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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

—E. WELL pays the highest cash price for coal oil and whisky barrels.

—THE Exchange Hotel Bar Room will open to-morrow. Give "Ed." a call.

—MR. J. C. French was here on a short visit last week. He is looking well.

—Zera Semon gives a special entertainment for the children every Saturday at 2 o'clock.

—DR. Dupre left for Austin, Texas, on Sunday night's train. The Doctor expects to make that city his future home.

—MRS. Levi Stewart left for Winfield yesterday. She goes to join her husband, who is present working on the Southern, at that place.

—PERDREAUX & Co., at 33 Poydras St., New Orleans, sell fresh ground Flour and Corn Meal from Mascoutah Mills, Ill. Send for price list.

—RIVER falling. Jesse K. Bell, Charles C. Carroll and John D. Scull passed up on Monday night. The Bell goes down to-day. Jewel expected up on Friday.

—MR. B. Rodney, of Fort Adams, Miss., a nephew of Martin Rodney, well known to most of our Town people, is here on a visit. He is the guest of Mr. R. T. Hynson of the Exchange Hotel.

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—MR. N. S. Cornell was appointed presiding elder of the Alexandria District, at the recent meeting of the Louisiana Annual Conference held in New Orleans. Mr. J. M. Beard was appointed for the Neville District.

—YOUNG, old and middle-aged, all experience the wonderful beneficial effects of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Young children suffering from sore eyes, sore ears, scald head, & with any scrofulous or syphilitic taint, may be made healthy and strong by its use.

—AN attempt at suicide was made on Monday night by a gentleman who lives near Morgan depot. He undertook to inhale himself by inhaling morphine, as sprinkled it over his clothing and bedding. The doctor who was called in at the time had considerable trouble in getting the morphine from him.

—ALL those who can should square up their Statute Parish taxes. The sheriff and collector is now engaged in preting his delinquent list, and those who are in arrears should make an effort to pay up before the list is published, and save themselves the costs usually attached to delinquency. The delinquent list will be published shortly.

—ZERA Semon, Wonder Worker and Ventriloquist Emperor will give four performances in our City this week, commencing on Thursday, January 31st. No one should fail to see him. The opportunity is only afforded once in life time to witness such a performance as Zera gives. Remember, he gives away one hundred presents at each performance.

REBATE ON TOBACCO.—Under date of Washington, P. C., January 24th, Congression Blanchard, of this District, telegraphed Mr. N. Gregg, of Shreveport, the following, in reference to the rebate on tobacco. This matter will also prove of importance to our Town at Parish merchants. Here it is: "The House just passed a bill appropriate three million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars to pay rebate on tobacco."

—The following letter from Capt. Hoee, of which his withdrawal is announced speaks for itself: ALEXANDRIA, LA., Jan'y 26, 1882. Editor Democrat: I have determined not to appear as a candidate for the nomination for the Sheriff, at the Convention to be held next Saturday, February 2nd. I thank you very much for the notice you give me in your issue of the 24th.

Very respectfully, J. G. P. HOOE.

—The year 1884 there will be five eclipses, three of the sun and two of the moon. The first eclipse will be that of the sun on March 27th; it will be 4 1/2 partial and not visible in this section. The second will be a total eclipse of the moon April 10th, and will be visible in all North and South America. On April 25th a partial eclipse of the sun (invisible here) occurs, and again on October 4th, the moon will be totally eclipsed, but if it were here, it will be only partial.

—The following account of the manner in which the song "Wait Till the Clouds Roll By," is rendered, is from an exchange, whose editor must certainly have a musical turn of mind. It might be well applied to some of our Town nightingales, whose screechy voices when at full pitch would almost give a person the fits, or perhaps, do worse, give them the "St. Vitus' dance." Our devil vouches for what we say:

"Wah tah the claw raw baw Jawy, Wah tah the claw raw baw, Wah tah the claw raw baw, Wah tah the claw raw baw, Wah tah the claw raw baw."

—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.

—ZERA Semon's entertainment is far above the ordinary and entirely different from others of the same class. He pleases his audience from the moment he steps upon the stage, and carries all with him until the close. He is by far the most enjoyable entertainment ever given by a single artist in this city."—[New Haven (Conn.) Palladium.]

