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ALEXANDRIA, LA.

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OUR PACKET.—Amid the crush of steamboat worlds, and the wreck of steamboat matters, like the historic bayleaf, the laurels fairly won of our Packet are yet blooming green, and change only when sinking. It matters not to her, her time, her punctuality, how side show rackets disturb outsiders, her withers are unwrung, and as ever she is on hand and like Ferguson and Schnack's time pieces to the second and regularity itself.

SOMEbody in the Second Ward, on Monday, took advantage of the heavy rain and set fire to his chimney to clear it, and some one else took the fire fright at it, ran for the Town bell and gave it a regular and earnest fire pulling. As a matter of course the alarm summoned the fire boys to duty and in less time than we can write it, they were in full harness to the scene of the fire or pretended fire, and as ever were on duty on sharp time.

THE Fannie Tatum, the independent steamer in the Shreveport trade, that made so bold as to venture out against the Pool Line, passed down on Sunday with a good load. And a few days previous "old one-eye" passed down with a full load. The entering wedge is gradually unlimbering the charm, and soon we shall have free trade and sailor's rights on the waters of old Red once more.

AND yet it is postponed, and postponed again and again—the admission of Pinchback—there is still a majority of two or three against him, and that must be quashed if possible—so Morton wills it and so it must still go by the board.

By an advertisement in this week's Democrat, it will be seen that a valuable plantation in this Parish and desirable real estate in this Town, are to be sold at public auction in New Orleans the 10th of next month.

WE have been blessed with fair, reasonable weather the most of the week, which has materially aided for good the bad roads, and been of help to the many ploughs now in active operation in our fields.

SOMETHING fresh and startling must be out. Schenck has been recalled as Minister from England and only awaits the appointment and confirmation of a successor to return home.

WITH pleasure we publish the minutes of a respectable meeting of the citizens of Pineville, taking at all times an interest in such commendable objects as the meeting had in view.

RUMOR has it that Bristow must now retire, and that Governor Morgan, of New York, will take his vacant seat.

VICTORIA WOODHULL is in New Orleans, and proposes giving a few of her unique and woman-rights lectures.

THE Senate have reported favorably on the House Printing Bills, some of the negro Senators dissenting.

THE steamer Germanic has accomplished the fastest trip across the Atlantic—seven days, fourteen hours and forty minutes.

THE price of passage on the Bart. Able for this round trip, leaving here to-day, has been placed at Ten Dollars.

NOTHING DONE.

As yet our Legislature has really done nothing in that reform line, and as yet we are palsied and spellbound by the iniquitous hand of Kellogg radicalism, and riveted to inactivity by the dulcet notes of the Wheeler Adjustment.

It matters not that less than ten working days are all that remain for the good and promised work, still that radicalism which forged our chains, yet grins sarcastically at their continued mischief, and are revengfully determined to keep their hellish flames still hissing and blazing.

From our present standpoint one would suppose that the entire body of our Legislature, as we must call it, are responsible for this dereliction of duty, and that all should receive alike our curses for their sins, but such is far from the case or the true situation. From a close survey of the field operations all along the whole line, and a careful study of the skirmishing, we are satisfied, and proud to be thus satisfied, that the lower House, with its Democratic-Conservative majority, must be held entirely blameless in the criminal matter to which we again allude. Not only have they come down nobly to their work, and redeemed the pledges made to their constituents, but in every and all instances have they gone as far as honorable men could, to effect the desired changes and the promised reform. But thus far they have been rebuked, snubbed and even jeered at by the negro-radical Senate and the de facto Kellogg, and instead of being met half-way on the good road, every impediment and obstacle which radical cunning and ingenuity can invent or handle, have been thrown in their path, and thus the working time of the session has been criminally trifled away.

