

# THE DEMOCRAT.

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## DEMOCRATIC TICKET:

For Governor:  
SAMUEL D. MCENERY.

For Lieut.-Gov.:  
CLAY KNOBLOCK.

For Atty. Genl.:  
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.

District and Parish Ticket

For State Senator:  
DR. E. E. SMART.

For District Judges:  
HON. W. F. BLACKMAN,  
HON. THOS. QVERTON.

For District Attorney:  
JOHN C. WICKLIFFE.

For Representatives:  
R. P. HUNTER, S. MEEKER.

For Sheriff:  
DAVID C. PAUL.

For Clerk:  
GEO. O. WATTS.

For Coroner:  
DR. J. CASSON.

For Magistrates, Alexandria Ward:  
W. C. McQuinsey, John P. Grogan.

For Constable:  
Geo. F. Smith.

—TWELVE deaths from small-pox occurred in New Orleans last week.

—THE Vicksburg firemen will make a grand gala day of the 23d, when they are going to have a parade, a banquet, etc., to be participated in by visiting companies.

—NOTWITHSTANDING Mr. Tilden's recent declaration the first State Democratic Convention, which has held in West Virginia on Wednesday last, indorsed him for President and instructed its delegates to vote for him.

—THE independents are going to make a strong fight to carry the election in Orleans Parish, and they expect to spend \$25,000 to \$50,000 to accomplish their purpose. The names of some of the staunchest men in that Parish are identified with the independent movement.

—THE new sugar exchange being built in New Orleans will cost over fifty thousand dollars, and will be a very ornamental building to the city. The president of the exchange is Mr. E. J. Gay, the great sugar planter, and the roll of membership comprises 250 names. The exchange is located on the corner of Front and Bienville streets.

—THE people in Philadelphia, as are those in many other cities, New Orleans not excepted, are greatly annoyed by the constant ringing of their door bells by peddlers, beggars, hucksters, etc. Some families in the Quaker City have adopted signals which are made known to their relatives and friends, and the bell is not answered unless these are given. Two short rings in succession and one long, followed by a short ring, are among the signals used.

## VALIDITY OF SALES FOR BACK TAXES.

Persons who own property and owe taxes on it, due on the 1st of January, 1880, will be interested in a decision rendered on Monday in the Civil District Court by Judge Monroe.

It seems that Mrs. Jane Bell owned a piece of property on which taxes were due and unpaid on January 1st, 1880. She having failed to pay these taxes the property was sold by the tax collector to B. W. Taylor and others.

Mrs. Bell learning that such was the case, filed a petition in the Civil District Court and asked that Taylor and the other co-purchasers be prevented and stopped from attempting to take possession of her property under their tax title.

And she showed to the Court that the sale was null and void because the Tax Collector, in selling such property, had failed to comply with the law which authorized him to sell property for such taxes.

The law to which we refer was passed by the Legislature in July, 1882, and among other things, required the Tax Collector to advertise and offer for sale within four months after the promulgation of the act, all such property as Mrs. Bell's, upon which taxes were due and unpaid January 2, 1880.

The Tax Collector did not advertise Mrs. Bell's property within those four months, but a long time thereafter, and so Judge Monroe decided that this failure on the part of the Tax Collector to do this duty during the four months was fatal, Taylor & Co, could not take her property, the sale being null and void, just as though it had never been made.

Should this be a correct interpretation of the law and be affirmed by the Supreme Court, it will have a widespread influence, and the act of the Legislature on the subject seems very clear.

Under that law the failure of the Tax Collector to advertise within the four months makes him and his sureties responsible to the State for all these taxes due on Mrs. Bell's property, and on all other property similarly situated.

The act goes further still, and says the District Attorney shall bring suit against the Tax Collector and sureties for all such taxes; and in case the District Attorney fails within the time allowed to bring these suits, then he himself becomes responsible and must be sued by the Attorney General, and if the Attorney General fails to sue the District Attorney and the Tax Collector and sureties, then the act provides that any holder of any warrant, bond or other obligation made receivable for taxes due prior to January 1st, 1879, shall have the right to sue the Tax Collector and District Attorney for the full amount of the warrant, bond or obligation held by him.—[Picayune.

AN INFALLIBLE TEST OF MARRIAGE.—"I'll bet a bottle of champagne that's a married couple," remarked a swell, standing at the window of a fashionable club-house and watching a lady and gentleman who were crossing the street during a heavy shower.

"I can't imagine your reason for saying so," replied his companion. "It's plain enough. Don't you see that the centre of the umbrella is over his head, not over hers."—[Brooklyn Eagle.

## STORIES ON THE ROAD.

Commercial Travelers at a Wayside Inn—Something to Put in a Gripsack.

"Gentlemen, I almost envy you the positions you fill; your experience of the world; your knowledge of business; the changing sights you see, and all that, you know."

This warmly expressed regret fell from the lips of an elderly pleasure tourist, last August, and was addressed to a semicircle of commercial travelers seated on the porch of the Lindell Hotel, St. Louis-Mo.

