



Official Journal of the City of Alexandria.

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—CARL Schurz lectured at Artillery Hall, in New Orleans last Saturday night.

—TEXAS is going to amend her Constitution so as to allow the chartering of State Banks.

—HON. Thos. A. Hendricks, recently elected vice-president of the United States, is in New Orleans, on a visit to see the Exposition.

—WE have received a copy of the *Mounter*, of Marthville, in this State, which journal we will "X" with pleasure. It is neatly printed and though small in size contains a quantity of nice reading matter. Its motto is "More school-houses and less whiskey."

—By a special from Shreveport published in the *Times-Democrat* of Sunday, we read of the death of a colored woman in the above city, caused from an ovarian tumor, said to weigh eighty pounds, and which was cut out of her body previous to interment.

—PETITIONS signed by 50,000 citizens, asking the Legislature of Tennessee to submit to the popular vote a Constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor have been presented to that body, which has appointed a committee to consider them.

—IN speaking of Mr. Cleveland's cabinet Henry Ward Beecher expressed the opinion that Bayard would probably be Secretary of State, and commenting on that he said he did not think a selection could be made which would give more general satisfaction to the country at large.

—CAPT. Dan A. Boardman, with headquarters at Pearlinton, Miss., was on the 5th presented by his wife with a fine boy baby. It was immediately named in honor of its uncle, Capt. W. T. Boardman, Jr. Its other uncle, Charley was so delighted at the news that he gained fully 10 per cent in good health. The father, mother and baby were, at last accounts doing well.—[New Orleans States.

—IN Georgia the dealers in pistols, toy pistols, revolvers or bowie knives are fined \$100 for each place of business they carry on in any county. It is said that the license amounts to prohibition. A similar law ought to prevail in every State in the Union. At the next session of our State Legislature we hope especial attention will be given to this very important matter.—[Shreveport Times.

—MR. Cleveland is doing well in having consultations with the leading clear-headed men of his party who represent the several shades of difference of party policy. He will, of course get considerable conflicting opinion; but being a clear-sighted man himself, he will be able to measure all these, and see in the end that there is but the one course for him to pursue; the straight course leading to honest and efficient government—the same which he has pursued as mayor of Buffalo and as Governor of the State of New York.

The Cotton Centennial and World's Exposition.

This, the most stupendous event both in conception and detail, not only of modern times but of any age, has been in progress for six weeks in New Orleans. That it is all we claim for it has been fully attested by the ablest and most enlightened judgment of those of our own and foreign countries. Originally designed as its name expressed, to celebrate that most important event i. e. the shipment of some ten or a dozen bales of cotton from this country to England in 1774, it was finally agreed to make it international in its scope, hence the addition to its name of World's Exposition. If time and space permitted it would be very interesting to take a retrospective view of the past century, to that period of our colonial history when a few bales of cotton, then but in its infancy here, was shipped to the mother country for manufacture, and it was with fear and trembling by those making the venture, lest so large a shipment should glut the markets of the world, for in England it was doubted if so much cotton could be produced in America. It could not be foreseen then that the article shipped was destined as it has done to revolutionize and regulate the commerce of the world. It has not one by its universal use become a regulator of commerce but a civilizer and a chief factor in the World's industry. Such was the event, then in embryo, that this wonderful exhibition originally intended to celebrate.

But we can't dwell longer at present on this most interesting theme, our present object being simply to notice some of the many wonders of the Exposition as finally inaugurated. The first thing of great wonder and importance is the extent and magnificence of the buildings, erected almost by magic in a few months, when it required the great centennial of our liberties celebrated at Philadelphia in 1876 nearly four years to prepare for it. Here we have enclosed for exhibition purposes the immense space of nearly ninety acres in the aggregate; the main building occupying more than one-third thereof, or about thirty-three acres. This is beyond all comparison the largest building under one roof ever erected in the world, within it and the various others are collected in one grand and mighty circle the various productions of all civilized nations. The products of the soil and stream, of forest and mine; specimens in perfection of all the wonderful mechanism required to utilize all productions from the raw material to the most delicate and exquisite fabrics. Everything of animal or vegetable kingdom, either for use, luxury or ornament, are here congregated, besides all the works of art and science. In short it may be styled "multum in parvo,"—wherein in such limited space the rarest specimens of the productions of the whole world may be viewed. What a commentary is this on the thrift and energy of our people.—Not two decades have transpired since we emerged from a desolating war, which left us naught but the soil and our strong wills, now we are exhibiting to the admiring gaze of all an exhibit so mighty in design, so stupendous in execution, as to astonish all beholders. It carries with it assurances of energy, of peace, good will and restored brotherly love between those lately

contending in deadly strife. It proves to the world what energy, properly directed, can accomplish, when, as in our case, it is fostered and encouraged by free institutions. We cannot extend these remarks in this issue but revert to the subject again. In the meantime we would say to all let not such an occasion pass without a visit to this world renowned Exposition. It is not likely that another such event will occur for generations to come.

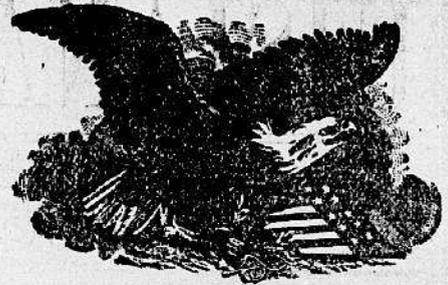
HOW TO WRITE POETRY.—First get a good subject, such as Spring, which, by the way, is the very best subject. Since reflecting, we would suggest that if from any cause you should not be able to write up Spring in the usual old rural way do not take any subject at all, simply take a pen and paper and blaze alose. Make it rhyme every time you can. If you don't know any words that will suit, just put in any kind of a word that will sound "musical," whether there is any sense to it or not. You can write on both sides of the paper—the Editor don't care, as he is sure not to have it printed. Write it neatly, as the Editor is a crand on neatness, and besides when the manuscript is finished, its destination is that neat and cozy little bed commonly called the waste basket, which contains nothing but the choicest productions of poetry, compositions on the over-production of oat patches, how to treat sick lambs, extracts from cook books, and songs copied from the hymn books and modernized by a new signature. Remember that most all poems sent to newspapers are too short. Write a long one while you are at it. Previous to shipping it, read it over carefully.—to an Egyptian mummy, or to some being that wants to be sick. When finished be sure to write the word Poetry or Spring on the envelope, so the Editor will not have to open it. These instructions only show how to write it; in case you should want it printed the best plan is to buy a \$2 printing office and print it yourself.—[Exchange.

—PRESIDENT-ELECT Cleveland has made the Victoria Hotel his New York headquarters, and thus "given the shake" to both the factions who were struggling to assume guardianship over his movements. Dan Manning and "the boys" felt sure of having "the Gov." at the Hoffman House, and the "mngwumps" and "respectables" urged the advantages of the Fifth Avenue very strongly upon him. Mr. Cleveland, however, seems to be able to get along very well without political trainers.

—THE Chicago *Inter-Ocean* gives the following sensible advice: Northern people going South must go prepared for Southern discomforts, and not growl and whine because the charms of a summery winter are sometimes interrupted and overclouded, for with all its drawbacks a New Orleans winter is a wonderful and delightful relief from the severity of a winter in Chicago."

WANTS THE FACTS KNOWN.—Mr. Editor: I and my neighbors have been led so many times into buying different things for the liver, kidneys and blood that have done us more harm than good, I feel it due your readers to advise them when an honest and good medicine like Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic can be had. "Yours truly, AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

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