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No issue shall appear next week.

We invite attention to the advertisement of the Amico and Company on Saturday page, Line 1.

We wished to-day, for reference, a directory of our town. It has been made out from memory, and therefore there may be omissions. If any, we shall be happy to correct and re-publishe it.

Our friend Major J. W. Thompson, of the State Gazette, called a few days ago to see us, but, much to our regret, we were out in the country. Come again, Major, "bring your tuning," and stay awhile. We shall be happy to see you, divide our bag and baggage, eat our onions, oranges and — but you are a witless master, yet a real forester, begin in the south, in my A. No. 1, higgy, down by one of Hubbard's ancient stumps, shall be yours.

Mr. J. M. Gibson, one of the original editors of the Galveston Journal, but for several years connected with the News, has again become joint proprietor and editor of the Journal, in conjunction with Mr. T. J. Allen. Mr. Gibson is well known as a valued member of the corps, and will prove a great acquisition to the Journal, the only Whig paper in Texas.

STUFFS VERSUS TO TURNER.—Recently in Austin, Mrs. Sturges married Mr. James Turner. That classed him Miss campion our bat.

JAMES T. LITTLE, Esq.—We are sorry to learn that the health of this gentleman, our Senator, now at his home in Port La Vista, continues to decline, rendering it quite certain that he cannot possibly resume his seat during the present session.

PERSONAL.—To numerous friends, to whom my thanks are due, as well as to all others interested, I beg to say that I am not and will not be an applicant for the office of Collector of this Custom House District, vacated by the lamented decease of Gen. Somervell. But a few weeks since, I received the appointment of Surveyor and Inspector of the Port of La Vista, which, from a press of business and other causes, I felt called upon to resign. This frank avowal is due, at least to some, whose friendship I highly prize.

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PARTY ON THE MEXICO.—Yesterday afternoon, Captain John S. Thompson gave a dinner and party on board his ship, in the people of Indians and others visiting the city. A large audience was gathered on board at 6 p.m.

The houses of Congress, missions, visitors and matrons were out in goodly force; the brass band was there, and all classes of the community, professional, mechanical and mercantile, were well represented, and notwithstanding the chilly, cloudy state of the weather, mirth, social fellowship and the best of feeling abounded among the entire circle.

The feast was off in the most delightful manner to all present; the company numbered about 150, among whom we noticed Rev. Mr. Chapman, of Brownsville; Gen. Caraval, Nelson Thomas and others, from the Rio Grande, with others from our neighboring towns.

During the feast Mrs. F. Stockdale, Varrell, Woodward, Bonner, Runges, Thomas, Gammie, Ballinger, Caravel and others were called up, and responded; Capt. Thompson, Mr. Davis and the officers of the Mexican army, kindly remembered and highly complimented for their hospitality.

We must do Mr. N. M. Welling, chief caterer of the Mexico, the justice to say that he spread before the guests the most profuse, elegant, magnificient and tastefully arranged repast we have ever seen in this State. Mr. W. is evidently a master spirit in his vocation.

The dining portion of the party adjourned to the dining Saloon of the Casino House, where, with the music, the roulette checks and dancing eyes of the maidens, the happy faces of the more advanced ladies, the enraptured glances of the young beauties, contrasted with the compressed lips, the knitted brows and contracted face of all occasions—*bœuf à la mode*, the scene begged description. We left.

We have been requested to publish the railroad speech of Lorenzo Sherwood, Esq., lately delivered in Galveston. We shall do so in whole or by portions extracts, in a week or so. Mr. S. advisedly took the policy of the State taking part in our railroad system, by becoming a stockholder, and issuing her bonds; in other words advocated what is known as the Galveston plan. Willing to give all sides a hearing, and to aid the people in a fair review of the whole subject, we are disposed to lay this speech before them, as an able presentation of that plan; not, however, as expressing our own views. Mr. S. has bestowed great attention on the subject, and his views are entitled to respectful, serious and fair investigation.