THE Returning Board, of which the entire decent people of Louisiana know too well the baneful and corrupt uses, and which we of Rapides are eternally reminded when we know who now misrepresents us in the Senate, and who yet fungus-like disgraces us on the District Bench, is yet and will continue to be the charnel banking house of the infamous party we have so often denounced in these columns. It matters not to them what has been promised, what wrongs they have committed, they are even determined to the bitter end to cling to their cheating bag. Still again on Saturday the home organ here of the Returning Board clings to its idol and bantling and swears for the hundredth time that the "Returning Board is a necessity." So we go, so we are bound hand and foot, and still there seems to be no remedy, no medicine for the sick patient and he must die for want of such. We again notice this standing iniquity as a reminder to our people of its existence, and yet live and hope in the good faith of that coming good future.

ELSEWHERE all interested parties can find and peruse the card of the steamer John B. Maude, a splendid, large and magnificent steamboat, under the command and in charge of Captain John Heinn, who made but one trip with the Kate Kinney and now replaces her by the steamer mentioned above. The "old man," whom our people have cause to lovingly remember and who is still bound to his people, as he delights in calling us, transfers to the Democrat the full authority to state and make public that he is here for good, intends to remain, keeping his day outside of "old Dick Sinnott," to use his own expressions, and in no ways fight him, but will to the bitter end return blow for blow to all outsiders placed alongside of him to out down prices and run him out of his old trade, a fair portion of which he is seeking to regain. He wars not with the regular Packet, believing in the system, but can't be run out by the shoulder lifters of the Pool Line. We thus state the old man's position and think he can maintain himself on his line of duty. His boat will be here to-morrow morning and goes down on Saturday.

GOVERNOR Thomas A. Hendricks of Indiana, has accepted a pressing and complimentary invitation to deliver the address at the Agricultural and Industrial Exposition, which commences on Saturday. Here is another and great incentive to go to the City to-day by the Bart. Able to see and hear the great Democratic champion and statesman of the West.

PARTIES wishing to purchase small engines for grinding and ginning, would do well to send their orders to Messrs. H. Dudley Coleman & Bro., No. 12 Union Street, New Orleans. They keep a large assortment of Plantation Machinery constantly on hand.

THE testimony in the Babcock trial closed on Friday, and the lawyers have commenced with their arguments. It is almost a certainty that he will be acquitted.

LIVELY.

This is a modest word for the steamboat racket we have had here last week, but we prefer using it to a harsher one for the present. The Pool Line, as usual, scented the war-whoop of old John Heinn, beat the long roll and went at him and his John B. Maude with one of their chartered stern wheelers and all along the line the two had a good old fashioned rough and tumble fight of it.—The truth of history, steamboat history, however, forces us to admit and record that the Pool Line struck the old man foul and below the belt, but only for a moment did he stagger; he soon recovered and Richard-like was soon himself again, and retired from our wharf the Richmond of the fight. This foul blow of the Pool Line was three dollars a dozen for the staple, half fare to her hash dishes and other truck in proportion. Above our town at Grand Ecore, Natchitoches and coastwise, the cut throat tariff of the Pool Line prevailed, also in Pineville, but here in our Town the old Heinn-er clutched the blue ribbons and got nearly all in sight, at one dollar per bale and in that proportion for other things. In the passenger line, that commodity was so scarce and few between on both, that we failed to be able to score the victor. Both left here Sunday morning, crowding the mourners, eager to reach the lower landings to renew the fight. Take it all around both had light trips after all, and the head accountants won't be troubled much to count the cash profits. We may report final result, time and condition of the parties in our next, in the mean time we take the Bart. Able and Mardi Gras in ours.

LIFE INSURANCE.—The advantages and protection offered by Life Insurance is now so well understood and appreciated by our readers, that it appears almost needless for us to call attention to the advertisement of the Louisiana Equitable Life Insurance Company, to be found in another column. This is the only Company chartered by the State of Louisiana, consequently the funds of the Company are invested at home and not sent North and West, as in the case of all other Life Companies working in the South. This certainly should induce the Southern people to patronize it, particularly as they have ample security and prompt payment.—The Louisiana Equitable has been eight years in operation and has paid to widows and orphans over Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars. Its administration is composed of prominent New Orleans merchants and bankers, whose names and characters place the institution in the most favorable position. John M. Barrett, our Deputy Sheriff, is the Agent for the Company—parties desiring any information can address him. Dr. James S. Fish is the Medical Examiner.

