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To Our Readers.

The Democrat, after more than one year's issue in rather compressed dimensions, makes its appearance this day and tips its old war horn...

That "old Jade," the river has been dancing the coquette the whole of last week. She has fallen, she has risen and is now falling again.

THE CROPS.—Despite the flood of continued and incessant rains in the land of Rapides, the crops are in a far better condition and fix than even the most sanguine had a right to anticipate or expect.

JOB OFFICE.—We beg to remind the public, that the Job Office of the Democrat is complete and perfect in all particulars and specialties.

We started off before the tap of the drum, when we announced a few days since that our Post Master had arrived, and would likely assume the duties of the office at once.

The Internal Revenue Grabber will be along here again, in a few days; so be on hand ye whiskey and tobacco fellows, get your Stamps and stick them up conspicuously somewhere, in order that he that drinks and chews may read.

PATIENCE—ITS USES AND ABUSES.

Partial endurance of unmerited obloquy is pronounced one of the highest forms of Christian virtue. To turn the other cheek to the smiter when one has already been smitten, to give up one's cloak to him who has already taken the coat, is a development of perfection not often attained by humanity.

It has been for sometime an unconcealed purpose of the Radical engineers who direct the movements of that party to provoke the patience of our people by venomous slanders.

Later this slanders are renewed. Last week we noticed the ridiculous but not on that account, less malignant falsehood that a former citizen of this Town was the victim of Ku-klux atrocity here.

This is followed by another canard, less atrocious but not less malignant, that of a violent assault on a negro by two citizens in punishment of his testimony given on the Grant trial.

Now there was a time and it is not long ago, when our people have borne to punish many things that deserved it, from a desire to give no countenance to tales of outrage and violence.

And they will bear no longer.—Men who have lost their all, and now see confiscation of their homes through the iniquitous taxes impending, are not in a frame of mind to turn the other cheek when either a black or white negro has slapped one.

It is possible that the truthful correspondent of the New Orleans radical journal may be able to shroud himself in impenetrable obscurity.

ted revelations are only the deliberate concoctions of a viperous attache of its establishment. Efforts are not wanting to detect which is the right conjecture, and when two or three missing links are supplied, yet necessary to fasten the guilt of these lies on unmistakably the right person, the glory of fomenting an unnecessary exasperation may be distinguished in the prompt punishment of this unexampled virulent mendacity.

HO! FOR THE RACES.—Certainly and without fear of opposition, and even without a growl from the most obdurate croaker, we will be endorsed from first to last, when we express the hope and wish, that old Rapides, her wife and the little ones, without distinction of race, color or previous condition, will be on hand at the Fair Grounds Race Course on tomorrow and next day!

THE BALL TO-NIGHT.—Another of those pleasing and entertaining enjoyments and social gatherings, of which we are the strict and earnest advocate, will come off this evening at the Exchange Ball Room.

Our State just now presents a spectacle of ruin and devastation frightful and appalling. Two hundred and fifty thousand acres of cotton lands, one hundred thousand acres of corn lands, and a region which annually produces thirty thousand hogsheads of sugar, and a vast quantity of rice and tobacco, are now submerged by the waters of the Mississippi, Ouchita and Red rivers.

THOSE PARDONS.—In reading the official Journal of the Senate, we get a glimpse into the get up of the recent pardons granted by Kellogg; we mean those from Rapides. John Calhoun, William Griffin, Aba Williams and James Nelson, convicted of larceny and sentenced to the Penitentiary, were recommended to his Excellency's grace by Kelso, Judge Osborn and William Ward.

WARPATH.—A notice elsewhere conveys to all breeders and amateurs of pure blood stock, that a very rare chance is offered them from the owner of the highly bred Warpath. His pedigree is unsullied and traces back to old England's best. Warpath was sired by Wardance, who is by Lexington out of Reel, the dam of Leconte. This alone is enough to stamp him as one of noble ancestry, and no further need be said in his praise—this is glory enough for one horse.

