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ALEXANDRIA, LA.

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The Telegraph.

NATCHITOCHEES, ) March 10.)

EDITOR DEMOCRAT—

Dear Sir:—Owing to the breaking of the line at Grand Ecore a few days ago, by the steamer Bart, Able, Mr. Davis had to keep his force there until a couple of new poles could be put up, which has detained the completion of the line about five or six days. I think I am safe in saying that the line will be working to Alexandria by the 16.

Very truly yours, CHAS. R. LANGFORD, Lessee.

SINGER SEWING MACHINES—EASY PAYMENTS. FERGUSON & SCHNACK

We have been favored with several copies of a most excellent and exceedingly interesting book, "The Visitor's Guide to New Orleans." This book is edited and published by J. Curtis Waldo, Southern Publishing and Advertising House, 56 Camp Street, New Orleans, and is in our estimation a book of rare merit and great information, one just suited to our common schools, and which should be placed in the hands of all our children who are learning to read. Though the author never intended it for that purpose, still we believe that it is a good condensed history of our State and the City of New Orleans, far superior and more instructive historically than the miserable trash publications forced on our children in the present free schools, and the Board of Directors for our Parish would do great good to their pupils if they were to introduce this book in their schools. We hope its talented and gifted author will reap a rich harvest from the sale of his truly good and instructive Visitor's Guide.

LEWIS, with a complete stock of things in his line, his Sample Room well garnished and filled, and his social tables basking in the shade of approaching time, yet strives with his usual energy to merit the blue ribbon of the public's appreciation. He has already moved, and cosily moved, in the direction of one of his favorite specialties, and already has erected a plain, unpretending cottage, which with the idea of May, will be opened expressly as an Ice Cream and Soda Water Saloon, and expressly for the Ladies and the young ones. Families as of old will be able to enjoy the luxuries he has in store for them, and as usual, he will offer them every inducement to be at home under his roof.

Now that the Democratic Committees in Congress have opened the ball, through Heister Clymer, we hope to hear no more from the sore-heads and tramps, that the Democrats are doing nothing. We further hope they will now find some respect for the National Democracy as opposed to Radicalism. It is not too late to discover and acknowledge the patent fact, that there are but two parties in this country, the Democratic and the Republican parties, and the sooner everyone falls into one of their lines the better. Away with all other political nondescripts and fence riders; those who are not with us are against us, and between the two let them choose.

JACOB IRVING, who has in his pasture many cows and other animals on pasturage for parties, wishes us to state that his lease of the same expires the last of the present month, when he will have to vacate it, and therefore he asks of these interested parties to come forward, settle up all back dues and take away their stock. We trust this warning notice will suffice for one and all.

MAJOR S. L. JAMES, the contractor on the New Orleans Pacific Railroad, passed up on the Bart. Able for his headquarters at Cotite. He brought along with him 110 new laborers for the Road, and while on his business trip purchased for the road iron, construction cars and other working material, for the purpose of faster progress on his contract.

EXIT PINCH.

The long agony is over, the battle for our rights has been fought inch by inch by the trusty Democrats in the United States Senate, and we win. It has been fought for three long years, fought at great odds and against the combined machinations of the best drilled and cohesive party which had ever misruled in our country, and the result, the verdict proves that from the start we were right and had law and justice on our side, and were only usurped out of it by the vandals who yet hold sway under this very usurpation. Pinchback, the pretended and spurious Senator, has been denied his seat and hurled from the presence of those he has so long haunted for it by a decisive majority in the United States Senate where the Republican party have a clear majority of seven over all, and where the Democrats have only twenty-nine votes out of the seventy-three in that body. Surely we should have cause to be proud and exult over this auspicious and telling result, endorsing as it were at one full swoop our long cherished and battled for rights. The Democratic Senators were on hand in a solid body and voted just as solidly for us and the ejection of the spurious credentials of the noted Pinchback, thus proving our oft repeated opinions of them, that they are our friends and we can have no hopes of future disenfranchisement or prosperity outside of the pale of that truly national and conservative party.

Even Mr. Morton, the leader of the Republicans and the foster-father of this pet scheme, admits the force of that vote in the Senate and the result of his decision. He says that the rejection of Pinchback by the Senate is a formal declaration of the illegality of the Kellogg Legislature, and makes our Eustis the Senator, who was elected by the only legal legislature of Louisiana. He also admits that it warrants the people in again warring against and overthrowing the Kellogg government, which the Senate by its vote declares a fraud. We repeat we have once more good cause to be jubilant and dance with joy at the good turning of coming events, and feel that the sun of Austerlitz is rising for our light, our glory, our victory!