A REBUKE.—In a certain criminal case recently tried before Judge Woods, U. S. Circuit Court, the Jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The next day Judge Woods ordered that the Jury be assembled in the box, and this having been done, he addressed them as follows:

Members of the Jury.—The verdict rendered by you yesterday, in the case of the United States vs. Ferd. Dudenhefer, was so extraordinary that I cannot let it pass unnoticed.—In all my experience in courts of justice, running through a period of over twenty years, I have never known a verdict rendered so utterly in defiance of the law and the evidence. I am satisfied that it is impossible to administer the law and to dispense justice evenhanded with a jury capable of rendering such a verdict. I therefore order that you be discharged from any further attendance as jurors in this court.

THE Editor will be from home more than a week, consequently the next issue of the Democrat will appear without his pencilings. But we are confident that our boys, whom we leave in full command, will reflect no discredit on its usual tone and standing, that few will miss the old hand's absence from the helm, and that our regulars will fill well the volunteer editorial chair.

IN another column will be found the advertisement of Dr. B. H. Peterson, announcing the second season of his fine blood stallion, Planter, and we can assure breeders that no better opportunity can be offered for crossing and improving their stock than the tendered services of that pure blood stallion.

THE river has fallen about twenty inches since our last, but the continued rains of the past two days must check that decline and start it to rise again.

WE are obliged to the clerks of the John B. Maude, Lessie Taylor and La Belle for the latest New Orleans papers.

THE POLICE JURY.

This Body were in regular session four days of last week, did their work effectually and with an eye to the interests of the Parish, and adjourned to the first Monday in June. We have not received their proceedings in time for publication this issue, but they will certainly appear in our next. The main good act which we can announce ahead of time, is the important financial fact, that they retired near nineteen thousand dollars of their script, by committing it to a good fire. This we believe should satisfy all that at last we have a Body who can legislate properly for our material interests and are reformers in earnest. At present there cannot be seven thousand dollars of script afloat, and considering that there are at least thirty thousand dollars now due the Parish by her taxpayers, it can safely be admitted that we have a sound and healthy "rag baby," and that the sharks who prowled around watching to purchase it at fifty cents on the dollar have their occupation gone and had better retire. We believe few, very few Parishes in Louisiana can boast of such a financial basis, and that what we Conservatives predicted we would do when in Parochial power, and our chosen Police Jurors have redeemed our pledges and made good our words.

YESTERDAY was the anniversary of the birth of Washington, first in war, first in peace, and first in the affections of the American people. In the good and glorious gone-by-days of our old Town it used to be commemorated in grand style, and we can well remember the festive and social reunions at the Washington Hall, we were a joyous participant. Those days are past and so are we in a passing transit, but we were pleasantly reminded of them by last night's splendid and joyous assemblage at the Exchange Ball Room, and heartily pronounce the "Comus Ball" a rare and complete success and trust the management may at no distant day repeat their treat.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.—Apprehensions regarding the Eastern question are probably not without cause. If the contest is not promptly suppressed it will open the whole Eastern question and infallibly become a religious war between the Christians and Musselmen. The Government has disclaimed any desire to meddle with Egyptian finances.

THE Times Paris special says a comparison of the official text of Count Andrassy's note with the version prematurely published by the Cologne Gazette shows only a few verbal differences.

DISPATCHES from Vienna and Berlin indicate all peaceful preparations are made to secure pacification upon acceptance of Andrassy's note.—THE growth and structure of the human hair, is very plainly set forth in a pamphlet, published by R. P. Hall & Co., Nashua, New Hampshire, proprietors of Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer, for gratuitous distribution. The deservedly high reputation of their preparation has been gained wholly by its merits. Being free from oil and alcohol, it has a healthy action on the scalp, restoring gray hair to its natural color without dyeing it, cures itching of the scalp, removes and prevents dandruff, and will thicken up the thin locks. Such are benefits which are conferred upon the consumer. No one should neglect to give it a trial.—[Journal & Statesman, Wilmington, Delaware.

