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SHREVEPORT: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1865.

These Melvires, of New Orleans, are our only duly authorized agent to receive subscriptions and advertisements.

Rev. A. L. Hay is the duly authorized agent for procuring subscriptions to the South-Western.

CLUB RATES.—For the benefit of clubs we will furnish the South-Western at the following rates for one year: Five copies, \$10.00; Ten copies, \$20.00; Twenty copies, \$40.00.

The river is still on the decline at this point, with two feet of water in the channel to the falls. Since our last issue we have had five arrivals from the falls and city, making the trip in from ten to fifteen days.

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THE LEGISLATURE.—Both houses met on Monday, the 27th, agreeable to adjournment. In the course of the day an emergency session was held outside from some few members just elected contending for the seats of the fugitive members who held over.

Since the above was put in type, we have received copies of the New Orleans papers of the 1st and 2d; also a pamphlet copy of the governor's message, which we publish elsewhere. The organization of the house took place on the 28th, by the election of Hon. S. D. Cagle, speaker; Thomas L. Maxwell, clerk; and J. Pinkey Smith, warrant clerk.

The Quid Nunc also learns that Hon. Ruben A. Reeves, late of the supreme court, and Hon. Wm. M. Taylor, judge Cooper's predecessor, held the same opinion, and has no doubt this decision will stand the test of the supreme and federal courts.

The proclamation was certainly nugatory in the southern States so long as its execution was counteracted by the Confederate forces.

STREMBARD SUNK.—ONE HUNDRED COLORADO SOLDIERS DROWNED.—A Memphis dispatch of the 25th ult., says a collision took place last night between the Niagara and Post Boy, seven miles above Helena.

The memorial of the levee commissioners, in comprehensive detail, enumerated the condition of the low lands of the State, and, as far as the recommendations are concerned, one of the most philosophical arguments of the day.

GAMBLING AGAIN.—The last number of the Gazette criticizes a local "squib" under the head of "Gambling," which appeared in our last issue.

GAMBLING.—As the business of our city increases, so does that of gambling. We have always borne the reputation of being a place to go for as gambling was concerned, but now, we venture to say, we rank them all—"or any other man."

UPON THE ABOVE THE GAZETTE comments as follows: "The editor of course referred to the morals of Shreveport and not his own, which are unexceptionable."

ON THIS HE CLAIMS A POINT. Why, Mr. Editor, your presumption is only equalled by your innocence. The above paragraph is one of those upon which a double construction can be placed, and as such we wished it construed, but your innocence and the high regard we have for you, which we would not have the gratuity probably led you to believe that we had referred to the morals of our city only.

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Fred Douglas on the President. We copy the following extracts from the speech of the negro orator, Fred Douglas, which was delivered at the Masonic hall, in Chicago, on the 24th ult., and published in the Times of the 28th ult.

In this respect of forgiveness there is a new advocate. I thought of you, Mr. President, as you have said in your new testament. But lately there has sprung up another preacher in Brooklyn who seems to be equally in the foreground and forgiving mood.

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General Intelligence. TORONTO, C. W., Nov. 30.—The Board of Trade tonight resolved to hold a general international council at an early day, in furtherance of the efforts of the Georgian Bay Canal Association clubs are springing up all over Lower Canada.

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Governor's Message. EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, CITY HALL, Nov. 29, 1865.

Anticipating the regular period for a meeting of the general assembly of the State, I have convened you in an extraordinary session for the reasons among others of great moment enumerated in my proclamation dated since.

Nearly five years have elapsed since the whole people of Louisiana, through representatives lawfully elected by themselves and their constituents, met together; and during this afflictive and deplorable interregnum, alienations, discord and civil strife have prevailed.

It has pleased Almighty God to put a period to these divisions, and to restore the nation to peace and concord again.

Than the people of Louisiana, in times not remote, none were more loyal to the national government, and respected for their love of order, their attachment to liberty, their respect for law, their exalted patriotism in the discharge of every pecuniary obligation, their fidelity to the national government, and again, in the recent election of State officers and members of the legislature, every parish fully and fairly participating, none guaranteed any benefit by them that their loyalty is renewed with respect to the national government, and that they accept with sincerity and frankness the order of things as it has been determined by the arbitration of the sword.

In fulfillment of the duties thus in good faith assumed, they have chosen delegates to represent them in the popular branch of the national assembly. Two senators are yet to be chosen by the general assembly, and it is my duty to call upon you to elect them, not in disregard of the higher law, but in accordance with the lower branch of congress, on its assembling in December, your attention is earnestly directed to the proper discharge of your duty in this respect.

The condition of the levees on the Mississippi river, for hundreds of miles within our State, have naturally caused wide spread anxiety, and gloomy and painful apprehensions among the resident population, and upon the river banks, and within many miles of their ruinous and neglected state has produced a feeling of distress, discouragement and dependency, suggesting the propriety of a loan of sufficient amount, to be used to negotiate a loan of sufficient amount, the treasury being without means, I was not able to do more for their prospective relief than to take the proper steps to secure the necessary funds for the purpose of obtaining this indispensable proceeding.

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