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The Catholic Fair.

As we mentioned a few weeks since the Catholic Fair for the benefit and repairing the Church of St. Francis Xavier, has been postponed to some time next month, the days of which will be duly announced in ample time to meet with the patronage which our community invariably extends to charitable and religious institutions. During this recess, however, the Ladies of that Church who have the good matter in hand and at heart have not been idle nor directed in their duties, but on the contrary are slowly and meekly piling their small mite in furtherance of their good intent. We merely allude to this matter of love, reverence and religion to remind our charitably disposed ones, that at the establishment of Ferguson and Schnack are two lists of Raffles which the ladies offer en avant of the Fair and to which they earnestly seek the signatures of everyone at low sums. The American Encyclopedia, a valuable book of rare merit and vast information, below publication prices, should be sought by all men, who have a desire to have a library in itself with this work, whilst a most beautiful Doll, richly dressed in full bridal costume, should by all means secure immediate attention from the young men and girls. This mode of church raffling is a recent and fashionable medium to draw the purse strings of all, which has created a furore and sensation in New Orleans of late, some of these Dolls reaching in the raffie prices as high \$1200. A gallant rivalry between beauty, youth and the gentler sex has run so high in a good cause, that the Church thereby merits the benefit thereof. We are certain if the right young ladies here, and we are blessed with a profusion of them, will take the matter en main the gallant and religious novelty will be crowned with the laurel-wreath of pure and pristine success. Young Ladies take it in hand and we know you can win.

OLD Manuel, proverbially one of the best cooks in Rapides, and so held and acknowledged in ante bellum days, swears lustily that he still lives and flutters his dishes and viands to the public's bon gout, yet maintains and keeps up his Restaurant, and as ever will be pleased to serve that public at whose hands he has fared so well.

Thanks to the Lessie Taylor and Bart. Able for the latest New Orleans papers.

See special notice of D. T. Stafford.

A SIDE UNVEILING.

Whilst the national unveiling has been going on in Washington, and corruption in high places has been unmasked by the talismanic reform wand of the Democracy, a few side show scenes are being shifted nearer home. Jim Ingraham, high in pretensions and a salmon demi-god among Louisiana Radicals, who has been a Senator, an U. S. Official, on the State Executive Committee with Boss Packard, big wire-puller on the New Orleans School Board, has too succumbed to the pressure and has paled his ineffectual fires before the crushing rod of coming reform events. A la Belknap and in the lineal line of his party's black mailing, he has been robbing the poor female teachers, whose appointments he had secured, of twenty-five per cent of their meagre salaries, and he too has been unhinged, and stands convicted of theft. He has been discharged from the Board and in disgrace must retire from the tent of Mr. Kellogg and his pap recipients.

To return a nos moutons we think our line of home duty comes in right here, and we may as well once more jog the memory of our Rapides School Board, and again ask them if they ever intend giving us a minority representation on their Board, that we may be represented and do our just and merited share of school duty in our Parish. Our patience is near exhausted with their trivial promises and attempts at complying with what they know to be right, and in stead of feeling at the appointment of a few dead-beats and tramps, supposed to belong to the Democratic Conservative party here, let them hand in the appointments for three of us, such as we want, we desire and choose to select. We not only want a minority representation, but we want the selection of our own; we want our choice, good men, true men, and such as we'll name. It is never too late to mend or retrace bad steps, and as the prairies are now on fire the moment is most opportune for us to receive at the hands of John DeLacy, E. J. Barrett and G. Y. Kelso, whom we still choose to consider the brains and master spirits of the present Board, that simple justice which is ours by right and which we have vainly been seeking for many long years. A general unveiling is the order of Democracy's day, and right now it would come with some grace to hand over to us and our keeping the minority rights due us for our children, and our children's long neglected and pilfered rights.

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In answer to the call of Mr. Patton, the President of the State Executive Committee of the Democratic Conservative Party of Louisiana, we assume the responsibility to state that our party in Rapides is in a perfect and compact state of organization, and well in hand. We speak from long experience and by the card when we give this information and are pleasingly cognizant of these facts. We have in our ranks and attached to the tenets of our party over three hundred good and true colored Conservatives, who will go the whole hog with us in the next canvass, headed by our old and trusty ones Steve White, Carter Carr, Prince Prothro, Labanay Kennedy, Lewis Washington, old Tobie Clem, the pioneer colored Democrat, and a host of others, who are firm in their convictions that with us in the same cause they can't be wrong. Let Mr. Patton order his Secretary to scrawl Rapides down as registered and in for the trip next Fall, which must end in our throwing off the political chains of Grantism and Kelloggism.