MR. Kellogg and Boss Packard have put on their petticoats, have taken a big scare all of a sudden and are ticking to Grant for troops.—Thus far the demand has not been answered, but we will wager our last dime that it will be, if they be needed to still foist the de facto and his crowd on us. Grant never goes back on his friends and keeps them in power here by the only effective method he wields with a master hand, his bayonets.

HON. George Dupre, of the lower House, and Mr. J. N. Stoutmeyer, Editor of the New Orleans Times, have had a recent difficulty amicably adjusted, on the field, "in a manner highly creditable and honorable to the principals, and satisfactory to the friends representing them respectively."

AT last accounts Mr. Kellogg and his Senate-crowd had barricaded the Senate Halls and had improvised a new and safe retreat via Toulouse Street. For pity's sake we trust no one will harm these poor wretches. They are bidding for bloody shirt martyrdom, and let them go uncanonized.

TO the clerks of the Packet Bart. Able we are, as usual, indebted for paper favors.

THE man who works with a will—the Probate Judge.

PUBLIC MEETING IN PINEVILLE.

PINEVILLE, LA., Feb. 14, 1876. Pursuant to public notice in the press and throughout the Parish, the merchants, planters and property holders assembled at the Temperance Hall, on Monday evening, the 14th inst., at 7 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Turner G. W. Bolton was called to preside and A. Gueringer was chosen Secretary.

The President mentioned the object of the meeting was to inquire into the necessity and propriety of organizing a Joint Stock Company, for the erection of a Cotton Yarn Factory and a Cotton Seed Oil and Oil Cake Mill.

He then introduced Mr. Edward Hickey to the audience, who, in appropriate language, addressed the meeting on the importance, great necessity and want of home manufacturing industries.

On motion of Mr. Turner the Secretary was requested to publish the address of Mr. Edward Hickey in the Alexandria papers, and the New Orleans Price Current, and a vote of thanks to the gentleman for his able lecture.

On motion a committee of J. B. Turner, J. W. Johnston, Louis Abadie and A. Gueringer and the President, G. W. Bolton, were appointed a committee to take initiatory steps for the organization of a Joint Stock Company.

The meeting then adjourned.

G. W. BOLTON, President.

A. GUERINGER, Secretary.

Our Railroad.

WE venture the assertion that we have the right to call the New Orleans Pacific Railway as per the caption of this short notice, and not because Rapides and Natchitoches Parishes have looked upon it with friendly help or substantially furnished any monied aid to it. We call it ours, because with us in the interest, welfare and progress of these same communities, we look upon, and favored it with all our personal and intellectual efforts, and glad, even proud now are we to briefly state that we have undoubted information from New Orleans, plainly indicating that the people, the solid people of that city, have taken fresh hold of it and for the second time are increasing and renewing monied subscriptions to it, with a will and a zeal, unparalleled in the annals of Railroad enterprises in this State.—Started from its incipency on a firm and solid basis, without franchises or State bonds to baptize it into a bloated existence, it has moved along as well as its most sanguine friends dared to expect, and as far as completed, and well completed, has paid its way in cash and does not owe a dollar to any one. Surely to us this is good and healthy intelligence to again make public, to again extend our hearty congratulations to the citizens of New Orleans who thus far stand solitary and alone as the foster fathers and aiders of the only real and beneficial Railway, which has been dreamed of in Louisiana since the war. Right here, however, we must jot down the Parish of DeSoto, which is an exception to the other parishes, whom we cannot envy for their fogymism, to use the mildest term now at our pencil's point, and to honorably place her too, solitary and alone, on the country scroll of good intentions, good help and a stock subscription of \$150,000.

IN last Monday's Shreveport mail, now the quick transit of our Post Office Department, we received an immense batch of our New York and Cincinnati dailies, which had been on their winding way from January 30th to the 12th of the present month. It is useless to state that they are worthless to us, and had they come by the old route, the Red River Landing one, we would have received them regularly inside of five days. By that same route we should have these papers as late as the 18th inst., but as now ill used we must wait at least ten days before we receive another old pickled assortment.

