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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For District Attorney. We are authorized to announce JNO. C. WICKLIFFE,

of the Parish of Grant, as a candidate for the office of District Attorney of the 12th Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce J. C. RYAN, as a candidate for District Attorney of the 12th Judicial District, subject to nomination by the Democratic Convention.

For Sheriff. We are authorized to announce ROBT. L. LUCKETT,

as a candidate for Sheriff of Rapides Parish, subject to nomination by the next Democratic Parish Convention.

The many friends of J. G. P. HOOE, hereby announce him as a candidate for Sheriff of the Parish of Rapides, subject to nomination by the next Democratic Parish Convention.

We are authorized to announce D. T. STAFFORD,

as a candidate for Sheriff of Rapides Parish, subject to nomination by the Democratic party.

For Clerk. The undersigned respectfully announces that he will be a candidate for Clerk of Court and Recorder of Rapides Parish, subject to nomination by the Democratic party.

G. O. WATTS.

ALL kinds of canned goods, at Mrs. S. Gehr's.

POLITICS, politics, and all you hear is politics.

PICKLES, Sauces and Catsups, at Mrs. Sarah Gehr's.

RAPIDES representative was not among those who bolted.

LAY in your supply of wood. It is now selling at \$3.50 per cord.

FOR fresh Cranberries, go to the first-class grocery house of Mrs. Sarah Gehr.

MR. and Mrs. Herman C. Duncan are expected home from the North tonight.

JACK Lawton was tried on Monday for the killing of Josiah Berry, and was convicted of manslaughter.

BOILS, blotches, pimples and all skin diseases, are quickest cured by cleansing the blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

FRESH Sour Kront and Pigs Feet—nothing so nice ever before seen here—just opened and for sale at Mrs. Sarah Gehr's.

We are authorized to state that Mr. Charles Moore, Jr., will not be a candidate for Clerk of the Court at the coming election.

MR. and Mrs. James R. Waters, accompanied by Miss Ada Reynolds, arrived here by train on Monday from the Crescent City.

THE independent steamer Carroll, with electric lights and the old-timer, Capt. Wm. C. Harrison on deck, passed up on Monday night.

PURE and fresh Candles, just received direct from the manufactory in St. Louis, to be found at the first-class establishment of Mrs. Sarah Gehr, corner Second and DeSoto sts.

THE mammoth Exchange Hotel is shortly to undergo a change in the management of its affairs. Rumor has it that Rapides' youngest Boniface is to take charge of and control it.

TO-MORROW is All-Saints' day. Of course, as is customary, the graves of those who have gone before us, will be decorated and festooned with flowers, thus showing a mark of respect and feeling that is customary in every American community.

THE river at this point, has thank Heavens, gone to rising in earnest, caused no doubt by the recent heavy rains we have had. The Red River and Coast Line steamers have already taken advantage of this, and have commenced plying up and down the river regularly.

As yet none of the full-fledged patriots have announced themselves as candidates for the Legislature. But two sound reasons can be given as to why they do not aspire to that position. One is that the pay is too small, the other is that the sessions of that body are too far apart, being only held every two years.

In a conversation some days ago with Capt. Geo. Hamilton, we learned that the Jesse K. Bell would be placed in the Grand Ecure trade the coming season. As Capt. Sinnott is a model steamboatman and has hosts of friends here who would gladly welcome him and his majestic steamer here once more, this will prove a pleasant piece of news to our people in general.

We hear it rumored on the street that Mr. John A. Dixon, of Hineston Ward, in this Parish, will enter the lists of those who aspire to the Parish Clerkship. This gentleman has for years past been a member of our Parish Police Jury, and has always given satisfaction to those who helped to elect him. We opine that his nomination will be subject to the Parish Democratic Convention.

