The South-Western.

SHREVEPORT:

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The Sparrows of Bessus.

BY JULIA PLEASANTS.

From the Ohio Farmer.]

Gay sparrows twitter round the eaves,
When the bright sun of glory leaves
Peonia's flowery Land.
Gay children their sweet sunset strains enjoy,
Nor would, of them, one heedless boy
An egg, or fledgling frail, destroy,
Or stone the circling band.

One nest, beneath the mossy thatch,
Just on the hospitable latch,
An amorous pair attends,
Where five young chirpers, constant crave for food,
Where, through the chill night's solitude
A tender mother's pinions brood,
Where a fond father bends.

The children watch their whirring wings
Dash round and round in rapid rings,
And pierce the slant sun-beams.
But Bessus stands with gloomy brow, apart,
And curses in his gloomier heart
The harmless birds, that round him dart
With such appalling screams.

Not unto him, those strains seem sweet;
The same strange things, they still repeat,
Which he has heard so oft.
And now the children mark, in mute surprise,
A blaze of choler in his eyes,
While from his hand a bludgeon flies
Too surely aimed aloft.

Down drops the nest—the half-grown birds,
Beneath his feet, with rash, harsh words,
The brutal murderer crushed;
While once again, the cudgel whirls on high,
O'ertakes the parents as they fly,
And their sweet throats, in one faint cry,
Eternally are hushed.

"Oh! why, oh! why such cruel wrath?"
The children ask, as from the path,
They lift the lifeless things.
"Why?" echoed Bessus, whose infernal fires
Shoot from his eyes in leaping spires,
"Because they are the foulest Liars
That float on downy wings.

"They sing one song on every side:
'Thou Parricide! Thou Parricide!'
"And it is as false as hell.
Not I—another slew my sordid sire
That dark, dark night—so dark and dire—
But I rejoice, that my just ire
Such calumnies can quell."

Amaze appeared on every face—
The crime, so long concealed from trace,
Now met the light of Truth.
Revenging Conscience waved her thousand swords,
And shaped the twitter of gay birds
To sound those memorable words.
And awe the guilty youth.

No sparrow had that summer built
Its nest, but preached to him of guilt,
Wherever he might pass.
E'en when he sought in sombre shades to hide—
It chased him by the streamlet's tide,
Some sparrow's song: "Thou Parricide,
Thou Parricide"—alas!

Oh, Justice, so divine thou art,
Thy recognition, every heart
Spontaneous yields at last!
Not God alone, but we ourselves, arraign
To meet our penitential pain;
For crime craves light, and shows her stain,
When wheeling years have past.

Shreveport, La., 1869.

ONE OF LIFE'S CONTRASTS.—Three years ago, while breakfasting at a mining restaurant near the Oregon line, a stranger with uncombed hair, huge gray whiskers and tattered coat, took his seat at the table. By accident I was relating to the landlord an incident which had occurred some years previous in Connecticut valley. After I had left the table and was walking alone, the uncouth stranger accosted me. "You are the first man," said he, "whom I have heard mention my native town for twenty-three years, and it made my heart come up into my mouth when you did so." This circumstance, doubtless made him unusually communicative. He said he was living in the mountains, ten miles from any habitation, subsisting by hunting, and visiting the settlements two or three times a year. This statement was afterward corroborated by other evidence. What induced him to lead this hermit life he did not see fit to explain. In his early boyhood, on the banks of the Connecticut, he and the present Chief Justice of the United States lived on adjacent farms, and attended the same public school. What a sharp contrast has marked their subsequent lives—the one having filled the most responsible stations in the gift of the American people—the other a hermit, unknowing and unknown, amid the wild and almost inaccessible fastnesses of Southern Oregon.

[Correspondence Boston Journal.