MILLINERY STORE.—Mrs. A. C. Stanley and Co. having purchased the fine and fashionable Millinery Bazaar of the late Mrs. C. Sullivan, notify the friends and patrons of the establishment, that they will continue as of old, to run it; and we are assured it having fallen into such worthy hands, the public, and the ladies in particular, can confidently rely on being served as before.

NOT EXACTLY FAIR.

From many quarters and in many Journals, we hear and read of complaints, severe and harsh, against the Conservative press of New Orleans, as being unmindful of the duties they are said to owe to the people of our State, and that they fail to defend the rights, and even advocate faintly the cause of that people.

THE OLD ONE OF THE "OFFICIAL JOURNAL" has some bottom, carries well his weight for age, may cool off well, and then look out for the second heat. Old Boston never ran better than in his old days, his grand race with Fashion was his crowning and greatest effort—but then the old horse had a better trainer and backers than the old one of the Gazette.

THE RECENT ARREST AND BRUTAL treatment of our townsman, A. Heyman, by some of New York's detective force, a few days since in New Orleans, has created no little stir here.

It appears that the Kangaroo Menagerie, at their last session, manufactured an Agricultural College for Louisiana, and in accordance with the small bills, Kellogg has appointed the following individuals as the Board of Management: G. Y. Kelso, T. C. Anderson, Frank Paragon, Thomas Nicholson, M. D., Alfred Shaw, V. O. King, H. Bonzano, S. Straight and J. R. Clay.

DASHES HERE AND THERE.

—Saturday morning now a days in Alexandria, is looked for by the news mongers and excitable, with no little interest, and we must acknowledge all such have fair cause to be lookers for the mentioned occasion; many others from better motives and with pride await for the coming morn, with patience and solid interest.

—Our young, gallant and witty editors of fair Caucasia's organ, came dashing down the home stretch, under a bracing pull, in regular Lecomte strides, on Saturday morning, and threw the Red flag into the Gazette's face sans ceremonie.

—Just about this time, that the awful cry of high water and overflows are ringing through poor Louisiana, and more than four fifths of her cotton, sugar and corn cultivable lands are submerged, and totally useless for this year, we are forcibly reminded to behold our fair and poverty stricken Rapides, and ask what of the night, sentinel? Right now, we consider her singly blessed and better off in far better plight than any Parish in the State, in the agricultural line anyhow.

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—And now comes a sad and melancholy dash in Pineville, which the Democrat would wish to avoid making brief mention of—but cannot, must not be, for we are an humble, but watchful sentinel on the outer tower and must cry out aloud and spare not. A most revolting and beastly outrage upon a young, innocent and respectable girl, of thirteen years, was committed on last Thursday. The party charged with this offence is a well known and hitherto highly respected citizen and merchant of Pineville.

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accused had retained J. G. White as his counsel. The examination opened, and the main and principal witness, the unfortunate girl, was announced absent because too ill and suffering to appear in Court that day; so testified the Physician in attendance. And now comes the strangest, to use a mild term, act we ever heard of in our semi-legal experience, and could only be permitted to happen in Rapides under the present stupid regime of judicial investigations.

THE MAILS.—Very little or no improvement in the reception of our mails. Only one or part of one mail since our last, and no boat arrivals to make up for these continued failures.

THE CITIZENS OF NEW ORLEANS have gotten up a Dramatic performance, which was to take place on last Monday, for the benefit of the Colfax prisoners, and to aid in defraying their expenses at their approaching trial in May.

Now that the Democrat is again a full sized paper and once more on the new road to usefulness, and with will and energy intends to keep pace with the moving and all absorbing events of the hour, we think we have a right to ask many of our old subscribers, who are much in arrears to us, and whose names had to be reluctantly stricken from our muster roll, to once more remember us, if for past favors alone, and again become subscribers and send us a year's subscription in advance.