THE majority of pins found in the sweepings from the Dresden Union School house are bent in a peculiar fashion, suggesting a sudden ascent of pupils about to occupy the recitation seats.

HALF the people who are making this uproar over the exclusion of the Bible from the public schools couldn't tell on their own responsibility whether the book of Genesis was written by St. Paul or Hamlet.

IN the interests of science it might be proper to kiss a young man for the purpose of seeing how much the gas would flicker in consequence.

IT is rumored that Queen Victoria will soon add to her titles that of Empress of India.

ADDRESS

AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. ROOMS OF DEMOCRATIC-CONSERVATIVE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 14, 1876.

The State Central Committee of the Democratic-Conservative party met in this city on the 10th inst., and organized by the election of Col. I. W. Patton, of Orleans, as President, Judge Albert Voorhies as vice-President, and Mr. P. J. Sullivan as Secretary.

The Committee feel that the discharge of the responsible duties connected with these several positions has been entrusted to safe hands, and to gentlemen who are possessed of qualifications deemed highly essential in a political campaign where so much is at stake as in that upon which we are entering.

This committee has endeavored to divest itself of all personal considerations and to begin the discharge of the active duties devolving upon its members with direct reference to the political redemption of our State.

The State Central Committee, after a full interchange of views among its members, and consultation with leading citizens of the State, now in this city, find that nothing is required from this committee to apprise the people of their danger, or to stimulate them to action. All over the State, from the country and city, from rich and from poor, there has come to this committee the cry of distress and the call for succor. The gradual decay of property interests and values, under a revenue system equivalent to confiscation, and the certain ruin speedily to follow longer misrule, to say nothing of the political issues involved, are matters demanding the attention, not only of Democrats, but of thoughtful men in the Republican party. It is unfortunate that this element in the Republican party is in a hopeless minority, unable to accomplish needed reforms, and funds honest efforts to restore to the people intelligent, economical government met with rebuke by that party.

Nothing attempted by the popular branch of the General Assembly, as a correction of the abuses now afflicting this State, has received the support of the Senate. Bills passed by the House in furtherance of reform and sent to the Republican Senate for concurrence, have been awaiting the action of that body for days and weeks, while it has been absorbed in the momentous duties of incorporating villages, instructing the people on parliamentary law, and struggling with the still graver legislative duty of consuming time for which the tax-payers of the State have to pay. What fate an act in the interest of reform, after having received the sanction of the Senate, would meet at the hands of the Executive de facto, is not a matter of controversy.

The people have profuse promises from Mr. Kellogg, beginning with the campaign of 1872, none of which have been fulfilled.

This committee, speaking for the Conservative masses of the State, would fail in its duty did it not express the belief that the party in power in this State is acting in bad faith. It is believed that there is a matured conspiracy to defeat all measures of reform, by consuming the few days of the legislative session remaining, in idle, frivolous discussions, with the purpose of leaving the coming election in the hands of the Governor de facto and the Returning Board.

We have been tendered no substantial measure of relief—nothing in the spirit of the Wheeler compromise—but with clownish jests and offensive presumption upon the credulity of the people.

It is time this trifling with grave public questions should cease. The time for decisive action has arrived. The issues are few in number and simple in their character. The course is plain and straightforward. There must be an honest government in Louisiana—a State the fairest among all her sisters—or Louisiana, burdened with debt, exhausted by taxation, and suffering from the supremacy of ignorance over intelligence, will become a colony for convicts, and the home of depravity. The people, for whom this committee speaks, are resolved, in this Centennial of their liberties, to test the relative strength of intelligence and ignorance. They will use no violence, but all the means in their power will be employed to defeat the further rule of the vicious and ignorant in this State. Happily, the people are united in advocating these demands, and this committee, as their organ, promises an earnest canvass to secure their rights.