GENUINE MERSCHAUM PIPES—A new supply, at FERGUSON & SCHNACK

Judge John J. Morgan, of St. Landry, died in Opelousas on the 23d of February, 1876. He was a native of St. Tammany Parish, born in 1821, educated at St. Louis University, where he was a classmate of ours, and in his after life always proved to be a good, upright and honored citizen. He died regretted by the community in which he followed an honorable profession and lived a spotless life, and by none more sorrowfully than his old friend and former college mate who indites this feeble tribute to his sacred memory.

The Belknap scandal, at which the nation hangs its head in shame, is but a sample case. It is but the first blowing up of a filthy sham, and the general effect cannot be distressing but wholesome. Heister Clymer has raised at first a bad smell, but his coming concussion will purify the atmosphere.

The Court has issued its order for the drawing of a Jury for the May Term of the District Court. As this will close the Court's judicial career let us hope that her funeral dirge will be chanted decently and appropriately.

THE FAIR ASSOCIATION.

It surely affords us pleasure to announce that the Rapides Agricultural Fair Association is yet one of the living and bright institutions of our Parish, and that the stockholders are now more convinced of its vital usefulness than ever, and are evermore determined to strike with laudable blows for its victorious fruition. A new Board for this year has been selected and when we record their names, we are certain our people will agree with us that the selection is a very happy and felicitous one. This Board is now complete with the following gentlemen as officers and executive managers: Frederic Seip, President; J. W. Prescott, Vice-President; L. V. Marye, Secretary and Treasurer; Dr. H. St. John, John A. Williams, J. Levin, J. R. Andrews, A. G. Compton, Dr. J. A. Cruikshank, Dr. R. L. Luckett, E. M. Wells, D. W. Hynson and J. C. French. The time for holding the next Fair will be in October, holding and lasting four days. The various committees are at work at their variously assigned duties and very shortly will their programme be made public, and that public at whose hands they ask and confidently expect another hearing, will be able to judge of their renewed efforts for the material interests of the community which they cherish, and for whose benefit they again expect to cater. Already in our present issue a liberal premium is offered ahead of time, and one which we confidently expect to be heeded and filled with over a hundred competitors.

ORANGE DUCKING POWDER—FERGUSON & SCHNACK

Our Navigation.

We see and are cognizant of the fact, that the General Government for more than two years, have placed good and efficient snag boats in our upper river and in the Ouachita, and we further learn they have done good service and have cleaned the river and its channels of many ugly and dangerous obstructions to free and easy navigation. Whilst we are glad to record these little episodes in our favor from the Government, and which we can but commend, we would be glad and really obliged to it, if they would continue these needed improvements, and especially extend them to us here, and our lower river, meaning thereby between Shreveport and the Mouth of Black River. Though we have by no means a bad river, still there are in this scope of Red River many ugly snags, principally in the bed of the river, which could and should be removed, and right here we make it our duty to demand the special attention of our Representative in Congress, Hon. Wm. M. Levy, to this very important matter. The greatest benefits would accrue to us thereby, besides what we ask is small and cheap in comparison to what others seek and get from the Government. Inside of three months a good boat, for instance one of the new ones now on duty nearby, is all we need, and could free our river of these impediments and make it clean and perfect. We do not ask that the banks be cleared of trees and such like, but merely want the bed and channel of the river freed and cleared of the few and serious obstructions yet lingering in the way of perfect navigation. We need but little, ask for little, but hope and trust that Colonel Levy will bend his well-known energies to it and aid us in the matter. We confidently trust the furtherance of these short wants to him and feel sure we shall receive very soon our needed remedy.

A criminal preliminary trial was had before Judge Daigre, on Saturday, which created some stir in our peaceful Town, and which the District Attorney considered of so serious a nature, that he stepped dutifully to the enforcement of the Law. Some of the parties accused are from Avoyelles, and with the Rapides ones were all examined and all but two of them were placed by the Judge under good and heavy bonds. Like all affairs of the kind, which we must all reprobate, there are two and different versions, and as the law of officers have it in hand and are likely to do their duty in the premises, we see no use in our commenting on it, and therefore leave it safely to where it properly belongs.

