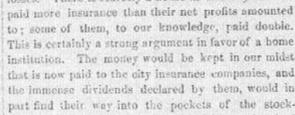


Building up Home Enterprises.

We again touch upon this subject, it being one of such vital importance to the south.



The South-Western.

Office—Corner of Texas and Market Streets, WASHINGTON, D. C.

SHREVEPORT.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1868.

TRON, McKEEVER, of New Orleans, is our only duly authorized agent to receive subscriptions and advertisements in that city.

While upon this subject we cannot resist the temptation to urge the importance of sustaining our home manufactures and the agricultural resources of our immediate country.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

From the South-Western.

NEW YORK, August 21, noon—Gold 147 1/2. Cotton quiet, at 84 1/2 for middling.

Washington rumors have received Stanton's probable removal. Strong pressure against him. The Missouri convention delegation will be appointed by Gen. Frank Blair, but Gen. Steadman will probably be his successor.

NEW ORLEANS, August 21.—Cotton firm. Sales for the day 450 bales. Receipts for four days 260 bales. Low middling 22 3/4.

Twenty-eight deaths from cholera for the twenty-four hours ending at 10 A. M.

Five hundred bales of cotton have been established at Mobile against all New Orleans vessels.

NEW YORK, August 21, evening—Gold 148 1/2. Cotton quiet. Sales 1000 bales. Middling 84 3/4.

The call for the soldiers' and sailors' convention of those who endorse the president's policy, to meet at Cleveland, is signed by Frank Blair, Rosecan, Custar, McCook, Steadman, Meredith, Dix, Slocum, Sickles, and nearly one hundred other Federalists.

The address declares it the duty and right of each State to participate in government. Believing the south seceders, the signers are unwilling the people should be held in vassalage, and say they cannot be denied representation in congress without a violation of the constitution.

The address concludes, "when the restoration of the Union and the preservation of our form of government are at issue, however much the signers regret to sever old political associations to cooperate with former enemies, they prefer to act with those who have been wrong and are now right, than act with those who have been right and are now wrong."

WASHINGTON, August 21.—The president has officially announced to Gov. Hamilton that he is referred as provisional governor of Texas, the affairs of that State having been remitted to the constitutional authorities, elected by the people.

NEW YORK, August 21.—A new piece is largely attended. No paid proposed. Only a few Irish companies have answered.

CONCERNING SPECIAL TAXES.

We publish the following letter of instructions from commissioner Collins to Thos. Phillips, Esq., assistant assessor of this district for the information of our readers. It should receive their careful attention as it is one of the two things that they are vitally interested in, viz: the tax collection. It is dated at Washington, July 31st, 1868, and reads as follows:

Licenses are abolished, and a "special tax" is substituted therefor.

Under the provisions of section 50, it becomes the duty of assessors to assess any person, firm, or company, holding license, for any excess of the special tax substituted therefor over the license tax which has been paid on the 1st of August, 1868, up to the 1st day of May, 1867.

Under these provisions, persons having a license as wholesale dealers in liquor, brewers, distillers, and all persons engaged in the manufacture of distilled spirits, and all persons engaged in the manufacture of other articles, which are subject to a special tax, will be liable to be assessed for the excess of the special tax over the license tax which has been paid on the 1st of August, 1868, up to the 1st day of May, 1867.

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The Philadelphia Convention—Proceedings.

OF THE LAST DAY'S SESSION.—OFFICE OF THE ADDRESS.

The National Union Convention, now assembled in the city of Philadelphia, composed of the delegates from all the States, met on the 20th of July, 1868.

The convention has passed the following resolutions: 1. That the Union is a sacred trust, and that it is the duty of every citizen to sustain it.

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The Late Riot in New Orleans.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

To the Hon. R. A. Bell, Judge of the First District Court.

The grand jurors of the parish of Orleans have had under consideration the subject of the terrible riot which occurred in this city on the 29th of July, 1868.

They have caused to be summoned before them a large number of citizens, whose testimony they had received in an earlier case, and who have given to them a full and true account of the events of that day.

The testimony of the witnesses examined by them is carefully reduced to writing, which testimony they submit herewith, as the grand jury has caused to be reduced to writing, which testimony they submit herewith, as the grand jury has caused to be reduced to writing, which testimony they submit herewith.

The first question naturally presenting itself is, what caused it, at a time of profound peace, so terrible a conflict? What aroused so many good citizens to arms? What caused the riot to break out? It is the duty of the grand jury to answer these questions, and to do so in a manner which will be of service to the community.

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Police Reports.

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Report of Gen. Steadman and Fullerton.

THE NATIONAL UNION CONVENTION OF THE 10th, 11th, and 12th of August, 1868.

The operations of the freedmen's bureau throughout the south. We extract the following in relation to Louisiana:

The bureau in this department is more in need of retrenchment and reform than in any other State we have visited.

More money has been collected, and more money has been squandered in Louisiana than in any other State.

The expense of the bureau for the fiscal year ending the 1st of June, 1868, were over three hundred thousand dollars.

To meet this expenditure there were collected over \$200,000 in the following amounts:

From the sale of property... \$86,287 50
From rents... 29,431 50
From poll tax... 49,068 11
From other sources... 34,282 90
Total... \$200,000 00

Leaving a deficit of \$80,000 00 to be paid out of the national treasury.

These expenses are in addition to the transportation, rations and quartermaster's supplies furnished by the government.

The property of the bureau has been sold for less than its value.

The expenditure of the bureau under the present administration is \$1,