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—As this is the season for sausage making we give the following simple method of saving them for an indefinite period, which we clip from an exchange and for which we can vouch: "Do not put them in skins; this troublesome way served its day and generation. Cleaning the skins is too much work, and this way of putting up is not fashionable at this aesthetic period. If you wish to keep the sausage till fall, do not sew it up in sacks and smoke it, either; make into cakes between the hands, and fry it just as you would for present consumption; pack the cakes closely in an earthen jar, and pour in melted lard till it covers them; keep in the cellar or some cool place, and as dry as possible. Treated in this way, sausage will keep fresh and unspiced for a year, and I do not know how much longer. When wanted for the table, simply heat it through in a pan and it is ready for use."

—The election for delegates to the Democratic Convention has passed off quietly. There was evidently some misunderstanding between the various candidates as to the person of the various delegates. The contest was made over the Shrievalty, and in many instances delegates were voted for elected who are opposed to other candidates who are the choice of the people. There is no question but that Judge Blackman is the choice of this Parish, by a very large majority. He has the majority of the delegates as it now stands. The Convention should elect ten delegates to the District Convention who are solid for the choice of the people. The other two Parishes in the District have sent solid delegations, one of which is positively for Judge Blackman, and the other probably so. Rapides should not violate a democratic principle by attempting to inaugurate a move or plan whereby majorities are not allowed to rule. This is strong democratic doctrine and should be adhered to, no matter what the consequences.

—An enjoyable Surprise Party was given at the residence of Mr. Edouard Weil, on Monday evening last, at which a large crowd of young ladies and gentlemen were present. Music was furnished by the Alexandria String Band, which on this as on all other occasions, was a feature in itself. The crowd met at the residence of Mrs. Calvit, from where they moved to the place where the dance took place. The whole affair was well arranged, and reflects credit upon those who organized the move. Dancing was kept up until a late hour when the crowd dispersed. All who were present speak in the highest terms of the lady and gentleman of the house, and of their reception especially. Everybody had a nice time. Our reporter noticed the following ladies in attendance: Miss Kate Jones, Miss Alice Calvit, Miss Alice Wells, Miss Inez and Mary Rushing, Miss Fannie Mayer, Miss Jettie Weinburg, Miss Mary Washington, Miss Mercer Canfield, Misses Bath, Miss Pattie Cockerille, Miss Mand Manning, Mrs. J. M. Hetherwick, Mrs. Cullen. An almost infinite multitude of young gentlemen were present, each and everyone of whom have engaged seats for himself and lady at Zera Semon's performance to-morrow night. Hurrah for our boys and girls!

—For the benefit of all concerned we give below a full list of the delegates to the Parish Nominating Convention, which meets in this Town on Saturday next: Alexandria—John C. Rogers, John A. Williams, I. C. Miller, B. G. Duke, John J. Ferguson, F. M. Raxsdale, Pat. Kelly, H. T. Applewhite, J. N. Laney, J. M. Armstrong, R. T. Hynson, Isaac Weil, Jacob Geiger. Pineville—Ben Turner, G. W. Bolton, Steve Barrett, James R. Waters, M. T. Dozier, W. D. Smith. Coteau—W. C. James, M. L. Dunnam, F. D. Henderson, D. D. Charney, W. F. Texada, John E. Grissom, M. N. James, S. C. Campbell, Cogo Edwards, Robt. Waits. Bayou Rapides—Dr. Smith Gordon, F. Seip, C. R. Haworth, T. Spence Smith, R. H. Whittington, A. J. Davis, J. A. Cruikshank, R. G. Maddox, Simon Weil, J. G. P. Hoee, Jno. Andrews, W. E. Taylor, D. T. Stafford, J. C. Brown. Lamourie—Wm. Harris, G. Baillio, Jr., Dr. R. H. Carnal. Cheneyville—A. D. Havard, B. M. Pearce, J. W. Stafford, Sam Blum, W. Shackelford. DeLoache's—E. M. Shackelford, J. T. Carnahan, R. L. Carnahan, C. C. Cleveland, F. A. Blanchard, Louis Tennessee. Horn's—Sam Hoyt. Lecomte—R. L. Walker, W. H. Harper, T. E. Brown, Carleton Roberts, Thos. D. Stewart, H. F. Long. Union Church—A. G. Swann, Silas Warner. Hinson—Chas. Shaw, H. C. Swan, Thos. Neal, Joseph Melder, Thomas Rhames. New Poland—J. Toney. Ass. Bell's—George R. Waters and L. T. Bringham. Tramway—H. M. Rogers, Robert Martin. Boreland's—Hathorn, Ben Lewis, and Big Island—Mat. Ryder. Babb's Bridge—Mr. Penninuer, Z. P. Squires, J. Phillips, two not known. Rigolettes—S. Venus and J. Simmons. Holloway's Prairie—J. Boyd and Bryan. Randolph's—Jacob Gunter and M. Dunn. Westport—Not heard from.

