



Official Journal of the City of Alexandria.

Henry L. Blossat, Business Manager

—COL. A. K. McClaire, managing editor of the Philadelphia Times, has been served with a notice that the Louisiana Lottery Co. has instituted a suit against him for \$100,000.

—In little more than two years Mr. Cleveland has resigned two elective offices, each time to accept a higher one. To this rapid promotion of a public man there is no parallel in the history of the country.

—JOHN Kelly is not coming South for his health. He has had malaria only, and is entirely recovered from the attack. He will make a vigorous fight to retain possession of Tammany at the next April election.

—HON. Sam Randall has concluded not to run for Speaker of the next House. He is satisfied with his present chairmanship of the Appropriation Committee, a position usually assigned to the recognized leader of the House.

—IN joint Convention of the Legislature of Indiana, held at Indianapolis on the 12th inst., the vote electing Daniel W. Voorhees Senator was announced. His majority on joint ballot was forty-three, and is unprecedented in the history of the State.

—NEWS, said to be from reliable sources, received in Washington is that if the Illinois Legislature gets out of its dead-lock, Wm. R. Morrison will be elected Senator, as there are two or three Republican votes Logan cannot get but Morrison can.

—AN exchange says that Carl Schurz is coming South on a lecturing tour. As a federal General during the late war he did us no harm, while, during the Presidential canvass, he did our candidate much good, and therefore he is deserving of a warm welcome in this section.

—THAT wonderfully well preserved and virile English statesman, Mr. Gladstone, is often represented by his opponents as being sick, worn out by his great official labors. But Mrs. Gladstone wrote to a friend in New York, on the day after Christmas, that her husband was "very fresh and well."

—A HOTEL is to be built in Pittsburg seven stories high, with the kitchen on the top floor and electric fire escape in every room. The escape is to be operated from the office. By touching a button there the guests are simultaneously aroused, every window thrown open, and a flexible ladder loosened that reaches to the ground.

—DURING the year 1884 there were 111 persons hanged in the United States, of which fifty-three were negroes and two Indians.—Louisiana had the greatest number of executions, sixteen having "felt the halter draw." In Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, capital punishment, except for treason or for murder committed by a life prisoner, has been abolished.

A WONDERFUL NEW COTTON PLANT.

Attention is now attracted, says an Atlanta (Ga.) dispatch to a cotton plant which bids fair to be immensely valuable. For many years A. A. Subers, of Macon has been carefully experimenting to hybridize the cotton plant that grows in Florida, with the common okra. The cotton plant used is of that species which is found in the low lands of the Caloosabatchie river. The new plant retains the okra stalk and the foliage of the cotton. Its flower and fruit, however, are strikingly unlike either cotton or okra. The plant has an average height of two feet, and each plant has only one bloom. This is a magnificent flower, very much like the great magnolia in fragrance, and equally as large. Like the cotton bloom the flower is white for several days after it opens, after which it is first the pale pink, then gradually assumes darker shades of this color until it becomes red, when it drops discloses a wonderful boll. For about ten days this boll resembles a cotton boll then its growth suddenly increases, as if by magic, until it reaches the size of a big coconut. Not until it reaches this size does the lint first appear. Then its snowy threads begin to burst from the boll. One inexperienced hand can easily gather 800 pounds a day, and fast hands much more. Were the only saving that in gathering the lint, the result of Mr. Suber's experiment would entitle him to the everlasting gratitude of the Southern farmer. But this is not all—there are no seeds in the lint. Each boll produces about two pounds of very long staple cotton, superior to Sea Island, and at the bottom of the boll there are from four to six seed, resembling persimmon seed. This new cotton, therefore needs no ginning.

ALEXANDRIA, La., }
Jan'y 21. }

Mr. Editor:

The Natchitoches Review contains an editorial on the score made by some member of the Alexandria Rod and Gun Club, and the editor thereof intimates that it can and ought to be beaten by the Natchitoches Gun club. We doubt very much whether the Natchitoches Gun club could beat the score under the same circumstances of the hunt, and taking into consideration the extreme cold and rainy weather, with other draw backs and unknown to the Review. Don't crow too early, we are open to challenge in a regular match according to rules and don't you forget that a few years ago the Cotile Gun club were so confident that they could easily out-score the Alexandria Club, and there was no end to their crowing, and they even crowed in the challenge sent us, but when the contest came they were badly defeated which so discouraged its members that it broke up the Cotile Gun club. The Review promises to eat all the birds if the Natchitoches Gun club fails to beat the score of the Alexandria club. We do not doubt the eating ability of the Editor, and that he could have the birds served in fine style, as we heard a gentleman say he travelled with two gentlemen from Natchitoches and Alexandria to New Orleans on the Jesse K. Bell and their conversation during the entire trip was how to cook a teal duck. Yours,
A MEMBER.

To the Citizens of Alexandria and Parish of Rapides.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

William A. Griffin, }
vs. } No. 2991.
Andrew J. Rush. }

12th Judicial District Court, Parish of Rapides, La.

By virtue of and to satisfy a writ of fieri facias issued and to me directed in the above entitled and numbered suit, I have seized 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 SATURDAY, the 7th day of FEBRUARY, A. D. 1885,

the following described property, to-wit:

The interest of the defendant, Andrew J. Rush, as heir in and to the succession of John H. Rush, said succession consisting of the following described property purchased from B. T. Lewis by John H. Rush, deceased on the 9th of March, 1876, act of sale recorded in conveyance Book D, page 336, to-wit:

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