Mr. SOULE REPORTED KILLED.—A telegraphic dispatch to the New Orleans Delta, dated New York, January 16, says: "The Europa's advice state that a rumor was circulated in Paris on the 29th of December, that Mr. Soule, the elder, had fought another duel with the Duke of Alba, and was killed. The report, however, was not credited."

DEATH OF GEN. ALLEN SOMERVELL.
It becomes a painful duty to announce the unexpected death of Gen. Alexander Somervell, of this city. He left here for Sabine, on a small boat, in company with the master and Charles Hale, late man of color, on the evening of the 20th instant. At about 10 o'clock, P. M., a very severe blow came on from the north-north-west. The boat endeavored to hold at Sabine wharf, but failed, and in casting anchor in two feet water, was capsized, by which Gen. Somervell and Charles Hale were drowned, and probably drifted to sea, as their bodies have not yet been found. Mr. Collins, the boatman, got ashore.

From our residence in Texas, the character of Gen. Somervell, his past services, and our long and intimate acquaintance with him, it would be expected, doubtless, that something more than a mere announcement should be bestowed upon his death. This duty, however imperfectly, we shall endeavor to perform; and yet so suddenly and unexpectedly has the dreadful news fallen upon us, that we have not recovered from the shock that many warm friends of the deceased are yet to feel. But a few days ago, and we spent three hours in his room, laughing over and recounting "old Texas times" in which he figured conspicuously, and we left him buoyant in health and spirits, expecting to enjoy many more social hours in his company. But also his gallant voice is hushed forever, and his body probably denied a burial on the soil he fought to defend.

Gen. Somervell was born in Maryland, (probably in Prince George's county,) about 1784, and was consequently in his 60th year. About 1817, he removed to Louisiana and opened a plantation, but at the close of seven years, from his youth and inexperience, he had, to use a common expression, "run through" with his negroes and plantation; and soon afterwards, perhaps in 1823, went to Missouri, and entered into the mercantile business, first as a clerk in St. Louis, and afterward, on his own account in the lead mines, on what was known as "Little Fine." Here he formed an intimate acquaintance and friendship with the late James E. Purdy of Brasilia. Mr. T. came to Texas in 1829, and in 1832, induced Gen. Somervell to come out also and join him in the mercantile business, at San Felipe, on the Brazos. He continued in that business till the revolution in 1836. Among the first volunteers before San Antonio, he was one, and was elected Major. As such he participated in the Grass Fight and other engagements around San Antonio, and subsequently established a reputation for courage, that increased his favor with the people, so much that on the organization of the army of 1836, under Gen. Houston, he was elected Lieutenant Colonel, in which capacity he was distinguished and highly complimented for his valor on the famous field of San Jacinto.

He was elected to the First Senate of the Republic in 1836, and served one session. Subsequently he commanded under Col. Jos. C. Neill, in a campaign against the Indians, and in 1839, was elected Brigadier General of the militia for the Brigade west of the Brazos.

In 1842, in March, he repaired to San Antonio, under instructions from President Houston, to take command of the irregular volunteers then assembling there, but the emergency having passed, the troops returned home. In the summer of that year he was first appointed custom house collector for this bay, when post he held under Texas and the United States, successively, till 1850, and was again re-appointed the past year by President Pierce.

It was in October, 1842, that General Somervell, at the head of 700 men, left San Antonio, for an attack upon the Mexican frontier, retaliatory in its nature.

The expedition proved unfortunate—the command separated into three parties—the battle of Mico was fought by one—one came in from Laredo, the third came in under Gen. Somervell. It constitutes a portion of our general history, and the adoption of a resolution to meet in Huntsville, in April next.

More Blooms Stacks.—We were shown last week a pair of Shanghai chickens, and one pair of imported ducks, brought over by Mrs. Dr. Porter, of Lockhart, Texas. The ducks were well, but the chickens are dead—among these may be mentioned, in addition to the deceased, Col. Fisher, Capt. Cameron, Eastland, Mitchell, Coe, Price, Houghton, Kiger, Gillespie, Col. James B. Cook, Wm. G. Cooke, and others. Among the living, we remember Gov. Bell, Chief Justice Hemphill, Lieut. Colonel Geo. T. Howard, Major David Murphy, Capt. C. L. Owen, Bay, Ben and Henry McCalloch, Ryan, McNeil, and others, filling different official positions.

