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ALEXANDRIA, LA.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET

For Governor: SAMUEL D. MCENERY.

For Lieut.-Gov.: CLAY KNOBLOCK.

For Atty. Gen.: M. J. CUNNINGHAM.

For Treasurer: E. A. BURKE.

For Secretary of State: OSCAR ARROYO.

For Auditor: O. B. STEELE.

For Superintendent Public Education: WARREN EASTON.

PREMIUM bonds are being taken by the merchants of New Orleans at par in payment for goods.

THE capitol stock of the New Orleans Cotton Centennial and World's Fair has been increased to \$1,000,000.

THERE were built in Louisiana last year 240 miles of railroad. 129 miles more than Arkansas, 172 more than Texas, and 65 less than Mississippi.

CINCINNATI has subscribed \$12,000 towards the expenses of the National Democratic Convention and is going to send a big committee to try and secure it.

SMALL-POX has made its appearance in Shreveport. It is principally confined to the negroes. Donaldsonville is also bothered with the same dreadful malady.

THE Steamboat Association of New Orleans have elected Capt. Dick Sinnott a delegate to the Mississippi Valley Convention, which meets in the City of Washington on the 5th of the coming month.

THE Senatorial Convention of the Twenty-third District met at Monroe, La., on the 23rd inst. Col. C. H. Moore, of Richland, and Dr. Thos. Y. Aby, of Ouachita, were nominated for the State Senate on the first ballot.

THE jurisdiction of Archbishop Lery, of the Province of New Orleans, embraces the Roman Catholic diocese of Mobile, Galveston, San Antonio, Little Rock, Natchez and the Vicar Apostolic of Brownsville, Texas.

THE Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee has issued a call for a Convention of the party, to meet in New Orleans on the 5th of March. There is some talk of an independent candidate for Governor who will be supported by the Republicans.

IT is thought that the determination of Mr. Morrison to give every member of Congress an opportunity to go on record on the tariff reform question, does not create any great enthusiasm among some of the fence-riding politicians, those who are "sorter in favor of reform and sorter not."

THE next Convention of the Supreme Lodge of the World, of the Order of Knights of Pythias, will be held in the City of New Orleans next April. The programme of entertainment will be carried on a magnificent scale. Not less than 20,000 uniformed knights are expected to parade the streets of the City. It will be the most brilliant pageant ever witnessed in New Orleans.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University, held in Baton Rouge on January 10th, the following resolution, in regard to "our old Seminary" was reported by the College Committee of three: "Requesting the President to appoint a committee to memorialize the General Assembly, to order either the sale of the old University lands and property, near Alexandria, or to provide for the repairing of the buildings thereon, which are fast going to complete decay."

A bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Miller to provide for the suppression and extirpation of pleuro-pneumonia and other contagious diseases among domestic animals. It directs the commissioner of agriculture to organize a bureau of cattle industry. The secretary of treasury is authorized to take such steps and adopt such measures as he may deem necessary to prevent the exportation of diseased live stock. The co-operation of the States in the territories is invited, and if it be desirable on the part of the State...

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A VITAL QUESTION.

EDITOR EXPRESS:

Sir—I would like to be permitted to express in the State Central Express, my concurrence, with a single exception, in the entire leading editorial in your issue of last Saturday, on the subject of "The Legislature." That exception is to the cruelly unjust intimation that the self-sacrificing man, and most patriotic citizen of Louisiana, to whose unwearied and persistent exertions the State was indebted for the resuscitation of the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy, and for its subsequent erection into the Louisiana State University, and for the adjunction to it of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, "was the instrument of its being taken away from here," when it is well known that the cause and necessity of its removal was the nocturnal conflagration of its magnificent building, and the apathy and indifference of the citizens of the Parish (doubtless originating in their own impoverished condition) to his appeal to them to furnish, temporarily, the means for preventing its removal. With that editorial I believe that the paramount question of the hour (and we have very few hours left now in which to decide it,) certainly the paramount interest is and should be to the citizens of this Parish, and of all this region of the State, to have this Institution returned to its legal domicile and location in Rapides Parish, where it owns some nine hundred acres of land, a beautiful and well adapted site, two large brick and three framed Professors' houses, the whole of which the present majority in the Board of Supervisors, in the interest of Baton Rouge, is seeking to have sold (as will be seen by reference to the report proceeding of that Board, as published in the Capitalist-Advocate of the 11th inst) by the next General Assembly, our Representatives in which are to be selected on Saturday, the 2d of February. And that will certainly be done unless we send to represent us there active, energetic, efficient and determined men.

Will our people give a serious and reflective thought to the almost incalculable advantages of having this great Institution—for great in every sense of the word it is certainly to become—in our midst! Not only in the large amounts of money which it will disburse among our merchants, mechanics, and all trades-people of every kind, in its maintenance and support, in its erection, and in its gradual extension from year to year as its growth and necessities will require, for ere many years its own population will make it a large village, with its Main street and Tramway to Red river, but also in the high state of literary and social culture which it will engender and cultivate in the whole surrounding country.

Let us then, in view of this great interest lay aside all parochial sectional interests and feelings, all partialities for, and against individual men, and unite on those three men most certain to accomplish it.

To the best of my judgment, of the available men they are Michael Ryan, James C. Wise, and Robert P. Hunter. To Judge Ryan's active energy, perseverance, and talent we were indebted for its original location here, and from frequent conversations with him on the subject the writer of this knows that he has lost none of his original and zealous earnestness for its restoration.

Colonel Wise's quiet but potential influence in passing through the House of Representatives at the last session, by a majority of over forty votes, a Bill for its restoration here, this writer was a witness of. He has been informed that whilst Col. Wise will not make himself a candidate, he will not decline to serve the Parish again as one of its Representatives, on this really important occasion, for at the first session of this Legislature the question of the final and permanent location of the university will be determined.