ORANGE DUCKING POWDER—FERGUSON & SCHNACK

We must once more mention to our readers that the New Orleans Democrat now issues a good and most readable Weekly, and we desire that the people of Rapides needing a good Journal of the kind should become permanent on its subscription list. H. J. Hearsey, late of the Shreveport Times, and favorably known here as a bold and trenchant writer, is now the Editor-in-Chief of the Democrat, and aside from other good considerations this should be an incentive to guarantee a large list of subscribers to it.

THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW.

The Leonard Scott Publishing Co's reprint (41 Barclay Street, New York) of the Westminster Review for January, has been lately issued. We give the following summary of the contents.

I. "Foreign Loans and National Debts" begins by reviewing the "matters touched upon in the report of the Foreign Loans Committee," and gives an account of the origin, history, growth, amount, and probable future increase of national debts in general.

II. "Old Catholicism." A discussion of the position in which the Old Catholics find themselves at the present time, and of the conference held at Bonn in 1874, invitations to which were extended to and, in some cases, accepted by the Protestant and Episcopal Churches.

III. "White Conquest" is a severe criticism on the book of the name, by William Hepworth Dixon, in which there are numerous and grave faults, but also some very pleasant reading.

IV. "The Origin and Development of Man" weighs the grounds for the belief in the antiquity of man, beginning with the traces found in "Kitchen middens of Denmark and the lake dwellings of Switzerland, Italy and Ireland," and working backward, guided by the tools found near the bones of extinct animals; also, how far Darwin and other naturalists are justified in considering man to be developed from some lower form.

V. "The Government of London." VI. "The Philosophy of Pessimism." The essential problem of philosophy is to reach the final explanation of existence. This principle of existence Mr. Hartmann claims to have found. He calls it "The Unconscious," and the greater part of this article is devoted to an explanation of his idea. "This world," Hartmann allows, "is the best possible; and no time should be lost in the premises; as no man under our Government is too big to be made an example of. To

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IX. "The Laws of Musical Expression." The book which serves as a text for this article is a treatise on musical expression written for the benefit of those who practice music without being true musicians, and can, by this means, be taught to express what they do not feel. The laws described here are the result of twenty years' careful watching of the practice of the best artists, and the volume is considered one of the most valuable contributions of modern times to the literature of music.

The number concludes with the usual notices of contemporary literature. The periodicals reprinted by The Leonard Scott Publishing Co. (41 Barclay Street, N. Y.) are as follows: The London Quarterly, Edinburgh, Westminster, and British Quarterly Reviews, and Blackwood's Magazine. Price \$4 a year for any one, or only \$15 for all, and the Postage is prepaid by the Publishers.

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NEARLY the whole population of the second and third wards of our proverbially quiet Town, within itself, on last Wednesday were forced to witness a sight the like of which we hope may never occur again in our life time, and the sooner we record it in *incognito* the better for all concerned and the peace of the Town. It was simply that of a young man of respectability and good antecedents discharging his revolver with deadly aim at a fugitive negro, whose heels made as good time as the bullets which went whizzing at him on the wing. All this in open day, in one of the most frequented and travelled streets of the Town, seemingly without "the fear of God or man," and with the nonchalance of Bogardus, as he wings ninety-eight out of a hundred pigeons in the air. Luckily for the young gentleman, and still more luckily for the negro, the four aims were not so certain as Bogardus', and pleased are we that we have no worse result to mention. We have had enough of this, human life must rise in the public's estimation and the laws must be enforced.

ORANGE DUCKING POWDER—FERGUSON & SCHNACK

The Lotus No. 3, sunk sometime since in the Lakes above Shreveport, has been raised and has safely reached New Orleans, where she goes in dock for repairs.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2, 1876.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT—