Dr. and Mrs. Porter deserve much credit for their efforts at introducing fine stock into the country—the Doctor patronizes horses, mules &c., while his better half has an eye to fowls of all domestic kinds, with a little time to spare in passing judgment on fine horses. Altogether, the Doctor should be the happiest man alive—with the finest horses, largest mules, fattest hogs, feathered geese, plumpest ducks, biggest and fattest crowing chickens, and the most delicate, good humored and trading wife in the land—he should be banished to the Missouri Kingdom, if he were not habitually happy.

Within a short period he had lost in St. Louis, a brother-in-law, sister, and niece, the Rev. Mr. Horrell, lady and daughter, which he remarked to us recently, had marred the buoyancy of his spirits, more than all other causes combined during his life.

P. S. From Capt. James Cummings, up from the Pass, we learn that the body of Gen. Somervell has been found. It appears that the boat in dropping anchor, filled and sank in four feet water, within a few feet of a row of willow trees. Mr. Collins says that as he jumped over, the General appeared to be seeking his supper, and he saw him no more; that they kept near the water simultaneously with himself, and seeing hold of a post, was struck by a heavy sea, and causing him to scream. It was very dark and from the noise of the waves, he could neither see nor hear them more, but getting out himself, he supposed that they had likewise, and reaching his house almost perished, he was unable to give notice to others till morning. When the General faced himself two post under the lee of the boat and was rolled down by the latter. In this situation he was found. The other body had not been found.

Governor Boone, of Florida, has issued orders to Brig. General Johnson, of that State, to organize his brigade at once, in pursuance of an act of the last Legislature, providing for the final removal of the Indians, by force, if necessary.

COAL.—The high price of coal induced us yesterday to post ourselves as to the quantity in port. We found nineteen flat-boats, including ten at Willow Grove, each averaging 4,500 barrels, making an aggregate of 55,000 barrels about. This is an excessive quantity of a large quantity in the numerous coal yards throughout the city.

N. O. Picayune, 12th inst.

THE LATEST NEWS.

The steamship Mexico, Capt. Thompson, came to our wharf on Monday morning, from New Orleans, having been detained at the South-west Pass by fog, and 10 hours at Galveston by low tides.

Among her passengers, were General J. M. J. Caraval, Major Norton, and the other parties lately on trial before the Federal Court, in Galveston, for the filibustering operations in the Rio Grande. All the parties have been acquitted, but A. J. Mason, one of the number, was arrested in Galveston for a murder alleged to have been committed in Colorado county, several years ago. He was lodged in jail to await the necessary process from Columbus.

The Supreme Court is in session at Galveston, all the judges being present.

The Central American question, called up by Gen. Cass, was engaging much of the attention of Congress. It arises out of counter interpretations given to the treaty of April, 1850, by the British and American governments, relative to Britain's rights of possession and protectorate in that quarter.

The steamship San Francisco, lately sailed from Baltimore, with 800 souls for San Francisco, including 500 soldiers, under Col. Gates, whose family, with several officers and their families, were on board. The vessel was passed dismasted and in distress 300 miles out, in a gale, and supposed to have been lost. Insane exertions spread throughout the North. Vessels were sent from all the Northern cities to seek and rescue her. She was found, and all on board taken off, excepting 13 soldiers, left to aid the seamen, and Mrs. Wyche, who was too feeble to be removed. The vessel had not arrived at last accounts, and it was feared was again blown off in a second storm.

FROM AUSTIN.

Our date from Austin are to the 18th. Gov. Pease vetoed the amendments to the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad charter, from unlimited branching privileges allowed, and the time of 99 years being named in which lands might be held or acquired. A second bill, adapted to the Governor's views, was afterwards passed.

The common school bill, which had passed the Senate, passed the House with amendments, in which it was supposed the Senate would concur.