The activity, determination, and energy of Mr. Hunter, are well known to the people of the Parish, and the "Toen Talk" of the 20th inst. says, very emphatically, in reference to this matter, that matter, that Mr. Hunter "is the man who will do it."

It is urgently suggesting to my fellow-citizens the nomination and election to Judge Ryan to the Senate, I am not carried away by the importance of the matter in question, great as I think, may know it to be, so far as to forget the claim of the Parish of Vernon, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh as she is, to name the candidate in this election, but I think the appeal may be made to the patriotism of her citizens, particularly to that of her aspirants to forbear pressing that claim at this time, knowing, as she must do, that Judge Ryan would be as essentially the Senator of Vernon as of RAPIDES.

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THE OLD SEMINARY BUILDINGS.

Below we publish an extract from the late proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College. It is the report of Messrs. Bringham & Marye in regard to the present condition of the old Seminary buildings, estimate of costs of repairs, etc.:

The following report from Messrs. Bringham & Marye was presented by Mr. Graham in lieu of a report from him on the property of the Board in Rapides Parish, and, on due motion, same was received and read and referred to the committee on the state of the College:

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Jan. 1, 1884.

To the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State Seminary, Baton Rouge.

Gentlemen—We beg leave to submit the following REPORT: To amount received from Gen. G. Mason Graham.....\$43 20 To amount collected during the year 1883, less 10 per cent.. 36 90

Amt. cash on hand.....\$80 10 We have to report the building in a very dilapidated condition. The roofs of the two brick houses are leaking terribly, and the galleries are rotting down, and they are in an untenable condition.

We have had estimates for the repairs of these two houses, the "Sherman" and the "Vallas" house, and herewith attach report of L. Smith, carpenter, who resides at Pineville and who made the lowest estimate. It has been our endeavor to obtain a good class of tenants in the houses of the Seminary, but regret to say that we have been unable to do so, the condition of the houses being such that few persons would desire to occupy them. Those now occupying them being of the poorest class, and from whom it is impossible to collect any rent. We would suggest that unless something be immediately done in the way of repairs on the two brick buildings, that the damage to plastering, etc., will be very great.

Very respectfully, Your obt. servants, BRINGHURST & MARYE. ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Oct. 31, 1883. At the request of Mr. L. V. Marye, I have examined the two brick buildings at the Seminary, and find them in the most dilapidated condition; the roof cannot be repaired, they are completely decayed, and it will be necessary to make new roofs entirely. The front and back galleries of both houses are decayed, and to repair the same and place both houses in good repair it will require 10,000 feet of lumber and 80,000 shingles, and carpenters' work will cost fully \$300, everything furnished. L. SMITH.

On the 21st the U. S. House of Representatives passed an act repealing the laws prescribing the iron-clad oath. Speaking of it the Times-Democrat remarks: "Nineteen years, over half a century, have passed since the War ended. It is certainly time that all unpleasantness engendered by it should have passed away. And so it would have done but for certain Northern politicians who have found it serviceable to their interests to arouse sectional animosities, and pretend that it was patriotism. They have used this issue time and time again, but every year they have found it growing weaker and weaker, until even the Northern politicians have begun to recognize the fact that the bloody rite commands little following."

When we consider the ostensible purposes, as alleged in 1861, for which the war was waged on the Southern States, the iron-clad oath has been a standing disgrace to the Republican party. There was no warrant for it in the constitution, and yet it has stood on the statute book for all these years.

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RAPIDES WARD MEETING.

The Democratic Ward meeting of Rapides Ward, was called to order on Saturday last by Capt. J. G. P. Hooe, who nominated Dr. Smith Gordon as Chairman, seconded by T. Spence Smith. Dr. Gordon was unanimously chosen as Chairman.

L. C. Sanford was nominated as Secretary by T. Spence Smith. It was moved by T. Spence Smith that the Chairman appoint fourteen delegates, himself included, to represent this Ward in the Parish Convention, to meet at Alexandria, on the 2d day of February, 1884. The yeas and nays being called for on Mr. Smith's motion, resulted in 33 yeas and 10 nays. Motion was carried.

The Chairman appointed the following gentlemen as delegates to the Parish Convention: S. Gordon, A. Seip, C. R. Haworth, T. Spence Smith, R. H. Whittington, A. J. Davis, J. A. Cruikshank, R. G. Maddox, S. Weil, J. G. P. Hooe, Jno. Andrews, W. E. Taylor, D. T. Stafford, J. C. Brown.

A magistrate and constable having to be selected from the Ward, Mr. T. Spence Smith, nominated L. C. Sanford, for Magistrate; and Mr. W. E. Taylor, nominated L. B. Haworth, for Constable; and they were unanimously chosen.

It was moved and seconded that the Alexandria papers be furnished a copy of the proceedings of the meeting, and requested to publish them.

SMITH GORDON, Chairman. L. C. SANFORD, Secretary.

At a meeting of the citizens of Lamourie Ward, held at Weems' Precinct, on Saturday, January 26th, 1884. E. B. Pendleton, was called to the Chair.

On motion R. B. Weems, was appointed Secretary. The following resolutions were submitted to the meeting and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the citizens of Lamourie Ward, in Mass Meeting assembled, do unanimously endorse the action of the Police Jury, of the Parish of Rapides, in fixing the whisky license, for the year 1884, at \$300, and that we hope it will stand by the resolution, even to the extent of a suit at law.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Parish papers. E. B. PENDLETON, R. B. WEEMS, Chairman. Secretary.

Nominations made for the Ward Offices: Ledoux Smith, Justice of the Peace, and B. M. Rongout, for Constable.

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