—Rev. Petroleum V. Nasby (D. R. Locke) will travel through the Southern States during the Fall and Winter, for the purpose of writing a series of letters to his paper, the Toledo Blade, his impressions of the great South.—The million readers of the Blade who have read "Nasby in Exile," (Nasby's Letters from Europe,) will appreciate how the subject will be handled. Every reader in the South is invited to send for a specimen copy. See advertisement in another column.

—Mr. Chas. Afeman, is a regular subscriber to the DEMOCRAT, and lives on Bayou Lamourie. On Monday last, whilst here in attendance at the District Court, he called around to show us return sales of eleven bales of cotton, which he had shipped to New Orleans. The priced received was 12 1/2 cents per pound, which is greatly in excess of that usually received by those who ship to the Crescent City. The whole thing argues well for Mr. Afeman, and proves conclusively that he must be a good cotton planter. If for no other reason than this, we think the above a sufficient inducement to all who would come amongst us. The fact is plainly proven that the land of this Parish is as arable as in any other section of the State.

New Louisiana Syrup from the Coast and new Hulled Buckwheat, now opening at Mrs. Sarah Gehr's, corner Second and DeSoto streets.

In last Saturday's Express appears a communication, signed by a number of the friends of Judge H. L. Daigre, of this Parish, requesting him to go before the State Convention as a candidate for the office of Attorney-General. They pledge their earnest support to him, and are anxious that he should be a candidate at the coming election, to be held in April next. Signed as the communication is by such men and reputable citizens as Robt. P. Hunter, E. North Callom, Jno. C. Wickliffe, John C. Ryan, T. B. French, Ben. Turner, G. W. Bolton and many others, who are ready and willing to vouch for his qualifications, no one could doubt the Judge's fitness for the place. By way of closing this paragraph we would say that the gentleman possesses legal attainments of no small degree, besides being a finished scholar and accomplished gentleman. If he should consent the use of his name, and after which he should be nominated, we have every reason to believe that he would perform the arduous duties of said office with honor to himself and credit to his constituents.

If you want nice, fresh Corn Meal, go to F. M. Raxsdale's Mill. The price has been reduced from One dollar (\$1) to eighty cents per bushel. Give him a trial.

ONLY an old grave-yard! They call it the French grave-yard; and as you take the blind path which leaves the main road, you find yourself in the midst of mouldering graves, some to pieces in heaps of bricks, some half demolished with marble slabs either broken or thrown aside in the midst of entwining weeds. They are all in a row—some short, some long. The overhanging limbs of oaks, hickories, black-jacks and pines, with their hanging and clustering vines have formed overhead from side to side a canopy through which the rays of the sun dimly penetrate. You breathe heavily the mouldy air. One slab stands almost perfect; the name is "Zulma Lacour." Lacour! Why that was years ago! The hill is the same, Red River still flows at its feet, and way off, as far as eye can reach, are the lands which knew them no more. Here are the Gillards, the Bretts, and all the names which have passed from our memory of men. According to the present way of reckoning, it was fifty years ago. They were the original settlers of this country and were of French extraction, easy in their circumstances, fond of pleasure and satisfied to take life as it came; each day was but the prototype of the enjoyments in store for the next. They considered three or four bales to the hand a large crop, and the soil rich in its virginity brought forth in abundance all the necessities of life. Their properties although large enough for their support were close enough to bring them in close proximity. Two or three times a week the settlement would meet at some of the neighbors, where patriarch and matron, married and single, would join in mirth and dance; the blowing of a horn was a sufficient signal for them, they all understood it. It was when a stranger came in their midst that their sylvan hospitality was extended without stint. At whatever house he would stay the matron would say: "Well, my children, we must have a dance!" It was a short way of introducing the stranger to every one. The horn was at once blown and messengers sent with the message that: "It was raining." And pretty soon they came from everywhere, all with umbrellas; and the stranger, being accepted at once as a member of the universal family, was whirled into the maze of a reel. From that day he became public property, and he only regained his freedom when he had taken the rounds of the whole settlement. But the crash of 1837 came. Money had merely been for them the means of enjoying life, and those trying days found them unprepared to meet the storm. The panic became general, and the sounds of departure were heard everywhere; with one accord they abandoned the homes of their fathers and wended their way to Texas. The stranger came and sat at their hearthstone, and one by one the landmarks of the departed were obliterated.—Canebrakes and forests disappeared to make room for teeming crops of cotton and corn, and the stately equipage rolled where youth and maiden once galloped in high glee to the dance. They are gone, and the stranger who came and took their place at their fire-side is also gone, but the grave-yard hill still stands, a living monument to the early settlers of this country. Dreams of the past! In thy memories we relive those happy days which weave for our declining years a rosary, whose every link is but a part of the chain which binds us to those who have gone to return no more.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