The Loan Bill, so called, proposing that the State would loan to railroads \$60,000 per mile for each mile of road built, had excited warm conflicts in the Senate, but had not passed, and its success was believed very doubtful indeed. Mr. Paschal, of Bexar, had advocated the measure with great earnestness. Our own belief is, that the San Antonio Company look to that measure as their last resort for success in the present contract.

A Democratic Convention was called to meet in Austin on the 15th—but was so slenderly attended that little was done, further than the appointment of some committees, and the adoption of a resolution to meet in Huntsville, in April next.

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THE NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

New York, Tues. 28, 1854.

Mrs. Brown & Braxton.

Notwithstanding the facilities afforded by our Circular wire for the speedy transmission of news, we seem to have suffered much from the destructive calamities during the past three months, as at any previous period of our history. To the configurations we have already described from time to time for your column, another which took place late on Monday night, and which resulted in the destruction of a vast amount of property, must be added. The flames were discovered about 10 o'clock, in the basement of Treadwell's ship-biscuit bakery, 244 Front street, by a private watchman, who at first thought that the light proceeded from the oven of the establishment, but at last discovered that the premises were on fire, gave the alarm. The firemen were soon on the spot, but the flames had gained such headway that they were unable to subdue them until not only Mr. Treadwell's, but also several adjoining buildings, were in ruins. The loss amounted to \$10,000, and the extent of damage to the property of the institution, 150 to 160 feet long, is to be inferred from the fact that the house of the same value was destroyed.

At the time of the fire, the building contained

destruction of their establishment by fire. Only a few hundred dollars were saved from the fire, but the places being uninsured may have commenced the remuneration of their publications and will soon be ready to supply others. The sum amount of their damages, which was destroyed, copy, plates, and all, will be ready by the first of the month. Their school-books, including Dr. Anthony's series, will first be put to press, then their standard histories, and works of taste; lastly their library of fiction.

The opening of the Astor Library, so long

promised and so often deferred, will take place, as officially announced, on the 9th of January next. It now contains about 90,000 volumes, many of them valuable works of reference, which are rare in the country. All persons who conduct themselves properly are to be admitted without fee, and the hours of admission are from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. The admission fee is to be paid to the institution, 150 to 160 feet long, and the hours of closing are to be determined by the Board of Directors.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Streets and Highways.—Alderman Range.

Health and Hospital.—Aldermen Lewis, Etter

and Luhrs.

Finance and Revenue.—Alderman Cleaveland,

Etter and Range.

Honor and Commerce.—Alderman Kiempel.

Markets and Master Houses.—Alderman Thiele.

Fire and General Police.—Alderman Thiele.

Police, Kiempel and Moore.

PRINCIPAL AND COUNTY OFFICES RESIDING IN INDIANA.

James L. Allen, Justice of the Peace, Wm. G. Woodward, Constable; Joshua H. Davis, Clerk District Court; Wm. P. Milby, Clerk County and Probate Courts; James Howerton, Sheriff; Josiah C. Camp, Coroner; John H. Dale, Treasurer; B. Beaumont, County Surveyor; James A. Ashworth and Augustus House, County Commissioners; J. C. Clegg, Notary Public; John Henry Brown.

MISCELLANEOUS.

David Lewis, Postmaster; Aug. Bucholz, Deputy and only City Cashier House, (La Salle) M.</p

THE AUTHOR OF "SWEET HOME."

At 7 sit in my garret here in Washington watching the course of great men and the destiny of party. I meet often with strange contradictions in this eventful life. The most remarkable was that of J. Howard Payne, author of "Sweet Home." I knew him personally. He occupied the rooms under me for some time, and his conversation was so captivating that I often spent whole days in his apartment. He was an applicant for office at the time—Consul of Tunis—from which he had been removed. What a sad thing it was to see the poor subjected to all the humiliations of office seeking. Of an evening he would walk along the streets. Once in a while we would see some family circle so happy, and forming so beautiful a group, that we would both stop, and then pass silently on.

