



Official Journal of the City of Alexandria.

Henry L. Blossat, Business Manager

—A SMOOTH complexion can be had by every lady who will use Parker's Tonic. For promptly regulating the liver and kidneys and purifying the blood, there is nothing like it, and this is the reason why it so quickly removes pimples and gives a rosy bloom to the cheeks.

—Of all the newspapers that come to the DEMOCRAT office, and we receive every week some fifty or more exchanges, the *Gazetteer*, of Denison, Texas, "takes the cake" in its natural get-up and style.—We can't admit that it is a perfect day in its way, and worthy of patronage. Truly speaking it is a pride to the fast growing city in which it is published.

—The first issue of the *Iberville Democrat*, published in the Town of Plaquemine, has been received at this office. Mr. J. M. Keating, formerly of the *Ascension Democrat* and Mr. A. J. Reynolds, for a long time associated with Bro. Bentley, of the *Donaldsonville Chief*, are the gentlemen in control of this spicily journal, the former being editor and the latter publisher. We wish them unbounded success.

Crescent City Chronicles.

Wintry Weather—Stray Skeleton—Astonished African—Safe System—Exposition Echoes.

NEW ORLEANS, }
Oct. 3, '85. }

Dear Democrat—

At last the rains have ceased, the lowering clouds have disappeared, and the glorious orb of day is shining forth in all his resplendant brightness. This, added to the cool spell we have experienced for the past week, has dried up and made our byways again passable, is invigorating to the human frame, and serves to enhance the bright outlook for a prosperous business season. The fact that the cool weather has been gradual, and not by fits and starts, proves that Winter is with us in earnest, and that straw hats and thin clothing can now be stored away with perfect safety, with no fears of their being again called into requisition. The change is hailed with delight by all classes, save, perhaps, the impecunious duds, who will be forced to do some lively hustling to provide themselves with that much needed cold weather requirement, an overcoat.

While digging the foundation for the new building to be erected at the corner of Canal and Bourbon streets, the former site of that old and well known temple of worship, Christ Church, the workmen came across some curious ancient coins, and finally unearthed a grim reminder of former days, a human skeleton. It created quite a stir among the curious lookers-on at the time, but was only the sensation of a day. Whether it was the body of some old inhabitant, placed in hallowed ground by loving hands, or the ghastly reminder of some bloody tragedy, is a question which can only be answered in the dim hereafter.

Quite a curious occurrence took place in these parts a few days

since. An old darkey, who had succeeded in amassing quite a fortune by wisely laying aside a small portion of his daily earnings, becoming fearful lest some professional burglar or other member of the light-fingered gentry should make a successful raid and bear away his hoarded lucre, conceived the original idea of placing the same in a bottle and burying it in a secluded spot, where it was allowed to remain quite a lengthy period. Upon unearthing his treasure this week, the astonished darkey discovered that the diminutive but industrious insects, the ants, had made an opening through the cork, and proceeded to make themselves at home in the midst of his greenbacks, which they had perforated in as many places as there are patches in a crazy quilt. When burying his money in his mad haste, the old darkey had overlooked the fact that the bottle had contained molasses, and neglecting to wash it thoroughly, the busy little ants, attracted by the sweet delicacy, had effected an entrance and proceeded to enjoy a royal picnic off of green-back sandwiches, coated with molasses. At sight of the mutilated currency the victim, fearful lest, with all his fancied acumen, his treasure might at last prove valueless to him, hastened to the Mint and laid before the sub-treasurer the story of his woes. It required considerable care and the services of a microscope to take apart and determine the value of the bills. The officials remarked that if the money had lain in the ground another month, the bills would have been valueless. The delighted darkey received his coin in high glee, and went his way determined to adopt some safer plan for taking care of his shekels. Moral: Put not your trust in a(n)ts.

Chief O'Connor, who has recently returned from a tour of inspection, was interviewed upon the efficiency of our fire department, and as to whether he proposed making any changes in the system. He stated that the present system was almost perfect, and with the exception of a few recent improvements in trucks and extension ladders, he thought it could not be improved upon. The fact that whereas New Orleans has so many fires as any large city, she has less disastrous ones, amply testifies that the efficient force prevents a spread of the fiery element, almost invariably confining the flames to the building first attacked, proving that her volunteer department is the best in the world, and richly deserving of all the aid and encouragement extended and the meed of praise bestowed upon it. Were one, at his death, accompanied by a delegation of our "bully boys," he might with safety rely on their quenching and having the progress of the flames of even Sheol itself.

Demands for space at the Exposition continue to flow in at the rate of 5,000 square feet per day, and very soon the notice will go forth that all has been taken.

Prof. D'Aquin has returned from his Northern tour, where he has succeeded in engaging a score of first-class artists for his band, among whom may be mentioned the world-renowned cornet soloist, Levy, and several noted soloists of Gilmore's celebrated New York band. With this brilliant array of musical talent, the visitors will scarcely miss the famous Mexican band, in the event that they should fail to return.

When in the Wrong Channel

The bile wreaks grievous injury. Headaches, constipation, pain in the liver and stomach, nausea ensue. A few doses of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will reform these evils and prevent further injury.—It is a pleasant aperient, its action upon the bowels being unaccompanied by griping. The liver is both regulated and stimulated by it, and as it is very impolitic to disregard disorder of that organ, which from neglect may culminate in dangerous congestion and hepatic abscess, the Bitters should be resorted to at an early stage. Failure to do this renders a contest with the malady more protracted. Fever and ague, rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles, are remedied by this fine medicine, and the increasing infirmities of age mitigated by it. It may be also used in convalescence with advantage, as it hastens restoration of vigor.