JOHN CHINAMAN DAMPENING CLOTHES.—The San Francisco correspondent of the St. Louis Democrat, in speaking of the fact that 100 Chinamen had left that city to work in a laundry at Chicago, says:

They are the principal laundrymen of our city, and I believe do less harm to clothing than the average of French or native operators. Here, in San Francisco, they sew buttons on and mend dilapidated garments, but I have always put that down to the vast preponderance of bachelors in the city. One point will, probably, strike the Chicagoans unpleasantly at first; the Chinese mode of dampening clothes before they commence the ironing process. It is invariably done by a man, who fills his mouth with water, and then sends it forth over the linen in an infinitesimally fine spray through his clenched teeth. He is at it all the time; it is therefore not quite so bad as it looks. But I have known many San Franciscans who sharply objected to the process!

The editor of the New York Star, in the following paragraph, expresses so exactly the experience of all his brethren of the quill, that we should feel a sense of dereliction were we to neglect to reproduce it, and that, too, with a hearty amen: "The only point worth deciding is, what makes editors make asses? Well, printers have something to do with it; proof-readers, perhaps, (we have one in our mind's eye;) but in the greatest ratio we lay the blame to the account of Suggesters. Heavens! what a life one has with them! They infest the editorial rooms like flies in the shambles; they won't take 'no' for an answer; they deferentially decline to be 'choked off'; they humbly take their hats in their hands, and pull from their pockets huge packets of greasy manuscript, which they Suggest would be just the thing, etc., for our valuable paper. We do fear each bush a Suggester."

THE GREAT CHICAGO BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.—From the present appearances Miss Amanda Craig, of Newport, Ky., does not stand much chance of getting her $100,000, as will be seen by the following from the Chicago Post: Mr. S. Rowe, who is general ticket agent in the Adams House, writes to the Chicago Tribune that the property on Lake street, Chicago, which the sheriff is about to sell to satisfy judgment against Elisha Sprague, in favor of Amanda J. Craig, belongs to him, having been purchased of Mr. Sprague, March 9, 1868. He thinks that Amanda will get little relief for her broken heart, if all of Mr. Sprague's property is as fictitious as this. It would be interesting to know how much Mr. Rowe paid for this valuable property, and how soon after the breach of promise suit commenced he bought it.

A GERMAN CUSTOM.—A letter from Weimar says they have two very pretty customs there connected with the erection of houses. One is that a young child always drives the first nail into one of the timbers, and an inscription is made upon the wood bearing the name and age of the child, date of erection, etc. Then, when the house is raised, a few planks are laid for flooring in an upper story, when the master builder, his workmen, and all well-disposed friends assemble to sing a song of praise to God for the safe accomplishment thus far of their undertaking. Then a band of music plays, numerous bottles of wine are drank, and there are speeches, toasts and huzzas from stentorian German throats.

A melancholy little incident is related of the ex-Empress Carlotte. This unfortunate princess has been staying for some time at Spa. The other day she insisted with such vehemence on playing at roulette that it was impossible to restrain her. On approaching the table she deliberately placed a gold piece on the number nineteen. The Emperor Maximilian was shot on June 19. The wheel turned, and, though thirty-seven chances were against her, she won. She smiled sadly, took up the money, and quietly left the room. On her way out a poor man passed by. She gave him all the money, with the injunction that he was to "pray for him." It is known that the Empress Carlotte never pronounces the name of Maximilian.

DESPERATE GAMING.—The Chinese, when their money is gone, sometimes stake their fingers on a single chance. During the game they keep by them a vase of seasame oil, under which a fire is kept burning; and between the players is placed a small but sharp hatchet. When one wins he takes the hand of the loser, places it on a stone, and cuts off one of the fingers with the hatchet. The piece falls, and the loser immediately dips his hand into the hot oil, which cauterises the wound. This operation does not prevent the players from beginnig again. Such is the account of travelers who have visited China, incredible as it may appear.