The startling and disgraceful facts revealed to the House of Representatives by the Committee on Expenditures of the War Department will shake the credulity of the American people, from centre to circumference, and open their eyes to the truth of the charges heretofore made against the Republican Party by the Democracy. It is a fearful indictment of the Administration. It does seem hard, however, that Belknap should be so summarily dealt with for only taking \$10,000 for an "outpost office," while Grant was quietly permitted to take \$100,000 from A. T. Stewart, of New York, to make him Secretary of the Treasury for forty-eight hours. Then, again, it is strange that the President can appoint a member of his own family to the lucrative position of chief sutler, to the exclusion of all old hands on the frontier, and that no articles of impeachment are presented to the House; and, allow his son, while an officer in the regular army, to advertise himself as a partner of a firm of brokers in Washington, as he has been doing for nearly a year, and is doing *now*. Is there not nerve enough in Congress to call the President to account? The fact is that the acceptance of Belknap's resignation by Grant, after he knew the grave and serious charges against him, is unprecedented in character, and a reckless disregard of the laws of the country and the rights of the people. It is plain that Grant's intention was to screen Belknap in his guilt, and shield him from the strong arm of the law, which, without doubt, places the President, himself, in the attitude of a conspirator, or, at least, as an "accessory after the fact." His case is plainly one for investigation; and no time should be lost in the premises; as no man under our Government is too big to be made an example of. To

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AN OMISSION.—In the published minutes of the Police Jury, which we published week before last, there was an important omission, which we now publish:

On motion of Mr. Williams, Resolved, That the Jury reconsider their action in regard to the Resolution approved February 14, having reference to the taking of the Court House Fund Scrip in payment of all Taxes due the Parish, excepting the Bridge Fund Tax, and that the same be and is hereby rescinded. A true copy: H. M. LABAT, Clerk.

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ney calf to a cottage by the sea, a library he does not read to a horse he does not need; and pay for all in offices belonging to the people as if they were his private property, or in swindling schemes against the revenue he is bound to guard. Samuel J. Tilden, of N. Y., himself an honest man, who declared that the Democratic party must first establish its claim upon the country by reforming itself, well expresses the present needs of the government in the closing paragraphs of his last message, when he says:

But the remedies for the evils now felt by the people in their business and industries must extend beyond any measures merely relating to the currency. They must be broader and deeper. They must begin with a prompt and large reduction in governmental expenditures and taxation, which shall leave in the hands that earn it a larger share of the result of labor. They must proceed by withdrawing, as much as possible, governmental interferences that cripple the industries of the people. They must be consummated with an increased efficiency and economy in the conduct of business, and in the process of production, and by a more rigorous frugality in private consumption. A period of self-denial will replace what has been wasteful. We must build up a new prosperity upon the old foundations of American self-government; carry back our political systems toward the ideals of their authors; make governmental institutions simple, frugal; meddling little with the private concerns of individuals; aiming at fraternity among ourselves and peace abroad, and trusting to the people to work out their own prosperity and happiness. All the elements of national growth and private felicity exist in our country in an abundance which Providence has vouchsafed to no other people. What we need to do is to rescue them from governmental folly and rapacity.

Wise and brave words; and fitly spoken. TREBLA.

GENUINE MERSCHAUM PIPES—A new supply, at FERGUSON & SCHNACK The Packet System.

The John B. Maule, after a brief and flickering existence in our trade, has flukered and vamoosed the ranche. That she was a good boat and her salaried Captain a most excellent, good and deserving man, none can guisay and we here cheerfully admit, and further we humbly pay tribute of full praise to Captain John Heina, one of Rapides' best friends. But in all this short lived opposition to our Packet and its continued system which we cherish and shall always advocate, was there, is there, just cause? There is reason in all things and nothing more should be based in reason, than a calm survey of the Packet field. Let us talk common sense dipped in stern facts. Captain Sinnott is one of us, took pot-luck with us here in the tried times of the unpleasantness, and certainly has a good and perfect steam-boat, and a set of officers competent, trusty and accommodating, and withal his boat is regularly itself. To go no further back than the present season, commencing with the low water portion thereof, his charges have been uniformly the same, one card rate, and even in dead low water he never hesitated to take all freights offering at these rates, and at no time did they accumulate here or above, but on the contrary were always taken off by his boat or some boat which he expressly sent here to relieve his customers. In a word everything that could be expected of Captain Sinnott he has willingly done, and in a business-like manner. Let it be remembered that he has an immense cash capital invested in his boat, has fought well and efficiently for this trade, lost many a dollar in the struggle therefor, and now that he has fairly earned it, he intends with the same good aims and fair dealings to strive to maintain it. And in this late struggle in which he has come out conqueror, the public must make full allowance for the weapons he had at hand to retain mastery of the situation, and now more than ever accord him the merit he has won, and further be assured that the Bart. Able's colors shall never be turned against the merchant, planters and others, whose real interests are so closely interwoven in a perfect Packet system. His future course, cemented by past experience, shall be his guide still, and the public can rest assured that he is not spoiled by his recent victory but still destined to cater for them and their business.

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