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ALEXANDRIA, LA.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 1870

NOTICE.

PURSUANT TO THE PETITION of twelve freeholders, a special session of the Police Jury will be held on Thursday, the 3d day of February, 1870.

C. W. BOYCE, President.

MEN'S SHIRTS AND UNDERWEAR.—No house has yet taken the lead of our friend Captain Walshe in the variety of his stock and the superior make of his shirts.

TO THE AFFLICTED.—In our columns will be found the card of Dr. Spillman, 93 Baronne street, New Orleans, who offers a new Truss, of his own manufacture, for sale.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY.—We hazard nothing in saying that every family can save a large amount of money by attending properly to their gardens.

We take pleasure in calling attention to the card of David Goldman, to be found in another column of this week's Democrat.

We desire to call particular attention to the card of the steamer Post Boy, H. L. Lee, Master.

The DEMOCRAT has been kindly remembered in the paper line by the polite, attentive and obliging clerks of the steamers B. L. Hodge No. 2, Silver Bow, Era No. 10, Bart Able, Rapides, Julia A. Rudolph, Travis Wright, Kate Kinney, Dora and Texas.

The N. O. papers announce the recent death of Alfred Hennen, Esq., the oldest member of the Louisiana Bar.

The enterprising house of Levin and Ferguson, Second street, opposite the Town Hall, have just received, direct from New York, a large assortment of Jet Jewelry, of the very latest fashions.

We desire to remind the public, that Patrick Kelly, House Builder, Carpenter and general Wood Workman, still gives special attention to the Undertaker business.

No improvement in the mean and horrid weather of the whole of the month of January.

Our Town is now as dull as hot July. No roads to haul anything over to town, hence this ruinous stagnancy in trade.

SUFFRAGE IN LOUISIANA.

Mr. Campbell, of New Orleans, recently introduced a bill in the Senate submitting to the people of Louisiana at the next election the question of repealing the odious 99th Article of the State Constitution.

The article in question is the one embracing the qualifications for voting and holding office. It will be remembered that the Convention exercised its ingenuity in devising the means of perpetuating the power of the Republican party indefinitely by proscribing a large number of the citizens of the State.

Governor Warmoth had it in his power at the beginning of the session to wipe out much of the odium which attaches to his name by declaring himself in his annual message in favor of universal suffrage and universal amnesty.

We say, then, that Gov. Warmoth made a mistake in not taking time by the forelock. But he was afraid of his party.

It was stated in debate in the Legislature a few days since that State warrants had fallen to forty five cents on the dollar.

Never forsake a friend.—When enemies gather around; when sickness falls on the heart; when the world is dark and cheerless, is the time to try true friendship.

The Post Boy leaves Alexandria for New Orleans on Friday at 2 P. M.

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The Mississippi Senators.

The mongrel Legislature of Mississippi has elected Gov. Alcorn to the Senate for the term commencing March 4, 1871, Gen. Ames for the term which commenced March 4, 1869, and, at last accounts a negro stood the best chance for the part of the term ending in 1871.

The telegraph announces the death of Hon. James S. Green, late U. S. Senator from Missouri.

Mr. Green acquired quite an extended reputation by his contest with Judge Douglas on the LeCompton Constitution soon after he entered the Senate chamber.

The February "Riverside" comes freighted with pictures and a wide range of reading matter.

BEAUTIFUL INCIDENT.—In one of the schools there is a young girl who is a cripple.

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New Orleans Market.

COTTON.—The sales to-day summed up 10,300 bales, at a partial advance of 1/4c.

The market opened with a lively demand, and during the morning a considerable business was done, partly at previous rates, but mostly at an improvement of 1/4c.

SCAR AND MOLASSES.—The movement was restricted by light supplies to-day, the receipts this morning being confined to 173 bbls.

CORN.—Is scarce, and the market is bare, or nearly so, of good or merchantable.

OATS.—Are in moderate supply and fair demand at firm prices.

BAKON.—Is in light supply and firm—60, 200 and 150 sacks sold at \$1 30 per 100 lbs.

LARD.—20 tierces pressed sold at 16 1/2c.

BREAKFAST BACON.—is dull at 17 and 18c. per lb.

Let Common Sense Decide.

What is the rational mode of procedure in cases of general debility and nervous prostration?

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An Irish veterinary student, when under an examination, was asked what he would recommend if there was a horse brought to him with a particular disease.

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 10, 1870.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, will introduce a bill, as soon as opportunity offers, to enlarge the boundaries of the State of Nevada by the addition of a portion of Utah, including some of Salt Lake.

The nomination of Judge Strong, of Pennsylvania, to the vacancy caused by the death of Edwin M. Stanton is generally conceded as settled.

Cornelius Wendell, in a card on Friday last, completely exonerates Senator Ross from the least suspicion of having been influenced by money.

The President is unfortunate with his Bench nominations; they die, are rejected, or decline the honor.

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LETTER FROM NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, January 20, 1870.

QUITE A STR.

There are few names that will appear more prominently in the history of our city, for this part of the Nineteenth century, than that of Mrs. Gen. Gaines.

During the present session a number of bills of public interest have been introduced and passed or referred. One of the most important of these is the repeal of the gambling act.

We are having terrible weather now—wet, cloudy and heated, with the streets full of mud.

STATUS OF WOMAN.—Of all the evils prevalent among young men, we know of none more blighting in its moral effects than that of the influence of women.

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Work Performed by the Human Heart.

That wonderful little pumping engine which we carry around in our bosom, and which runs without cessation till death ruthlessly closes the throttle, performs an amount of work so great as to be almost beyond belief till substantiated by arithmetical calculation.

If we scrutinize the mechanism of the heart, we shall find that it involves in its operations nearly all the principles of hydrodynamics.

In the attempt to calculate the power of the human heart for a given time, we shall arrive at some curious and interesting, not for say astonishing results.

The average internal diameter of the aorta or the first great artery through which the blood passes from the heart into the general circulation, may be taken as being in adults three-quarters of an inch.

Forty years of this work would be equal to the work of twenty-seven thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven horses for adult amounts of time.

The work done by all the human hearts in the United States nearly equals that of three hundred thousand horses.

When we reflect that the human family is small in comparison even with the great class of mammalia, of which it forms a part, and that many of the same class as the whale, the elephant, the rhinoceros, hippopotamus, giraffe, etc., have hearts of very much greater size and power than the human heart; and when we consider the enormous addition of work performed by the contrivances that give to many animals, and insects, and to this work added in imagination the power expended in the movement of the respiratory apparatus of animals, and voluntary muscular movement necessary to obtain sustenance for these animals, we may gain some feeble conception of the enormous expenditure of mechanical power required to sustain animated existence on the earth.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS—FOR sale by H. ST. JOHN.