To the Honorable the Judge of the District Court of the Twelfth Judicial District—

We, the Grand Jurors, duly empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire in and for the Parish of Rapides, having concluded our labors, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

On entering upon our duties we found that a vast amount of business had accumulated on account of no Grand Jury at the Spring term of Court, but we entered upon our arduous task with a firm and earnest desire to discharge our duties to the State and Parish without fear of reproach or hope of reward, to the best of our ability.— We have acted upon 132 cases, and presented for the action of your Honorable Court only such as in our judgment merited prosecution to a fuller extent; some of these are for the smallest offences known to the law. We have examined them carefully and believe that a few convictions will operate as a healthy moral check upon those who are disposed to commit breaches of the law when they find that their crimes will be followed by swift and certain punishment. We cannot say we think that there is any improvement in the morals of our Parish for the past year, but on the contrary that there has been a very perceptible increase of crimes and many cases of the most horrid kind.

We have examined the Clerk's Office and find the Books and Records well kept and in good order, and also the Sheriff's office; but we find that the Clerk has no safe place to keep the valuable papers belonging to the office. We would therefore recommend that a safe be purchased for the Clerk's Office for the future safety of the valuable documents belonging to the office.

We would suggest to the Court the employment of such means it may seem necessary to maintain secrecy in the matter of Bills of indictment after they have reported, and before the parties so indicted have been apprehended by the Sheriff, as we conceive such exposure before the parties are apprehended is calculated to defeat the ends of justice and reflect upon the Grand Jury, whose deliberations and actions are of the most inviolable secret nature.

We have examined the financial condition of the Parish and are pleased to state that it is in better condition than at any time since the war. This satisfactory and healthy condition of our finances is in a measure due to the zeal displayed and manifested by our present Collector, D. C. Paul, as well as the Police Jury of our Parish, who have assisted in economizing our financial affairs. We are also pleased to state that the taxes have been reduced two mills, which we think is attributable to the united energy, economy and zeal of the above mentioned parties.

We proceeded in a body to inspect the Jail and its surroundings, and are pleased to say that under the management of D. C. Paul, present Sheriff, we found it in as good condition as could be expected present circumstances; but owing to the great number of unfortunate persons confined therein, we found the cells so much crowded that we believe that long confinement there would endanger the health of its inmates, and would recommend that the Police Jury have the lower part of the jail repaired and fixed up especially for prison cells, so that those who are so unfortunate as to have to be imprisoned, may not have their health and possibly their life endangered by such confinement. We found the prisoners very well satisfied with their treatment, and also in quantity and quality of their provisions. Some portions of the jail are giving way or decaying and we recommend that they be repaired in order to secure the safety of prisoners.

The garden and shrubbery and general surroundings reflect great credit on the good taste and judgment of the present Sheriff. We would recommend that additional water facilities be added to the jail as the Sheriff is frequently put to great inconvenience on account of scarcity of water. We would also recommend that the Police Jury take steps for a more speedy disposition of interdicted persons who, under present arrangements, have to be lodged in jail and sometimes wait an unreasonably long time for a trial.

We have examined the Overseers in regard to the condition of the roads, and from their statements are pleased to state that the roads throughout the Parish are in a good passable condition at the present time.

