

Death of Minister Mason.

We made brief mention, in our last issue of the death of the American Minister, at Paris, on the 30th of September last. We cannot forego the melancholy duty of laying another laurel leaf upon the coffin of the distinguished dead.

John Y. Mason was born in the State of Virginia, and graduated at an early age at the University of North Carolina, with distinguished honors, and after finishing his collegiate course, he returned to his native State and commenced the study of law. Mr. Mason became identified with politics when they were in their most complicated state—during the Madison administration—and he arose into notice as a political élite of the true Jacksonian type.

For a period of years he was a member of both branches of our Federal Legislature, and his course in those bodies was marked by a calm and unbiased thoughtfulness on all the agitated questions of the day. Upon Mr. Polk's accession to the Presidential chair, he was appointed Attorney General, and for the short time which he performed the duties of that responsible trust, he proved himself a distinguished judge of law and gave satisfaction to those who were the best judges in the premises, but during the same year he was transferred to the head of the Naval Department and to his efforts, it is conceded, that we are indebted for the early introduction of steam into our little Navy.

There is some talk of establishing a newspaper on board of the Great Eastern, not only for the entertainment of passengers, but also as a means of communicating instantly on her arrival all the news she brings.

Independent Candidates.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM A. STEWART as a candidate for District Attorney for the 13th Judicial District, composed of the parishes of La Plaquemine and Arroyoles, subject to the decision of the people at the ballot-box in November next.

We are authorized to announce C. W. BOYCE as an independent candidate to represent the parish of Rapides in the next Legislature.

We are authorized to announce J. A. NEWELL as an independent candidate for the office of Clerk of the District Court for the Parish of Rapides.

We are requested to announce W. H. L. GRAY as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of the Parish of Rapides, at the ensuing November Election.

For Sheriff, Parish Rapides, ELLIAB R. CROSBY, subject to the will of the people at the next November election.

A CARD. MRS. BENNETT would invite the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity to call at her ROOM No. 11, Fulton House, and examine her Oil Paintings, Wax Flowers, and Hair Ornaments; also Bridal Wreaths, and Party Head Dressers. Her Hair Work is a beautiful method of preserving family hair, and also very fine head dresses of hair. By way of reference she will mention a few of her patrons at her former places of residence, Lockport and Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Dr. Gould and Lady, Mr. Lamont and Lady, Mr. Buck and Lady, Rev. N. Snell and Lady, Messrs. Crysler & Breylgoff, Merchants, and others.

Mrs. BENNETT will give instructions in the Art. Nov 1st

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Politics in New Orleans.

On Monday evening, Oct. 24th a large mass meeting of the Reform Party was held on Canal street where moving speeches were made by Chas. D. Drexel, Mr. Horner and Judge Cotton. We quote, in order to show the spirit which is moving in the Metropolis, a part of the Delta's report of Mr. Drexel's speech:

Mr. Drexel gave a history of his own secession from the Know Nothing party. He vindicated himself from all aspersions of violating his faith to any party, and ascribed their treatment of him to the fact that he did not belong to the Third Degree, which was composed exclusively of candidates and office-seekers.

He then took up the outrages which had been committed in this city; the murders, assassinations, and ravages, which had been sanctioned by the ambitious gentlemen who had lost the things upon the people—who had inaugurated a political S. Bartholomew. He referred to the cruel sports of the Roman Emperors, who amused their after dinner hours by throwing citizens of Rome into the Coliseum among the wild beasts, which had been let loose in that grand arena, to tear and rend the bodies of freemen.

Succession of STATE OF LOUISIANA, District Court, Parish of Rapides.

RESTAURANT! THE UNDERGROUND has opened at the JEWELL.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the Estate of the late Richard G. Blossin, will present them for registration, duly authenticated, to Gwinn Harris, Atty. A. BLOXOM, Alexandria, Oct 26th, 1859.

NOTICE. BERTHE ST. ANGE, Teacher at De Cassin's house, having several vacant hours each day, from 12 to 4, has the honor to offer her services to the Families of Alexandria and vicinity.

NEW GOODS.

THE undersigned has just opened a very large and complete assortment of desirable goods, viz: Blankets by the pair or bale, from \$8 to \$6 per yard, good Jerseys 25c, to 45c, to \$2 per yard, Russel Brogans \$10, \$18, \$20 per dozen.