THE LATE ECLIPSE.—A correspondent of a Philadelphia paper thus writes of a prolonged "totality:"

Few people trouble themselves to think what the effect would be if the eclipse of Saturday were to last any length of time, and the sun were blotted from the heavens. Philosophy declares that not only would a horror of darkness cover the earth, but the moisture of the earth, and the temperature fall to a fearful point of cold, nothing less than 230 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. The earth would be the seat of darkness and more than arctic desolation. Nothing could survive such freezing cold a moment, more than one could breathe in scalding water. In three days after the cooling process began, nothing created would be alive but the monsters that wallow in deep ocean, and the eyeless reptiles that make their haunts in caves which penetrate far underground.

Gen. Eben Swift has been appointed Mayor of Vicksburg.

Miscellaneous Items.

An enterprising Chinese firm has established a publishing house and type foundry at Shanghai.

The Southern negroes must be getting rich. They take stock in every farm-yard they come to.

[Louisville Courier.

In the last five years, in New York, fifty new street railroads have been built, costing $25,000,000. Its entire system cost $35,000,000.

It is found that the loss of currency by wear and tear is more than sufficient to pay the expense of printing and issuing it. The average life of a bank note is three years, and that of currency a much shorter time.

If there were ten thousand negro voters in Massachusetts as there are eight thousand in Mississippi, there would not be a single advocate of the 15th amendment or of universal suffrage in the old Bay State.

[Memphis Appeal.

A SPECTACLE.—The negroes in Washington are starving and the relief associations calling piteously for help, while the farmers of Virginia and Maryland are anxious for laborers and cannot get them. This is one of the results of Radicalism on the negro. They are collected together in cities and fed at the public expense for their votes, while the soil is lying idle all around them for want of laborers to till it.

A GOOD PRICE.—The first bale of cotton received at Memphis this season, sold for thirty-eight cents per lb. It was shipped to Boston.

There is said to be a new case of coldness between Butler and Grant. Butler, in that spirit of Christian forbearance so characteristic of him, says Grant is "a d—d fool."

OHIO.—The most encouraging assurances of Democratic success at the coming election in Ohio are received. From all parts of the State the nomination of Pendleton everywhere inspires the greatest enthusiasm, and his election is regarded as a sure thing.

A young lady, gaily promenading in Cincinnati, the other afternoon, suddenly dropped her hoopskirt. She picked it up and coolly carried it home under her arm.

Vesuvius is growling again. If no eruption takes place he will be hissed by the Neapolitans just as the people of Venice once hissed an eclipse which did not quite come up to their expectations.

The young Prince Imperial is an amateur stoker. He has an engine and railway train, in miniature, and amuses his papa by scientifically running it.

Brick Pomeroy has turned temperance lecturer. How can a man be "red-hot" and temperate at the same time?

It is not because Massachusetts loves the negro, but because Massachusetts hates the white men of the South that this blasting, withering, crushing, savage suffrage is sought to be fastened on each Southern State.

[Memphis Appeal.

The Society of California Pioneers in San Francisco have purchased a cane, valued at $1000, for presentation to William H. Seward on his return from Alaska. The head of the stick is composed of forty-one triangular pieces of gold-bearing quartz.

A young man of limited intelligence, who was recovering from a long fit of sickness, being told by his physician that he "might now venture on a little animal food," exclaimed: "No you don't doctor, I've suffered enough on your gruel and stuff, and hang me if I touch any of your hay and oats."

A Michigander having his finger crushed in a cider mill consulted himself surgically, and resolved to amputate the mangled and useless digit. He had nerve enough to hold a chisel on it while a neighbor struck the chisel with a mallet.

Josh Billings says: Whenever I find a real handsum womon engaged in the "wimmins' rights bizzness," then I am going to take mi hat under mi arm and jine the procession.

A California Chinaman having been shown by his mistress how to make a pudding containing three eggs, but having seen her throw one bad egg away, continued for months after, whenever he made the pudding, to use four eggs, regularly breaking, examining, and throwing one away as he had seen her do.

