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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1857. THE AMERICAN TICKET.

FOR AUDITOR F. HARDESTY, of East Feliciana. FOR TREASURER J. W. WALKER, of St. Mary.

AMERICAN CONVENTION. The Americans of Caddo parish will hold a convention at GREENWOOD, on SATURDAY, 8th August next, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the legislature, and the transaction of other business.

The river has risen about a foot since our last, and from the continued heavy rains we may anticipate a further rise.

It is feared that the rains of Saturday night, Sunday, Monday and yesterday, will prove injurious to the cotton crop.

Discontent and trouble appear to be brewing in the camp of the democracy of this parish.

Many members of the party residing in the country are dissatisfied with the action of the convention held at this place, on the 25th ult., and demand that another shall be called.

We solicit attention to the interesting letters published in another column. They will be found worthy of both careful and careful consideration.

The diving bell working on the wreck of the St. Charles has succeeded in recovering the two engines, doctor, and three boilers, together with a large portion of the cargo on board the boat at the time sunk.

Mr. Henderson Markham has purchased the commodious and popular "Suvery house," and intends to thoroughly renovate and improve the premises.

Mr. Waite, of Buzzard island, has presented to us several splendid specimens of Chinese sugar cane. Some of the stalks are eight feet in height.

Col. Mitchell, of the Democratic Aegis, has disposed of his establishment to Mr. Bennett, of the DeSoto Columbian, who will consolidate the establishments and publish a neutral paper.

We regret that friend Mitchell has retired from the editorial chair, and trust that he will be speedily restored to health.

We assure friend Abbey, of the Upshur Democrat, that the South-Western has been, and will continue to be, regularly forwarded to him.

Col. Wm. H. Sparks, the American nominee for congress in this district, addressed the citizens of Bastrop, Morehouse parish, a few days ago, and the Advocate says with great applause from his hearers.

Col. B. M. Johnson, of this place, received on Sunday evening information to the effect that Gen. Rusk had shot himself.

We learn by the Jefferson Herald that the contract for improving the bayou and lake from that place to the Louisiana line, was awarded to Captain Wm. Perry, who is to execute the work for \$21,298.

The Red River American calls upon the hon. John M. Sandidge, the democratic nominee for congress in this district, to define his position in regard to the war between the pro-slavery men in Kansas and the administration, governor Walker, &c.

The reader must bear in mind that the foregoing strictures upon the acts and policy of the administration, emanate from the oldest, the ablest, and the most influential democrat of this State published at the south.

It is now openly charged president Buchanan and his administration with being guilty of a "course of treachery and ingratitude unsurpassed in the annals of history."

General elections took place on Monday last in Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri and Texas.

A PLAIN STATEMENT OF FACTS.—The great organ of state-rights and of the southern rights democracy—the Charleston Mercury—in its issue of the 15th ult., devotes five columns to a most masterly and unanswerable reply to the Washington Union and the Richmond Examiner's defence of the acts and policy of governor Walker and the national administration in their efforts to exclude slavery from Kansas.

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MANUFACTURING AT THE SOUTH.—It has been maintained by northern journals and capitalists that manufactures could not possibly thrive at the south, and, strange to say, not a few southerners have lent a credulous ear to the statement, without taking the trouble to investigate the matter.

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The Commercial Bulletin advocates the introduction of the reading clause into the constitution of Louisiana. It says: Those who oppose this new test of the elective franchise point to its injustice to many old citizens who have for years exercised the right, without any detriment to the public interest, and whom this provision will deprive of their just rights; and furthermore, that some who have fought the battles of their country will come under this category, old citizens who, through the inadequacy of the means for obtaining the rudiments of education in their youth, have not been able, for some reason or other, to supply the deficiency in mature years, but who, nevertheless, have discharged their duties to the State, and are justly entitled to the right of suffrage, as much so as any of their more fortunate and intelligent neighbors.

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Interesting Letters. You will confer a favor on the undersigned, and I am sure on this community generally, by publishing in your paper the following conclusions, as they were given by Dr. Taylor, and one from Dr. Taylor to Dr. George. They are, as the paper of the letters indicate, in answer to a note which I wrote to Dr. Taylor, I have no authority to publish them, but feel that it will not be a breach of confidence to do so. They are highly interesting, and evince a kind and liberal feeling towards the best interests of Shreveport.

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