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ALEXANDRIA WARD MEETING.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., Jan. 26, '84. Pursuant to call of the Democratic Parish Executive Committee the Democratic voters of the Alexandria Ward assembled at the Town Hall in the city of Alexandria at 11 o'clock A. M., this day for the purpose of selecting thirteen delegates to represent the Alexandria Ward in the Parish Democratic Convention, which is to assemble in the Town Hall on the 2d day of February, 1884.

The meeting was called to order by Robt. P. Hunter, Esq., on behalf of the Parish Executive Committee, who stated the object of the meeting and announced that the first business before the meeting was the selection of a Chairman and Secretary.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, Mr. Robt. P. Hunter was unanimously elected as Chairman and Messrs. Charles Goldenberg and John C. Ryan were unanimously elected Secretaries.

It was then moved and seconded that the delegates be elected by ballot, and the motion was duly carried.

It was then moved and seconded that the Chairman appoint three Commissioners of Election to conduct the election. The motion was duly carried, and the Chairman thereupon appointed the following Commissioners, viz: Messrs. M. Paul, Jr., J. M. Hetherwick and Monfort Cockerille.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the said Commissioners were instructed to keep a record and tally of all votes cast, to be certified by them to the Chairman of this meeting, who, together with the Secretaries of the meeting, should thereupon certify to the credential of the delegates elected.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the Commissioners were instructed to receive the votes of all residents of this ward who voted the Democratic State ticket at the last general State election, and to keep the polls open from the time the meeting adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M. The meeting then adjourned.

ROBT. P. HUNTER, Chairman. JNO. C. RYAN, CHAS. GOLDENBERG, Secretaries.

DON'T SPILL THE MILK.—"There is no use crying over spilled milk," says the old saw. If you are not only bald, but have no life in the roots of your hair, there is no use crying over that, either. Take both time and yourself by the forelock while there is a fotokel left. Apply Parker's Hair Balsam to your hair before matters get worse. It will arrest the falling off of your hair and restore its original color, gloss and softness. It is a perfect dressing withal, clean, richly perfumed, cools and heals the scalp.

—THE untidy, dirty appearance of a grizzled beard should never be allowed. Buckingham's Dye for the whiskers will readily change their color to a brown or black, at discretion, and thus keep up your reputation for neatness and good looks.

—LANDRETH'S Garden Seeds, (now crop) in all size papers, just received at the Eagle Drug Store.

ESTIMATE OF PARISH EXPENSES FOR YEAR 1884. Jurors and witnesses \$3000, Magistrates and Constables 2000, Police Jurors 600, Officers of Police Jury 650, Printer's Fees 450, Corner's Fees 500, Sheriff and Clerk's Fees 1800, Contingent Fund 3000, Commissions of Collector and Treasurer 2250, Public School Fund 2100, Jailor's Fees and Expenses 2000, Pauper Fund 600, Bridge Fund 3500, \$22,450

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I have halters with five rings and others with three; If you don't believe they're good uses, just call in and see; And webbing for back-bands, some four inches wide; They're nice things for summer, for they have been tried.

We have bridles for stallions, the gliding and mare; Bits plated with silver, and snaps made of wire; Bitting bridles for colts, to teach them to know The ways of the world, and in what shape to go.

Those in want of such articles, just give me a call; If I can't show you good work, I'll show none at all; I wish not a large profit on work that I sell— A good, honest living living will do me quite well.

But try me and see, and I ask for no more; I have a large room for my store; You will see my sign out and find me within; So make me a visit, and you'll come again.