A Chicago reporter, who attended a spring opening of a fashionable millinery, says of it: "A cabbage leaf, trimmed with three red peppers and a dried cherry, sells for $35. It is called a jockey; has one great advantage—can be eaten as a salad when the season changes. One composed of three sighs and a bit of pink-colored fog, was considered cheap at $55."

The death of the Turkish brigand, Manoli, the Bithynian Fra Diavolo, the terror of Asia Minor, is reported from Broussa. The Turks are indignant because a Christian dealt the blow and claims the prize of $3000 offered for Manoli's head. But the American brigand, Hildebrand, still defies the sheriffs and militia of Missouri. A few weeks since he and ten men attacked a sheriff, wounded a deputy, and killed his horse.

The entire South is going through the most critical stage in its history since the rebellion, with far less trouble and bloodshed than we had supposed possible. It may fairly be doubted whether any Northern State, laboring under an equal degree of political excitement, would behave better.

[New York Journal of Commerce.

Some wag has stuck on one of the pillars of the portico of the White House, at Washington, a large placard containing, in big letters, the words; "To let for four years to a permanent tenant." The word "permanent" was capitalised. A good bit at our horse racing President, who is on an extended tramp about the country with sporting men.

Gen. R. E. Lee, Geo. Peabody and W. W. Corcoran, Esqs., were photographed in a group the other day.

Young Forney, a son of the editor of "my two papers—both daily," who has been figuring in the revenue offices at Richmond, Va., has been dismissed.

Within four years the population of the nine Northwestern States, from which we draw our chief supplies of food, has increased at the rate of five hundred thousand annually.

A Georgia paper makes mention of having seen a bunch of grapes upon which were at least 2000 fully developed and perfectly ripe grapes.

Twenty clergymen of Philadelphia have just signed an agreement not to officiate at funerals on Sunday, unless upon a physician's certificate that burial on that day is unavoidable.

It is decided that base ball clubs must pay a Federal tax. The Cabinet has in consideration the propriety of including kite flying in the same list.

A reporter for a Western paper calls a marriage license "a preliminary way bill to be freighted over the sea of life together."

Duxbury, where the French cable was landed, was the home of John Alden, is situated in Plymouth county, Mass., not far from Plymouth Rock, and adjoining Marshfield, which contains the home and tomb of Daniel Webster.

Some surveyors in the White Mountains tell a good joke of their applying for food at a cottage when the woman declared she had no food unless they could "put up with some trout!" Put up with fresh trout, indeed!

Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, D.D., for many years President of the Union Theological Seminary, at Petersburg, Virginia, died recently at the age of eighty-six.

According to the Spanish journals in Cuba, the following insurgent commanders have been killed and come to life again several times: Quesada, twice; Figueredo, Aguntela, Feralto, Cisneros, each once; Marmol, twice; and Lorda three times.

Two young men in Fon du Lac got badly frightened the other night by what they supposed to be a ghost. Close investigation proved that it was fastened by pins to a clothes line, and was simply an under-garment invariably worn by the gentler sex. The virtuous young men excuse themselves very handsomely by saying that they had never seen anything of the kind before! Nice boys in Fon du Lac—very.

SHARP PRACTICE.—Some of the colored washerwomen of Montgomery exhibit unmistakable evidence of being under carpet-bag influence. They take "washing for a family on Monday morning, hire out the dresses, etc., for a day or two, and return the clothing and other articles, washed and ironed, on Friday or Saturday. Nothing like enterprise and shrewdness.

[Montgomery Mail.

The New Bedford (Mass.) Mercury reports that a gentleman of that city, whose house had been infested with rats, recently wrote a touching note to the animals, requesting them as a special favor to himself and wife to vacate the premises, put the missive in an envelope, addressed to the "Rat Family," and placed it in a rat hole. Not a rat has showed whisker or tail, squeaked, or been heard trotting behind wall or ceiling since that letter was holed.