In conclusion we desire to return our sincere thanks to the Officers of the Court for the many kindnesses shown us, and the assistance rendered us in the discharge of our duties; and having nothing further which demands our immediate investigation, we most respectfully submit this report, and beg that we may be discharged.

B. F. SCOTT, Foreman Grand Jury.

HOLLAND Herrings and Russian Sardines, at Mrs. Sarah Gehr's, corner Second and DeSoto sts.

SUFFERERS from the effects of quinine, used as a remedy for chills and fever, will appreciate Ayer's Agree Cure, a powerful tonic bitter, composed wholly of vegetable substances, without a particle of any noxious drug. Its action is peculiar, prompt and powerful, breaking up the chill, curing the fever, and expelling the poison from the system, yet leaving no harmful or unpleasant effect upon the patient.

"When You Dance With a Bear Keep Your Eye on Your Partner."

This axiom of the frontiersman might be profitably applied to the present manner of conducting politics in Louisiana.

When a man is elected to an office, that has appointments to give, he soon finds himself surrounded by all sorts of people who want fat places for either themselves or their friends. These are the bears. They are perfectly willing to wait right through the term of the administration on terms of mutual friendship, provided they get what they want, but if they fail, they discover rings, cliques, "corruption" and all the evils that the State's body is heir to.

That is just exactly the case in the present contest.

There is a clique of politicians in the State who were the power behind the throne of previous administrations, Warmoth and Kellogg not excepted, whose voice in the selection of appointments to office, and in shaping the policy of the administration has had no force with Governor McEnery.

In his experience he has found it beneficial to keep his eye on these bears and he has not allowed to get him in their embrace.

For this reason they have raised an awful howl against him. Every act of his administration has been abused, misrepresented and perverted in order to set the public mind against him.

Although, by his wise and prudent administration of the State's affairs, he has raised it up from a condition of financial and commercial despondency to that of thrift, activity and prosperity, he has never received a word of commendation from the crowd of political barnacles whom he declined to let at the expense of those his predecessor has appointed to these positions.

Are such men actuated by Democratic principles? If a greed for office at all times and under all circumstances be the principles, they exhibit plenty of it.

Take these bears one by one and read the mystic lines on their paws and you will find each one has a personal grievance. If he has not been an office hunter for himself he has been for some one else, or has had some other little scheme to work that failed to attract the bearing of Governor McEnery.

We believe that Gov. McEnery was right to keep his eye on them when they were waltzing around him, and when the impartial historian writes up the present administration Sam McEnery will not only receive credit for refusing to place himself within the grasp of the rings and cliques that tried to ensnare him, but he will receive the thanks of the intelligent tax-paying people of the State.—[Sugar Planter.

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CARD. The person that made the charge against me before the Grand Jury, as being a dangerous and suspicious character, is a willful and malicious liar. GEORGE R. MARSH. Oct. 31st, 1883.

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NOTICE No. 11—Mary C. Osborne for Tutorship Family Meeting. Rapides Parish, La.—District Court NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all whom it may or doth concern, that Henry M. Rogers, Tutor to the minor Mary Cornie Osborne, has this day filed his final account of Tutorship, and that the same will be approved and homologated unless objection is made thereto within the time, ten (10) days, prescribed by law.

By order of the Court, GEORGE O. WATTS, Clerk. Oct. 31-2t.

STATE OF LOUISIANA. District Court, Parish of Rapides. No. 445.—Whereas B. M. Pearce has made application to this Court to be appointed administrator of the Succession of Dr. Samuel Slaughter, deceased.—Notice is hereby given to all whom it doth or may concern, to show cause within ten (10) days from the date hereof why the same should not be granted.

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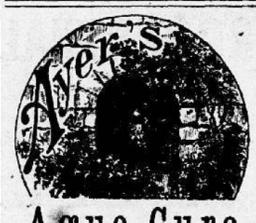
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