President Grant has made the first step towards his first love, the good and time-honored democracy, and has vetoed the finance bill, or as it is nicknamed the inflation bill. This reminds us of good old John Tyler, when his democracy cropped out and he vetoed the United States Bank Bill, the monster of the old Whig party.

There has been some good plain and out spoken talk in the Senate on the discussion of the Louisiana question. Bayard, Hamilton, Boggy, Tipton and Carpenter, the father of our redemption bill, have made most eloquent and truthful speeches in our behalf, which we hope, in our next, to spread in full before our readers.

The New Orleans Bulletin, the new Journal of which we have made mention on several occasions, continues boldly and fearlessly to strike stunning blows right to the centre of Radicalism, as it exists in our State, and is a true and welcome exponent of the right faith, as preached in Louisiana, by all who desire her redemption.

The Steamer Selma, on her down trip, landed here and took on board all the stock of goods, numbering over five hundred barrels, belonging to the late firm of A. Heyman and Co. They go to New Orleans in charge of a Receiver of Bankruptcy, and will be fine pickings for Norton, Durell and Co.

QUICK TRIP.—Jacob Alexander, colored, one of Kellogg's body guard, who was convicted of burglary and sentenced to the Penitentiary, and since pardoned by a him, was lodged in our Parish Jail, a few days since, for precisely the same offense committed in Pineville. He is anxiously waiting for pardon No. 2.

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NEW ORLEANS CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW ORLEANS, April 28, 1874.

FRIEND DEMOCRAT:—Of course the great topic of conversation nowadays is the OVERFLOW, and those who have not witnessed it, cannot appreciate the anxiety and excitement that have prevailed here.

RELIEF FOR THE SUFFERERS. Our merchants, prominent citizens and societies are now turning their attention to collecting the means to alleviate the suffering caused by the overflow, and donations are flowing in with great liberality from other quarters.

A VALUABLE SUGGESTION has been made by Mr. Michael Schlatre, of Plaquemine, Iberville Parish. As hundreds will be thrown out of employment by the overflow, and as there will be no possibility of employing even a half of them on the plantations, he suggests that they be given work on the levees, receiving rations for themselves and families, and a small sum in money.

THE LAST LEGISLATURE was undoubtedly the most contemptible assemblage ever gathered together, pretending to represent a people. Everything "put through" was a job, and those who participated are barefaced and bold about the matter.

A BIG JOB has just been put up, in the matter of the St. Louis Hotel. This splendid property was sold by the Sheriff for \$87,000, and resold to an "Association" for \$146,000.

is abroad, and every day some horrible scene is enacted here. A stringent enforcement of the laws, with a full measure of punishment is demanded and the sooner it comes the better for us all.

Our merchants and traders, who honor the Democrat with their advertisements, showing a good discrimination in their own favor and for their own monied interests, are surely among the best and most prosperous in our Town, and deserve the continued patronage of the community of which they are honored members.

We send the Democrat, this week, to several of our old time subscribers, who may have been following strange newspaper gods, in the confident hope of winning them back to the good old fold. We trust not to be altogether oversanguine in our new hope.

There is not a Sheriff's sale advertised to come off, on the first Saturday in May, in the Parish of Rapides. This is some improvement for the better, and we hope to make a similar announcement for June.

Spring time is coming, gentle Annie; old winter no longer lingers in the lap of Summer, but returns to his legitimate lap, and all seems once more to foretell we are yet the Sunny South.

J. Levin is cleaning out and renovating his Ice Cream Saloon, and getting ready for the Summer months. He will keep again a first class Saloon, and ice on hand at all times.

SPECIAL.—W. F. Stanley, Administrator of Mrs. C. Sullivan's Estate, has a gentle reminder in this issue of the Democrat, to the matter of that Estate.

Kind thanks again to the Leslie Taylor for paper favors. She backs out from our landing, New Orleans bound, this day at noon.

The steamer St. Mary, our late packet, is advertised to be sold by Packard, U. S. Marshall, on the 4th of next month.