



Official Journal of the City of Alexandria.

Henry L. Blossat, Business Manager

—STATISTICS are said to show that the population of Ireland has decreased 3,200,000 in forty-five years.

—It is said that eighteen tumors have been successfully removed from the neck of a Housatonic (Mass.) citizen.

—APPLES are so plentiful in Claremont, N. H., that the common fruit is selling on the tree at two cents a bushel.

—A GALVESTON physician it is claimed has performed a very successful operation of bone grafting, on the same principal as skin grafting, the bones of dogs having been used.

—ONE of Shreveport's ladies says she doesn't think much of the special delivery system. She gave her husband a letter last week, and she found it in his pocket as usual the next morning.

—GEN. Robt. Toombs, of Georgia, at one time regarded as one of the brainiest men in the South, is now lying sick almost unto death at Atlanta. His great mind has let down, and he gives way to all sorts of vagaries. His death is a question of only a short time.

—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.

—SOME of the postmasters on the Alexandria route lets a chance of the mail that should go East and other directions comes way out here just to be carried back to Alexandria. Our postmaster here is constrained to say "kuss" words about it to, for we heard him.—(Leesville Condenser.

—THE Mass Meeting of the citizens of New Orleans, held in that City on Tuesday, regarding the Exposition, was, truly speaking, a grand success. Addresses were delivered by President McConico, J. R. G. Pitkin, Hon. T. J. Semmes, Gov. S. D. McEnery, Mr. De Fontbiano and Rev. Dr. Albert.

—THE Picayune has a new Hoe printing press. This is something that journal has needed for a long time—for the reason that subscribers think it far more convenient to have the pages open, ready cut, than the whole in a single sheet. Subscribers are a set who do not like to have trouble, and want everything the easiest way. We wish the "old lady" success.

—If the teller of a French bank has doubts as to the honesty of an unknown customer, he does not trust to his memory to recall the features of the person he suspects, but gives a private signal to the cashier, and while the payment is being made, a camera is secretly brought to bear and the possible swindler departs, unconsciously leaving behind him a proof of his identity. This ingenious process has been in operation but a short time.

WASHINGTON CITY LETTER.

WASHINGTON,)
Oct. 19, '85.)

Editor Democrat:

The Secretary of the Interior is again overwhelmed with office-seekers. The spacious ante-rooms and adjacent halls of the Interior Department building are daily thronged with persons awaiting the opportunity of presenting their claims. Among them are many who were here during the first days of the administration, who, after fortifying themselves with additional endorsements, have returned with renewed energy to the contest. In fact, so persistent have these persons been in urging their claims that the Secretary has found it necessary to close the building to visitors after two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Department of State has an idea. It is a legacy left by the late Secretary, but Mr. Bayard intends to have it carried into effect as soon as Congress meets. It is a scheme worthy a great mind, both in conception and execution. To put the matter in a nut-shell, it is simply this: The Department of State has become imbued with the idea that our consuls all over the world are making all the money they can out of their offices; that fraud and corruption stalks abroad, literally, and, in short, that financially, the diplomatic service is going to the dogs. Well, to correct this, the Secretary of State is going to appoint four examiners to travel the world over and investigate the various consulates. Their salaries are to be \$4000 each and their travelling expenses \$10,000 each per annum. What a scramble there will be for those four offices.—Fourteen thousand dollars a year to spend, the world to see, and nothing under Heavens to do. There rise before me visions of special palace cars, splendid state rooms, hotels fit for royalty, purple, fine linen, and the fat of the land. Really the Secretary is too good. Why not offer the positions without the salary? Any man who desires can easily save \$4000 per year out of his traveling expenses of \$27 per day, and the chances are that all of the examiners will do it if they get a chance to try. Just fancy, if this little scheme is carried out, the Secretary, in filling the four offices, can take his pick out of 2000 ex-Congressmen, 3000 Judges, 46 ex-Cabinet officers, 14,000 Majors and Colonels, 176 College Presidents, and about 100,000 Doctors and Professors, or, at least, all there are in the country. And why not? Even a member of the present Cabinet might be forgiven for laying down the cares and worries of office and going at his country's call on a four years' pleasure trip to foreign lands, with \$14,000 to spend. It is a grand scheme, and one which the public will commend. Our foreign representatives are paid such small pitances they are very seldom able to live in a style becoming their rank and upon equality with the representatives of other great nations, and it would redeem our reputation abroad to keep four pleasure seekers constantly on the road to the tune of \$14,000 per year.

The removal of Judge Vincent, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, is the subject of much comment in official circles here. Charges against residents of the Territory in connection with fraudulent land entries are becoming numerous, and the Commissioner of the Land Office is very likely to have his hands full. In the social world the necessary preparations and improvements are going forward in making ready for the season. The staple social events continue to be weddings, and several in high life are now on the tapis.

The attendance at the President's noon-day reception continues to increase, and the plan of throwing open the entire suite of rooms of the first floor at the White House, in order to accommodate visitors, is being considered. Among the callers on Friday last was an aged church deacon (colored) who had seen every President since Madison's administration. The President was somewhat surprised to learn that he did not claim to have been General Washington's body guard. A gentleman standing by engaged the deacon in conversation, during the course of which he remarked: "You are a Democrat, of course?" "No, sir," was the reply; "I am a Baptist, but it don't make any difference about shaking hands with the President, nohow."

Secretary Whitney has leased for three years the residence of the late Secretary Frelinghuysen on I street, and will take possession in November. As he has announced his intention of building a ball room in the rear of the house, connecting with the parlors, it is conjectured that Secretary Whitney's residence is to be the social headquarters of the administration.

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Succession of L. W. Tilden, For Family Meeting, Etc.

No. 261.—Probate Docket, 12th Judicial District Court, Parish of Rapides, La.

PURSUANT to a commission and order of sale issued by the Honorable the Twelfth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, in the matter of the Succession of L. W. Tilden for Family Meeting, etc., commanding me to sell for the payment of debts, for cash, and in accordance with the deliberations of the family meeting held therein, 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 Wednesday, the 25th day of November, A. D. 1885,

the following described property, to-wit:

A certain tract of land situated, lying and being in the Parish of Rapides and State of Louisiana, fronting on Red river, bounded above by lands of A. Cockerille, and below by lands of Estate of L. W. Tilden, described as follows: Start at the lane which separates said tract from the property of Dr. A. Cockerille on the river front and run down the river front, to such a point as that a line projected thence and running parallel to said lane and continued back to Sandy bayou and following its meanderings to the lane in the rear, shall enclose and contain within the said lines eighty acres of land, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all rights, ways and privileges thereunto belonging.

Terms of sale—Cash, no bid for less than twelve hundred (\$1200) dollars will be received, that being the appraised value of said property. D. C. PAUL, Sheriff and ex-officio Auctioneer. Oct. 24—tds.

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.

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- 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.
- Bagging, 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.
- ¾ 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; Mod Corset, 40 cents. Misses Corsets at all prices. Come and see.

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NOTICE.

ALEXANDRIA, LA.,
Sept. 23, '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.

MIRRS ROSENTHAL,
Secretary.

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