The latest smartness of a New York pictorial is a cut representing a railroad conductor sticking his head in the car and shouting: "Indianapolis—fifteen minutes for divorces."

ANOTHER APPLICANT FOR INDEPENDENCE.—Australia is now setting up a claim and showing reasons why the independence of the six Australian colonies and their federation in a republic should come to pass. Australia and New Zealand have the area and capacity to support a population of fifty millions, but as yet only two millions have availed themselves of these advantages. It is shown that within fifty years, while only one million British subjects have emigrated to the American British colonies, four millions of emigrants have settled in the United States, showing that emigrants generally, especially the continental emigrants prefer to go to a republic. Therefore Australia desires to be a republic, hoping thus to attract a portion of the emigration that now tends towards the United States.

THE DECADENCE OF OUR WATERING PLACES.—The New York Herald puts it as a proposition that the popularity of our watering places is on the decline. Aside from the cold and late season, the Herald assigns as a reason for this decadence the fact that a summer season at the watering places is found to be a very expensive luxury for people of family, and that hotel life in the country is regarded by many as a bore, and not much conducive to comfort. Hence, a great number of people prefer to visit Europe during the summer, finding upon close calculation, that it does not cost any more money to see the Old World, while the variety is infinitely greater, and the results a thousand times more satisfactory. We think the Herald is about right.

Dent on the War Path.

The telegraph of late has had a good deal to say about a letter which Judge Dent has written to Secretary Boutwell, in which he scores him most unmercifully for his interference in political matters not appertaining to his office. Below we give the letter in full. The breach widens:

"Hon. Geo. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury:

"*Sir*—I shall make little apology for asking your attention to my letter, and less for the nature of its contents. You were the first to deny the political orthodoxy of my friends and myself, and by all the rules of the forum I am entitled to a defence. Again, you hold an office of the Republic, and your acts, therefore, are legitimate subjects of criticism by the humblest citizen thereof. But in some respects we are alike: for instance, we are both aspirants for place, with this difference—you aim to be the next President, with every assurance of success, except in the opinion of the people; while I seek an humbler place, with my hopes in disastrous eclipse, except in the judgment of Mississippi. So, in the probable results of the future, we both stand adverse to the judgment of the country.

"In the pursuit of your ambition you are unscrupulous as to the means of your success. Your organ, the New York Sun, in the same breath ridicules the capacity of your master, and dwells with emphasis on your peculiar fitness for the office.

"Your excellent tool, Mr. Tullock, became so reckless in the manipulation of your department in the interest of your ambition, and so defiant of the wishes of the President and the country, that to save yourself from an explosion of popular indignation you found it convenient to transfer him to another sphere of scandalous activity, where his talents might be exerted with equally good effect, and less effrontery.

"Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Texas, not to mention anything so humble as myself, were obstructions in the way of your success, because, through President Grant's intervention in excluding the proscriptive clauses from their organic laws, these States are brought into the Union firmly welded to his support. Now, this is in direct conflict with your systematised plans; for what Gen. Grant gets in the next election, clearly Mr. Boutwell will not get; and therefore you have denounced the Conservative Republicans who are for Grant, that you may obtain the proscriptive Republicans, who are for Boutwell; and by some strange, dexterous management, and occult political strategy, you have so worked upon the confidence of the President as to cause him to flourish the club with which you intend to break his head, by inducing him to join you in denunciation of the Conservative Republicans, a party created by his magnanimity, and triumphant through his management.

"But, sir, your purpose is easily discerned, and has a twofold object, namely, to destroy the National Republican party in the South, and then to reconstruct from its shattered fragments a Boutwell party, with no Richmond in the field to strike for your crown. But if you cannot succeed in this scheme of desperate enterprise, you mean to ruin—a result, from present appearances, much more likely to be reached.