ELECTION NOTICE. PURSUANT to a proclamation of Robert C. Wickliffe, Governor of the State of Louisiana, to me directed, Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the Parish of Rapides, that an Election will be held at the several precincts in the Parish of Rapides established according to law on MONDAY the seventh day of November, 1859.

For one Representative in Congress from the fourth Congressional District, composed of the Parishes of Vermilion, Letort, St. Landry, Calcasieu, Rapides, Sabine, Natchitoches, West, DeSto, Caddo, Bossier, Claiborne, Bienville, Jackson, Union, Morehouse, Ouachita, Caldwell and Franklin.

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AVIS D'ELECTION. CONFORMEMENT à une proclamation lancée par U Robert C. Wickliffe, Gouverneur de l'Etat de la Louisiane, visé par ces présentes donne aux votants qualifiés de la paroisse des Rapides, qu'une election aura lieu, selon la loi, dans les différents precincts de la Paroisse des Rapides, LUNDI, le septieme jour de Novembre, 1859.

THE EL Dorado COFFEE HOUSE AND Billiard Saloon, FROST STREET, ALEXANDRIA, LA.

COFFEE HOUSE AND Billiard Saloon in the house lately occupied by T. H. Culbertson, where he will keep the best

Important Notice TO SUGAR PLANTERS! CARONDELET REFINERY, AND BESULPHITE OF LIME WORKS.

NOTICE. From the above named Manufactory we have on hand and for sale, Planters in want of the article will please send in their orders at an early day and we will receive prompt attention.

DOLBEAR.

COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, The City of New Orleans, CORNER OF CAMP AND COMMON STREETS.

It is open the entire year, day and evening. Its object is to fit persons, in the shortest time and at the least expense, for business. Persons from 12 to 60 years of age attend.

Terms—(Payable in Advance.) Penmanship.....\$ 25 00 Arithmetic..... 50 00 Book-keeping, including double and single entry, etc..... 50 00

STOCK. If the citizens of Louisiana and the South will subscribe liberally to this home institution, which will be under their own control, they will always have at hand a source of information, which will be placed on firm basis to stand for ages, and have 1000 or 1500 students in attendance annually.

NEGROES FOR SALE! MOSELY & SPAGNIN, FROM NORTH ALABAMA WILL be in Alexandria, La., between the 15th and 24th inst., with about

75 NEGROES For sale, consisting of able-bodied FIELD HANDS, likely BOYS, GIRLS and WOMEN; also one good BUCKLAYER. They invite those wishing to buy

DEAD RIVER PACKETS.—G. L. KOONS & BROS. R. Low Water Through Line, and for Shreveport direct, all Way Landings.

Copper Steam Sugar Train, FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN! I HAVE in my Workshop three new Copper Evaporating Pans with Copper Worms in each.

SALE OF NEGROES. ON THE FIRST OF OCTOBER NEXT my house will be opened and a large supply of all classes of NEGROES offered for sale, imported from Virginia, Maryland, and Georgia.

INSURANCE!

The following Companies have complied with the Law of the State of Louisiana in relation to agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies:

ROME INSURANCE COMPANY of New York. HARTFORD INSURANCE COMPANY of Hartford, Connecticut. SPRINGFIELD FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, Springfield, Massachusetts.

POLICIES issued in and out of this city, and a return of twenty per cent made in cash. POLICIES issued for the country, without the country clause.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Rapides, Mary Hicks et al, vs. Ann E. Weems & Husb, No. 4886.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Rapides, Waters & Son, vs. Julius Levin, No. 6445.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF RAPIDES, DeGruy & Villere vs. Wm. H. Suddler—No. 6564.

NOTICE TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.—Will be let 1 Out at Oulle Postoffice to the lowest bidder, (provided the bid does not exceed \$250), the amount appropriated by the Hon. Police Jury for the purpose, the contract for building a bridge over a Bayou on the Stage road leading from Oulle to Natchitoches.

HORSE SHOEING and BLACKSMITHING. R. J. M. RUMBLE takes pleasure in informing the public that he is permanently located in the town of Alexandria, in the rear of the Ice Store.

LOST BETWEEN Col. Wm. & Mr. R. C. Byson's plantations, a small DIAMOND CHAIN and CHAIN. A liberal reward will be paid to any one having the same at this office.