"Yes," responded a New York representative of the profession, "a drummer isn't without his pleasures, but he runs his risks, too—risks outside the chances of railroad collisions and steamboat explosions."

"What risks for instance?"

"This, for instance," said Mr. W. D. Franklin, who was then traveling for an Eastern house, and is known to merchants in all parts of the country: "The risk—which, indeed, amounts almost to a certainty—of getting the dyspepsia from perpetual change of diet and water and from having no fixed hours for eating and sleeping. I myself was an example. I say was for I am all right now."

"No discount on your digestion?" broke in a Chicago goods traveler, lighting his cigar afresh.

"Not a quarter per cent. But I had to give up traveling for a while. The dyspepsia ruined my paper. Finally I came across the advertisement of Parker's Tonic I tried it and fixed me up to perfection. There is nothing on earth, in my opinion, equal to it as a cure for dyspepsia."

Messrs. Hiscox & Co., of New York, the proprietors, hold a letter from Mr. Franklin stating that precise fact, Parker's Tonic aids digestion, cures Malarial Fevers, Heartburn, Headache, Coughs and Colds, and all chronic diseases of the Liver and Kidneys. Put a bottle in your valise. Prices, 50c. \$1. Economy in larger size.

### A Singular Criminal Complication.

SHREVEPORT, La., April 16.—News has been received here that Dick Higgins and J. M. Trospier, the former charged with the murder of Jno. Agurs, and the latter an accomplice, have surrendered to the authorities at Carthage, Texas, and are undergoing preliminary examination.

It will be remembered that Agurs was killed at Bethany on the 9th inst. by Higgins while locked up in a store on the Texas and Louisiana line, into which he ran for protection from bullets from Higgins's Winchester rifle. Higgins stood on the Louisiana side of the line and fired some eight or ten shots into the store, and when he was prevailed on to cease the dead body of Agurs was found on the Texas side of the store.

Bethany proper is in Caddo Parish, La., but there are one or two stores built half on each side of the Texas and Louisiana State line, and it was in one of these Agurs locked himself up and was killed. It is thought he received the fatal shot while peeping through a keyhole in the door which is on the Louisiana side, and stepped back and fell dead on the Texas side.

Higgins clerked for Trospier, and a misunderstanding existed between Agurs and Trospier, hence the latter is arrested as an accomplice. The case is somewhat complicated as regards the two States, as arrests will undoubtedly be made by the Louisiana authorities also.—[Picayune.

## TOWN ADVERTISEMENTS.



## Eagle Drug Store!

JACOB GEIGER, - Proprietor.

Is selling at New Orleans wholesale prices to the jobbing trade, and offering special inducements to retail buyers. The stock consists in part as follows:

## Drugs, Chemicals, Paints, Stationery

School Books, Tobacco and Cigars, Liquors for medicinal purposes, Garden Seeds, Etc.

Cor. Second and Murray, - - ALEXANDRIA, LA

JULIUS LEVIN,

- DEALER IN -



## LUMBER

- AND -

## BUILDING MATERIAL!

AGENT FOR WATERS AND BRINGHURST'S SAW-MILLS!

T. M. BLOSSAT, AGT,

## WATCH-MAKER AND JEWELER,

- DEALER IN -

## WATCHES, CLOCKS & JEWELRY,

NOTIONS and FANCY GOODS.



SOLE AGENT for the MEDICATED GLASSES—a perfect fit guaranteed or money refunded. HOUSEHOLD ELDRIDGE B and ESTEY SEWING MACHINE for sale. ATTACHMENTS and SUPPLIES for all kinds of SEWING MACHINES. Special attention paid to repairing and adjusting all kinds of Sewing Machines. SECOND STREET, next door to Postoffice, ALEXANDRIA, LA.

## First-Class Bargains in Everything!

- AT THE -

## STORE OF Mrs. E. S. HETHERWICK

Large and complete stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes and Hats at low prices.

Hardware a Specialty.

All kinds kept in stock.

Near the Ferry Landing, - - ALEXANDRIA, LA

### MR. GOUGH ON SILK HATS.—

"It would be no violation of the commandment," said John B. Gough, "if a man were to fall down and worship the silk hat, for it is not made in the likeness of anything in heaven, or on earth, or in the waters which are under the earth." Besides it heats the head and causes the hair to fall off. Parker's Hair Balsam will stop that and restore the original color to gray or faded hair. Not oily, not a dye, beneficial, deliciously perfumed. A perfect hair dressing. 50c. All druggists.

—THE New Orleans Times-Democrat is confident that the Mississippi river will be bridged at that city before many years, and that the structure will not exceed \$1,500,000 in cost.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

LANDRETH'S

## GARDEN SEEDS

(NEW CROP.)

PUT UP IN ALL SIZES OF PAPERS.

JUST RECEIVED AT THE

## EAGLE DRUG STORE

## EXCHANGE HOTEL:

R. T. Hynson, - Proprietor.

UNSURPASSED FACILITIES. First-class in all respects. Table supplied with the best the market affords.