"Your official intervention for Wells, for instance, gave 20,000 majority to Walker. Your letter to Stokes gave Senter to Tennessee by an overwhelming vote of 70,000. Your marvelous political sagacity, now active in Mississippi and Texas, will report your calamity, and again overwhelm you with discomfiture and defeat. Superadd to these results of your unapproachable folly the imposition on these States of your iron-clad oath, and the alienation is complete, leading them all in the outstretched arms of Democracy.

"But the consequence of your folly does not end here. Ohio and Pennsylvania and others will follow, decide their political status in October, and the North will echo back the condemnation of the South, and peal in your ears this fact—that there is still left enough of the incorruptible virtue of the Republic to you for a wanton repression of that most sacred right, the elective franchise.

"But, sir, this will not deter you from your mad course. You will still persist until every prop that supports our party is stricken away, and the whole grand superstructure tumbles about our ears in hopeless ruin.

"When you were appointed Secretary of the Treasury and unanimously confirmed by a Senate of every shade of political opinion, did you not take an oath to administer your office impartially, and for the exclusive objects of its creation—to collect the revenue and control the finances of the country? Is not that office the property of the nation, and yourself only clothed for a time with a little brief authority? Then, sir, how do you explain this perversion of its legitimate uses and functions into a means and instrument of oppression, and compel the election of obnoxious rulers upon the people of the South? Is such a course consistent with your oath of office, or do you call this a great moral idea? But, Mr. Boutwell, though you have thus prostituted the powers of your office for purposes of oppression, without the warrant of conscience or law, it may be that you can tell me by what authority you presume to pronounce upon my political orthodoxy. Who constituted you the infallible hope of Republicanism? Who gave you the authority to hurl the political anathemas of the party? Again, what right had you to commit the Administration to you policy? Have you to learn yet that you are only a part of the Administration, and not the whole of it, though your friends believe that a monomania has seized your mind on that subject, and that you verily believe yourself the State? Very respectfully. LEWIS DENT."

CHINESE ATHLETES.—A company of Chinese athletes astonished the people of San Francisco recently with an exhibition of their agility. About fifteen of them appeared on the stage, amid the din and clangor of gongs and kettle drums. They first fought a sham battle with swords, cleavers, pole-axes, lances and short knives. The fencing was very rapid and each fighter was an expert. Still one warrior stood against a host. He disarmed his antagonists as fast as they came, hurled them about the stage, stabbed them, hewed them down with broad-axes, hacked them with swords, butted them with his head, kicked them in the breast with both feet at once, and found time to execute handsprings and vaulting somersets among them as he fought. At last he vanquished all his foes, and the half naked rascals took to flight. He pursued. Some rough tables were ranged along the front of the stage to represent hedges, logs and banks, which must obstruct pursued and pursuer alike. The runners vaulted the tables, turning lofty somersaults over each, and landing indifferently on their feet, hands, heads or backs, as the case might be, and that, too, on a hard stage, covered only with a few strips of matting. The victorious fighter, a splendid acrobat, was always after them. Several times one of his foes would turn and face him, when he would bound high in the air, and plunging down, plant both feet in the breast of his adversary with such force as to send him headlong across the stage. The Alta says that if ever a troupe of these sturdy, well-trained athletes were put to a fair test of physical activity and strength, they could handle a regiment of the lazy, lank-limbed, whisky-sodden ruffians and cowards who make a pastime of stoning, beating and throwing about Chinamen in the public streets of that city.

A hot spring has recently been discovered in France, under circumstances which have attracted great attention. A rectangular shaft had been sunk to a depth of one hundred and seventy-four feet, through a stratum of hard volcanic tufa, when the heat became so intense that the workmen had to be relieved at short intervals. At last, on removing a piece of the tufa, about thirty inches in circumference, a loud, rumbling noise was heard, and a thick column of hot water, preceded by a violent report, rose up in the air, projecting huge stones upwards. The water in falling scalded the men severely. The jet diminished and the well filled rapidly, the workmen succeeding, however, in getting out in time. In the course of ten hours the well became full, and from that time a rivulet of thermal water has been flowing from the spot into a neighboring river. At the river the water still retains a temperature of 104 degrees Fahrenheit. Upon analysis it had been found to contain upwards of twenty milligrammes of arseniate of potash per litre, or 11.6 grains per one hundred gallons, a proportion unheard of before.

