



Official Journal of the City of Alexandria.

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—THE sporting fraternity have grown so respectable of late that a young lady whose father is in the undertaking business now speaks of her parent as a professional boxer.

—THE London *Medical Times* remarks that the treatment of snake bite by putting gun-powder on the wound and touching it off with a match, though rough, is often successful.

—THE remains of Mrs. Mary G. Perkins who died in Boston on the 19th inst., are, it is stated, to be sent to Lancaster, Pa., for cremation—the first case furnished by Boston.

—THE new play written for Mary Anderson is called "Icenia." That's what the little boy shouts from the top of the stairs when his sister kisses her "feller" good night.—[Binghampton Republican.

—A STORY reaches Nantucket by letter that a Chicago man, while eating fried clams there last summer, bit upon a hard substance. He saved it as a souvenir, and now is assured by a lapidary it is a pearl worth \$800.

—Gov. McEnery, prompted by a broad public spirit and a deep solicitude for the welfare of the State has issued a proclamation in reference to the opening of the American Exposition, at New Orleans on the 10th proximo.

—On the 26th inst., 75 new cases of dengue fever were reported in Dallas, Texas. From the beginning of the epidemic to that date there had been 7000 cases in that place. Whole families have been stricken down—one not able to help another.

—A YELLOW fever patient has recently died in New York city, and two more are not expected to live, yet the newspapers give only a line to a matter, which, if it had occurred in New Orleans, would have elicited columns in the papers throughout the whole country.

—OUR young men drink, and worse than all, women drink as they never did before. The working man drinks and the tradesman too. It is not with the sanction of physicians that all this takes place, and we gladly respond to Herr Oppenheimer's call and produce such drinking as is going on in Europe a reproach to Governments and an immediate danger, as well as a reproach to every one who indulges in it.—[London Lancet.

—THE speech made by Senator John Sherman, last Saturday night, at Washington, was a violent attack upon the South. He contended that the cotton States, in the last Presidential election, were controlled by fraud, and that with a fair count would have been elected. He is about to enter Virginia to use this charge in the fierce campaign now in progress in that State and thus help Mahone in the scheme he has devised to mass the negroes at the polls, early on election day, under white inspectors, and to poll their votes before the Democrats can get a chance to poll theirs. It is feared that these tactics will lead to trouble.—[Capitolian-Advocate.

President Cleveland Will not Attend the Exposition.

When ex-Congressmen John E. Ellis, of Louisiana, with Burke and the Senators and a crowd of representative Louisiana men, went up to the White House to urge the President to visit the New Orleans Exposition. Ellis was spokesman on account of his well known eloquence. This he displayed as usual when called upon, and gave the President such a convincing talk that all felt certain that august official would answer favorably. But he didn't. Ellis' eloquence failed to move him. He said he "would be happy;" "sorry to disappoint," "but can't think of it for a moment."

Ellis pleaded again, and the others put in their voices, and the President began to turn red in the face to show signs of growing impatience. He said: "I cannot neglect my duties to the Government and the people for such a trip as that."

"But" said Mr. Ellis, "Mr. President, it seems to me that this very idea would be fulfilling a great duty to the people, and especially to a people struggling for industrial and commercial progress and betterment. It will greatly help and encourage them, and assist in making successful the great enterprise they have embarked in, and upon which so much depends. And as for the Government, of course you know, Mr. President, the Exposition is under governmental auspices that it is a bantling of the Government."

Mr. Cleveland replied impatiently—"it is useless, gentlemen, to continue this talk. I have bantlings enough to occupy all my time here. Look at that pile of papers there, and at this one here, and see all these matters that I must attend to. I sit at my desk from morning till night, at work all day, and after midnight. I must not neglect these duties, and though I am sorry to disappoint, I must persist in my declination."

There was a slight pause, and then Mr. Ellis said: "Very well, we will bid you good day. But if you will permit me, Mr. President, I will say that, in my opinion, the people of this country elected you to be, and expect you to be the President of the United States, and they didn't hire you to labor either by the day or by the job."

With that the delegation discreetly withdrew.—[Washington Sunday Herald.

