

NEW ORLEANS. We understand that the President of the United States, has lately constituted a board of enquiry, consisting of two officers of the corps of engineers, an officer of the navy, and the assistant engineer, General S. Bernard. The duties of said board are to examine all the the vulnerable and exposed positions of our country, select sites for, and form the plans of all such defences as in their opinion may be deemed necessary for the security of our republic. The board are now engaged in exploring the water courses, bayous and swamps, of this singular featured country, and it is to be hoped will soon place this city in such an attitude of defence as its importance to the Western world merits.

We understand that the mayor is about making arrangements for the introduction of wholesome water into the city; this is devoutly to be wished for. In a populous city, like New Orleans, where nature has done so much to invite art and industry to profit by her bountiful favors, to partake of the salubrious waters that are wont to wash the very threshold of our doors, would the citizens of our sister states not be surprised should we tell them that we have to purchase water by the bucket-measure!

We have seen Captain Rinker's plan for tracking vessels through the English Turn; it is perfectly simple and will certainly facilitate the passage of vessels through that difficult meandering part of the river, where they are frequently baffled by the wind, and detained for weeks. The remuneration the Captain proposes to receive, bears but a trifling proportion when put in competition with the inconveniences and delay that vessels have to undergo at present. The plan also holds out pleasing prospect to stockholders, and we have no hesitation in saying that we believe it will be the most lucrative investment that monied men can make, in proportion to the limited amount of capital required.

The Canal Carondelet is finished, and it was with much pleasure we saw on Monday last, the topsail schooner Gen. Pike, gliding on its waters with safety and ease to the basin where she now lies. This canal about 2 1-2 miles in length, empties into the Bayou St. John, the confluence of which is at Lake Pontchartrain. The completion of this canal does much credit to the gentlemen composing the New Orleans Navigation Company, and we hope will reward them for their laudable enterprize.

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