SAD ACCIDENT.—We learn from a reliable gentleman that W. G. Skinner, of Washington county, accidentally killed his sister-in-law, Miss Margaret Hill, a few days since. From what we learn of the affair Mr. Skinner was leaving his residence to spend the night with a sick neighbor, when his wife asked him to put new caps upon his pistol, as she thought that she had heard some person on the gallery the night before. He at once proceeded to comply with his wife's request, and whilst recapping the pistol a barrel accidentally exploded, the ball entering the right side of Miss Hill, killing her instantly. The deceased was a niece of General A. P. Hill, of Virginia.

[Mobile Tribune.

The new naval monument at Baltimore is to cost $20,000. Admiral Porter has $14,000 of this, being President of the Association. The purpose of the structure is to ornament a Southern city with a memento of victories won over the South in the late war, to perpetuate the hatreds which that war engendered, to hold up the names of men carved in marble for some to praise and some to curse, for some to revile and some to bless, and especially to show how much glory there is to be won in wars where the combatants are brothers.

[New Orleans Times.

THE SAD HAVOC OF WAR.—M. Leroy Beaulieu, an industrious Frenchman, has calculated that during the fourteen years between 1852 and 1866 no less than one million seven hundred and fifty thousand soldiers have been killed at an expense to the several Governments of $9,565,000,000—that is to say, an average expenditure of $5465 to a man. The number slain, therefore, is equal to the whole male population of Holland, to the combined commercial and industrial workmen of France, more than equal to half the entire population of the city of London or the State of Ohio. The mere money is six times as much as it cost to build all the French railways.

HEAVY CONTRACT.—A contract has been entered into with Raoul, Sons & Wadley, of Amite City, La., to furnish cars, as follows, for the road from Decatur to Montgomery: Ten first-class passenger cars, ten second-class do., ten mail and baggage do., two hundred box do., one hundred flat do., and ten hand and thirty pole cars. These cars will cost about $300,000, and it is perhaps one of the heaviest contracts ever entered into in the South.

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MILAM STREET, Cor. SPRING STREET,

SHREVEPORT, LA.

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JOHN H. SPEDDIE,

DRUGGIST, APOTHECARY

AND DEALER IN

School, Standard and Miscellaneous

BOOKS,

PERFUMERY, FANCY ARTICLES, &c.,

Keachi, Louisiana,

WOULD inform the citizens of Keachi and surrounding country that he has opened a DRUG STORE, and will keep constantly on hand a full and complete assortment of

PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES,

Perfumery, Fancy Articles, School, Standard and Miscellaneous Books, &c., which will be sold at the lowest CASH prices. jas 1y

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL INFIRMARY,

TEXAS STREET,

OPPOSITE THE COURT HOUSE,

Shreveport, La.,

IS now open for the reception of Patients, male and famale. Rate of charges—Rooms, per day, $5 to $7; Wards, per day, $3; Capital operations, extra.

Terms—Invariably in advance, or upon satisfactory security.

W. H. WILLIAMS, M.D.,
J. S. CUTLIFF, M.D,
D. M. CLAY, M.D.

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CRANE'S METALLIC BURIAL CASKETS.

THE undersigned, having purchased the exclusive right of selling these beautiful and celebrated Burial Caskets in Shreveport and Caddo parish, has just received and will keep on hand a very large assortment, embracing every size and style, which will be sold at very low prices.

All orders promptly attended to. The Caskets are ready for delivery or shipment at a moment's notice.

J. S. RENDALL,
sul 1y] Corner of Texas and McNeil streets.

REIERSEN & GRAGARD,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

DRY GOODS, HATS,

Boots, Shoes, Fancy Goods,

Groceries, Hardware, Iron, Steel, &c.,&c.