—AN interesting incident, illustrative of the feeling of the whites for their former slaves, is furnished in Atlanta. The Constitution of that city says: On the premises of Senator Brown, lives an invalid female servant whose health failed while she was in the service of his family. She requires the daily treatment of a physician, who is paid by the Senator to attend her. It is necessary for her to go to the doctor's office every day. Regularly every morning Senator Brown's carriage drives to the door of the cottage which is allotted to the invalid negro woman. She is assisted into it by the Senator's coachman and is driven to see the doctor. In front of his office the carriage waits until the daily consultation is concluded, and then the woman is carried home. The suffering of the negroes in the South has never yet been adequately portrayed."

—Job Printing neatly executed at this office.

A PAPER PIANO.—Among the many recent novelties in the manufacture of musical instruments is a paper piano. It is of French invention, and is an object of great curiosity to the connoisseurs and musical savants of Paris. The entire case is made of compressed paper, to which are given a hard surface and brilliant polish. The legs and sides are ornamented with arabesques and floral ornaments. The color is cream white, and the entire exterior, and as much of the entire interior as can be seen when the instrument is open, are covered with wreaths and medallions painted in miniature by some of the leading artists of the gay capital.

The tone of this instrument is said, by those who have heard it, to be of excellent quality, though not loud. The broken, alternating character of piano music is said to be almost entirely removed, and a rich, full, continuous roll of music, like that of a pipe organ, is produced. Only two of these instruments have been made. One is still on exhibition; the other has been sold to the duke of Devonshire, and will be placed among the thousand and one curiosities and rarities which adorn his more than regal mansion at Chatsworth.

—THE Virginia Democrats, we learn, are profiting by the Ohio election. It has made them realize the mistake of under-estimating the strength of their antagonist, and taught them that they cannot count on victory until it is won. Before Ohio voted nearly every Virginian was certain the State would be Democratic, and now they have waked up to the fact that Mahone will put in practice the same methods employed by Sherman, with the exception that he will do it more skillfully than Sherman. A gentleman who has just returned from Virginia, and is well informed about the political situation all over the State, says the Democrats have not been waked up any too soon, and similar testimony comes from various sources. There has been too much brass band in their canvass.—[N. O. States.

—On the morning of the 21st inst. the planet Saturn, now shining so brilliantly reached its much talked of perihelion passage, when it was in that part of its orbit which is nearest the sun, and the lineal distance between the two bodies is slowly increasing, after being in process of shortening for nearly fifteen years. But it is a mistaken idea, expressed by some, that Saturn was not that time at his least distance from the earth. That interesting event will not occur till the night of the 26th of December, when the planet will be a glorious object to observe on earth.—[N. O. States.

—GRAND Army men love to swap lies about army experiences at their periodical camp fires, but when one of them begins to tell how he lay in the trenches once for two hours under a fire so hot that it kept the water boiling in his canteen, the saddened veterans realize that it is time to cover the dying embers of the camp fire and wend their way wearily toward their respective homes.—[Somerville Journal.

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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.

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Succession of Walter O. Winn

No. 40.—Probate Docket, Twelfth 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 Walter O. Winn, No. 40 Probate Docket said Court, commanding me to sell for the payment of debts, for cash and in accordance with law, 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 Saturday, the 5th day of December, A. D. 1885,

the following described property, to-wit:—

1. A certain tract or parcel of land, a part of the Cropland plantation, in quantity two hundred (200) acres, more or less, being the rear half of the said plantation, bounded in front by the lands of M. Ryan, also by a small strip of land belonging to Winn succession, on the lower side by Hynson, and in the rear by lands of A. Heyman, situated about three miles above Alexandria, and bounded on upper side by lands of Maddox.

2. Also a tract of land containing about sixty (60) acres, more or less, and being a part of the Cropland plantation, bounded in front by Bayou Rapides, on upper side by Maddox, below by lands of M. Ryan, and on the back by lands (rear half) of the succession of Winn. The said sixty acres to be sold in two lots, by a line dividing it into two equal lots running from Bayou Rapides, to the lower line of the upper half of said plantation.

3. Also three hundred (300) acres of land, more or less, of woodland, situated about two and one-half miles in rear of said Cropland plantation, bounded on the East by lands of Dr. Maddox, North by lands of Johnson Beatty, South by lands of John Maddox, West by lands of Archinard. All of said tracts or parcels of land with improvements thereon, will be sold separately.

Terms of Sale—Cash, subject to appraisement. D. C. PAUL, Sheriff and ex-officio Auctioneer Oct. 28—tds.

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