NEW TO-DAY, NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Registration Books will be open at the following places on the dates opposite each, for the purpose of registering all unregistered citizens of Rapides Parish, and also to change the voting places of voters when it is desired: Alexandria: February 18 to 23d. Clueryville: February 25, 26. Legatte: February 27 and 28. Wams: February 29, March 1. Treadway: March 6 and 7. Polnd: March 8. Bonnd's: March 10. Honway's Prairie: March 11. Bigland: March 12. Be's: March 13. Lant's: March 14. Radolph's: March 18. Caloon's: March 19. Waport: March 20. Hamock Church, March 21. Histon: March 22. Uon Church: March 24. Ho's: March 25. Deach's: March 27. ReStore: March 28, 29. Rodes: March 31, April 1. Pville: April 2, 3 and 4. At which time the books will be kept open in Alexandria until the 1st day of April. JAMES ANDREWS, Registrar.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

W. J. CALVIT vs. AMER. EVERITT. No. 2904. District Court, Parish Rapides, La. BY VIRTUE OF AND TO SATISFY a writ of fieri facias issued and me directed in the above entitled and numbered suit, I have sold and will offer for sale at public auction in front of the Court House door, in the Town of Alexandria, La., between the hours prescribed by law, on SAURDAY, the 1st of MARCH, A. D. 1884, the following described property, spally ordered to be seized and sold to-wit:

certain piece or parcel of land, sited, lying and being in the Parish Rapides, State of Louisiana, on the north side of Red River, wh is described as follows, to-wit: To start at a point on the lot line of Treadway tract now owned by this purchaser, ninety feet from the rear line of said tract, three run at right angles with said tract, thence run at right angles with said line five (5) acres, thence run parallel with the divide line of said Treadway and Debe tracts, ten acres, thence run a right angle five (5) acres to Debe line, so as to contain the quantity of fifty acres of pinewoods land, being a part of the 320 acres one Hoffman tract, and is bounded on the one side by lands of Davis and on all other sides by lands owned by Cash, subject to appraisement. D. C. PAUL, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Jors of Melissa Barton for Family Meeting, etc.—No. 451—Private Docket, 12th Judicial District Court, Parish of Rapides, Louisiana. PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF sale issued by the Honorable 12th Judicial District Court in Rapides Parish and State aforesaid, in the above entitled and numbered suit, commanding me in accordance with the deliberations of the family meeting held therein, sell the hereinafter described property, I shall offer for sale at public auction, at the front of the Court House door in the Town of Alexandria, La., between the hours prescribed by law, on SATURDAY, the 1st of MARCH, A. D. 1884, the following described property, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land, situated, lying and being near Legatte in the Parish of Rapides, State of Louisiana, containing the quantity of one and a half (1 1/2) acres together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and including the same property purchased from Messrs. Hardy and Lee in Jan'y, 1883. The property will be sold at public auction unless the full amount of the appraisement is paid. D. C. PAUL, Sheriff and ex-officio Auctioneer. Jan. 30-td.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Representative. We are authorized to announce T. SPENCE SMITH as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to nomination by the Democratic party.

For District Judge. We are authorized to announce W. F. BLACKMAN, as a candidate for Judge of the 12th Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic District Nominating Convention.

We are authorized to announce EDWING HUNTER, as a candidate for District Judge of the 12th Judicial District, subject to nomination of the Democratic Convention.

We are authorized to announce THOS. OVERTON, of Avoelles, as a candidate for Judge of the 12th Judicial District, subject to nomination by the Democratic party.

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

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 Hapides 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.

NEW TO-DAY.

HENRY ST. JOHN, ALEXANDRIA, LA. KEEPS DRUGS OF THE BEST QUALITY ONLY, BUYERS REGARDLESS OF COST TO HAVE

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NOTICE! The second meeting of the Anti-Whiskey Licensee men will take place on Friday night at the Town Hall at 7:30. The report of the Committee appointed at the organization meeting will be handed in. Other important business will come before the meeting. All who are opposed to the \$300 License law as passed by the Police Jury at its last session are requested to be present. WM. LECKIE, President. J. D. SMITH, Secretary. AGENTS WANTED for the best quality of Books & Bibles.