What remains to be done, is the perfection of the Democratic-Conservative organization in all the parishes of the State where action has not been taken. Full reliance is felt in the Democratic and Conservative members of the General Assembly to maintain the honor, dignity and interests of the State; but this committee accepts the responsibility of urging upon our Senators and Representatives the adoption of such measures as, in their judgment, will most speedily demonstrate the bad faith of our enemies in the Legislature, and give the country assurance of a vigorous campaign upon the Republican party. The people cannot and do not confide in the promises of their oppressors. It is time for action.

G. W. McCRANE, Chairman, LOUIS ST. MARTIN, M. A. DOOLEY, A. VIZARD, D. H. CONKOR.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, it is apparent that the Rad-

ical party in the State of Louisiana, despairing of success by fair means, have resolved to pursue the same policy by which in the past they have been enabled, against the wishes and voice of a majority of the people, to secure possession of the government of the State, and by the aid of Federal bayonets to retain the possession thus fraudulently and violently obtained; and

Whereas, it is evident that they have determined at every cost to perpetuate the Returning Board, which has heretofore done so much to render futile our victories at the ballot box and to destroy the liberties of the people; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic and Conservative party of the State of Louisiana, earnestly urges upon the Democratic and Conservative members of the Legislature to exhaust every means in their power to prevent such an outrage upon the people of the State, as the passage of an election bill, containing any provision establishing a Returning Board with unlimited power, or with any power, which will enable them to defeat the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box.

—IN the following extract from an European letter, New York and London are compared in a drinking way:

"In London on Sunday the street cries, if anything, are more than on the week days. The stores, as a general thing, were closed, but the liquor establishments, with their many doors and partitioned off interiors, appeared to be doing a good business, being crowded with men and women drinking. I have been, in my mission work, in New York and other places, among the worst localities where drinking has been going on to excess, and I have never seen anything like this that I saw this night in London. There has been a great deal said about our American taste for intoxicating liquor, but it is nothing at all when compared to the way the poorer classes are addicted to it in England."

DURING leap year the girl who counts all the gray horses she sees, until she gets up to a hundred, will be married within a year, to the first gentleman with whom she shakes hands after counting the one hundredth horse. Every girl in the city carries a memorandum book, that she may be sure to keep a correct record. One has already twenty-six, another eleven, and another, who only began yesterday, has seven. If somebody would bring a drove of a hundred gray horses to town to-day, what a shaking of hands would take place to-morrow.—[Jefferson City Tribune.

THE Southern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition, to last for six days, at the beautiful grounds of the Louisiana Fair Association, near New Orleans, opens on Saturday, and from all indications will be a grand affair, well worth seeing.—In our mention last week of the many treats in store for those taking the Bart. Able to-day, and remaining one trip, we passed over this Exposition, but now mention it in order to offer still extra inducements for a trip to the City of pleasure seekers. Four or five days racing will be a prominent feature of the Exposition.

H. J. HARRIS, so well and favorably known as the talented and bold editor of the Shreveport Times, has vacated the tripod of that Journal and assumed editorship of the New Orleans Democrat, with Robert Tyler, its chief editor. We must certainly be permitted to extend our congratulations to the Democrat and its readers for this felicitous and talented reinforcement.

A nol. pros. has been entered in the case of the State vs. W. S. Calhoun in the Superior District Court of New Orleans. We are rejoiced that Willie has cleared his skirts of such a shabby charge, and that in future he will run clear of the bad company he too long for his own good has been taking pot luck with.

NO Washington letter again—we are still under the bane of the nuisance mail on the new fast route, and must stand the infliction with christian meekness.

OLD Nap, the old veteran keeper of many Red River boats when the world was in its unclouded morning, is now officiating in full capacity on the John B. Maude.

THE Packet's down cargo was as follows: 905 bales cotton, 700 sacks cotton seed, 6 sacs seed cotton, 24 hogheads sugar and 39 barrels molasses.

A BREED of dogs without tails has been discovered in Africa, and how the mischievous boys there utilize old tin kettles and fruit cans, we cannot pretend to say.

WALTER Parker, of the La Belle, again remembered the Democrat on the up trip of that fine steamer.

EACH Indian costs our Government \$2,000 a year. Hugh!

CHARLOTTE Cushman, the great actress, died in Boston last Friday.