.

THE stockholders of the Louisiana Cotton Co. Oil

Factory and Insurance Company are hereby no-

tified that the second installment of the premium per share

payment contained in section 3d of the charter, should

the stockholder fail to pay any instalment when due, the

same shall be forfeited to the company and become its

absolute property.

It is evident that the interest of the company in the

charter is of great value.

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