—In the Post Office Department 325 Presidential appointments of postmasters and 7700 fourth-class postmasters have been appointed—a fourth in the first case and a sixth in the second, of the number in the country. Eight hundred clerks out of 4300 in the railway mail service are new men. Fully one-half of the chiefs of business are newly appointed. This shows that the administration has not been backward in making appointments.

FOR SALE.—A fine lot MULES and PONIES, all well broken gentle and in good condition. Will be sold very cheap for cash.

Apply to G. A. STAPLES, Alexandria, La.

SUCCESSION SALE.

Succession of } No. 485.
Anna Washington. }
Probate Docket, Twelfth Judicial District Court, Parish of Rapides.

Pursuant to an order of sale issued and to me directed by the Honorable the 12th Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, in the above entitled and numbered succession, commanding and authorizing me as Sheriff and ex-officio Auctioneer, to sell for the payment of debts, for cash, and in accordance with law, all the property belonging to Anna Washington deceased, 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 7th day of NOVEMBER, A. D., 1885, the following described property, to-wit:

A certain parcel or lot of ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, lying and being situated on the corner of DeSoto and Sixth streets, and being lot number three, of square number thirty-six, of the Town of Alexandria, Rapides Parish La., as per plat of said Town, drawn by R. W. Bringhurst, Parish Surveyor, and being the late residence of the deceased.

Also—One bedstead, one sideboard and six chairs.

Terms of Sale—Cash, subject to appraisal. D. C. PAUL, Sheriff and ex-officio Auctioneer. Oct. 7—tds.

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HEADSTONES, And all kinds of MARBLE WORK. Nos. 118 and 120 Camp St. New Orleans, La.

A. HILTON, Agent, Alexandria, La., will take orders.

TO THE PEOPLE

—OF—

Rapides and Adjoining Parishes:

During the past few weeks there has been in all the Eastern markets a tendency to advance the price of Cotton and Woolen goods, and many styles of both have already been advanced from 5 to 7½ per cent. In view of this, we wish to call your attention to the fact that our purchases were all made prior to any advance, and when the largest yield since the War, was expected from the Cotton crop in this and adjoining Parishes, and were so great in extent that we will be enabled to supply all demands for some time at old prices. We would also state here that our stocks are larger and more varied and complete than ever before, and at the same time remind the trade that we are nearer to them than any other market, and that they can get goods from us at smaller expense than from anywhere else, and lastly that we guarantee the price of every article we sell to be as it can be bought in the United States. Our stock is much larger than the consumption demands. Our goods MUST BE SOLD! We are not ashamed to append our prices.

A. HEYMAN.

Flour, \$5.65 the best, Choice.
Pork, standard, at \$11 per barrel.
Meal, \$3 per barrel.
Bacon, 7 cents per pound.
Dry Salt Meat, 6½ cents per pound.
Choice Hams, 11½ cents.
Sugar, from 6 to 7½ cents.
Rice, 4½ to 6 cents.
Coffee, 8½ to 13½ cents.
Lard, in tierces, 7½ cents, in cans from 3 to 50 pounds, 8 cents.
Soap, at \$2.50 per box.
Soda, 6 cents per pound.
Buckets, 15 cents each.
Brooms, 15 cents each.
Ragging, 11½ cents per yard.
Ties, \$1.45 per bundle.
Salt, \$1 per sack.
Shot, \$1.65 per sack.
Oil, 15 cents per gallon.

Calicoes, 3¼ to 6½ cents per yard.
Drilling, 6½ cents per yard.
Four quarter Brown Domestic, 6 cts.
½ Brown Domestic, at 5 cents.
Ten quarter Brown Sheeting, 15 cts.
Ten quarter bleached sheeting, 19
8 Ounce Lowells, 8½ cents per yard.
Tickings, 8 to 15 cents per yard.
Lindseys, 8 to 17½ cents per yard.
Flannels, white and red and twilled, from 10 to 35 cents per yard.
Blankets, 65 cents to \$3.50 a pair.
Jeans, 12½ to 40 cents per yard.
Dress Goods, 8 cents up.
Suitings, 12½ cents up.
Cashmeres, from 10 to 50 cents.
Worsted Plaids, 8 to 20 cents.
Clothing, in suits from \$3.50 to \$15
Hats, 25 cts to \$3 for the finest.
Tobacco, 31 to 45 cents per pound.

BUGGIES and WAGONS!

Several Car loads just received—being sold at the lowest cash figures. Warner Corsets a specialty. Coraline \$1; Flexible \$1; Heath \$1.50; Med Corset, 40 cents. Misses Corsets at all prices. Come and see.

James Means & Co., guaranteed SHOES in button, lace and gaiter, at \$3 per pair. In boys at \$2 per pair. All grades of ladies shoes, from 80 cents to \$2.50 per pair. FURNITURE and TRUNKS in all styles and qualities. PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.

NOTICE.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., }
Sept. 28, '85. }

BIDS for the building of the Alexandria Charity Hospital according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of M. C. Moseley, President, will be received until October 31st, 1885.

Payments for accepted bid to be made in State warrants.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

MIRES ROSENTHAL, Secretary.

THE LEWIS

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W. O. DAMMON, - AGENT

We take pleasure in stating that we were present at the test of the Lewis Hand Fire Extinguisher made in our city on August 13th, 1885. The test was most complete and satisfactory. You are at liberty to refer any one to us as witnesses to its thorough efficiency.

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One Dozen15 00

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