On such occasions he would give a history of his wanderings—his trials, and all the cares incident to his sensitive nature and poverty. "How often," said he once, "I have been in the heart of Paris, Berlin, and London, or some other city, and heard persons singing, or had organ playing "Sweet Home," without a shilling to buy the next meal, or a place to lay my head. The world has literally sung my song until every heart is familiar with its melody. Yet, I have been a waif from my boyhood. My country has turned me ruthlessly from my office, and in my old age I have to submit to humiliation for my bread." Thus he would complain of his hapless lot. His hope was to die in a foreign land, to be buried by strangers, and sleep in obscurity.

I met him one day looking unusually sad. "Have you got your consular," said I.

The last expression was not a political fail. Far from it. Poor Payne! his wish was realized, he died at Tunis. Whether his remains have been brought to this country I know not. They should be, and if some others would do it, let the homeless throughout the world give a penny for a monument to Payne. I knew him, and will give my penny for an inscription like the following:

HERE LIES,
J. HOWARD PAYNE.

The Author of "Sweet Home," A Waif in Life; whose Songs were Sung in every tongue, and found an echo in every heart.

NEVER HAD A HOME;

In a Foreign Land,

[Encyclopedic Recorder.]

Thomas Scott, the patriarch of the family, who sailed in the Gen. Pierce, from Santarem to Liberia a few days since, helped to make the cannon balls which were fired first behind the embankment at the battle of New Orleans; and he is yet a man of great activity and energy of character.

The Washington Star asserts that the California Steamship Company positively refused to delay the departure of their last steamer for one day, in order to allow the Government an opportunity to send out important despatches relating to the capture and trial of California filibusters.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 10.—Mr. Mullenburg, a member of Congress from Indiana, Pa., died last night. It was reported in Congress to-day, and the usual resolutions having been taken, both Houses adjourned.

PORT OF INDIANOLA.
Omitting crafts running solely in Matagorda bay.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Perseverance, Lawless, Galv & N. O., Steaming Mexico, Thompson, do

Schooner, Texas, from Texana, with 61 boxes of cotton and wood.

DEPARTED.

Steamship Perseverance, for Galveston & N. Y., Steaming Mexico, for Galv & N. O. to-day.

Sloop — for Brazil Santiago.

IMPORTS.

FROM NEW ORLEANS.—Per Perseverance, 46 boxes of cotton; 75 barrels 86 bushels pecans 10 bundles hides, sundries, and passengers.

Per Mexican, assayed cargo: four horses 155 passengers, including 40 Germans and 62 negroes.

EXPORTS.

TO NEW ORLEANS.—Per steamship Perseverance, 46 boxes of cotton; 75 barrels 86 bushels pecans 10 bundles hides, sundries, and passengers.

Per Mexican, this day, 105 boxes of cotton sundries.

Shipping Intelligence.

On Friday night last, this coast was visited by the severest norther of the season, by which diverse bay crafts were blown from their moorings, and some grounded, but we have heard of no material damage, except the casualty at Sabine, noticed in another column.

The schooner W. W. Harkness, Durby, cleared at Baltimore for Indiana, Dec. 31st.

The schooner Telegraph, Green, was up for Indiana and this bay, New York, January 4th.

Day of sailing, 10th instant, without delay.

A schooner Pacific, Capt. John Atkinson, from Baltimore, has been destined for Galveston, per sometime in the continued norther of the last week.

Passengers.

Per steamship Louisiana, from New Orleans—Gen. Pennington F. Smith, Mrs. Buckner, and child, Mrs. Marlow, Mrs. Williamson, W. Nicholson, D. Richardson, Capt. E. Thompson, G. W. Smith, W. S. Glass, E. Cunningham, S. P. Conner, G. Asker, Varnum, Burrows, Jones, E. J. McLean, J. McCorristick, T. Allen, A. Cold, T. Wootten, J. Hughes, Ed. Bay, J. Williams, McCabe, Thos. Ford, Hewitt, John Glynn, Hamilton—18 on deck, six South-down sheep, 11 No. 1 sheep.

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