No. 11 Texas street, Shreveport.

LIBERAL advances made on consignments of Cotton shipped to our friends D. R. CARROLL & CO., New Orleans. La. d4 1y

NEW STOCK.

FALL GOODS.

11.....ON THE LEVEE.....11

THE undersigned have just received their **Fall and Winter Stock,** consisting of Dry Goods of all descriptions, Gents' Clothing, Bonts, Shoes and Groceries. Our stock was purchased in New York by the senior partner, at low prices, and will be jobbed off on favorable terms.

o16 tf TEAH & REINSCH.

L. E. CARTER,

5.....ON THE LEVEE.....5

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

FAMILY GROCERIES,

WINES, LIQUORS, BAR STORES, &c., &c.,

Shreveport, Louisiana.

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SALE & MURPHY,

DEALERS IN

DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES,

—AND—

MANUFACTURERS OF TIN WARE,

Cor'r Texas and Spring Streets,

SHREVEPORT, LA.

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J. KAHN & BRO.,

West Corner of Texas and Spring Streets,

—DEALERS IN—

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods,

CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, &c.

THEIR STOCK is always complete, embracing every description of **GOODS,** for family or plantation use, and will be **sold at the lowest prices.**

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C. H. BURNSIDE,

Watch Maker and Jeweler,

No. 18 Texas Street, Shreveport,

Has just received a fine supply of Fine **JEWELRY,** Consisting of Carbuncle, Coral and Pearl Sets and Half Sets; Fine Gold Watches for Ladies;
Gold Vest and Guard Chains;
Revolving Miniature Pins;
Finger Rings;
Gold, Steel and Plated Spectacles;
Eye Glasses;
Gold Pens—all kinds;
Gold and Silver Thimbles;
Coral Necklaces;
French, German and American Clocks and Time Pieces;
India Rubber Vest and Guard Chains;
Children's Rings, of all sizes.
Ladies' and Gents' Fine Collar, Cuff and Bosom Buttons—fine supply.

Every article sold by me is fully warranted **Pure Gold,** as I keep no other kind.

I am receiving new styles of fine goods by every arrival.

Watches and Jewelry Repaired at short notice.

C. H. BURNSIDE,
December 9, 1868. [1y 18 Texas street.

V. SHIDET,

WATCH MAKER,

JEWELER AND DEALER

—IN—

Fine Watches, Jewelry and Diamonds,

TEXAS STREET, (between Market and Spring,)

Shreveport, La.

Watches and Jewelry repaired and warranted.

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OLSEN'S

GALLERY OF ART,

No. 34 TEXAS STREET,

Between Market and Spring Streets.

HAVING refitted and furnished the rooms No. 34 Texas street, he is now prepared to take

Photographs

unsurpassed for fidelity of likeness and beauty of finish by any pictures ever taken. The fullest satisfaction guaranteed. The public are cordially invited to call, examine and judge for themselves.

Don't forget the **GALLERY OF ART,** No. 24 Texas street. [ja13 tf C. OLSEN.

FRED. BAUS. L. KAIMER.

BAUS & KAIMER,

LOCK AND GUN SMITHS,

Texas Street,

Above Caldwell's Stables.

Have on hand an assortment of **Lightning Rods,** which they will put up at short notice, on reasonable terms. [je2 3m*

Furniture Store.

I HAVE opened a very large stock of FURNITURE at 27 Milam street, Hope's building, which I offer at greatly REDUCED PRICES.

Thankful for past favors, I will endeavor, by strict attention to my business, to merit the patronage of my friends and the public generally.

WM. ENDERS.

Shreveport, La., July 7, 1869. [1y

R. DAWES,

27.....TEXAS STREET.....27

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

"FAVORITE"

—AND—

BLACK OAK,

The Best Cooking Stoves Now in Use,

TOGETHER with many others of the most approved patterns.

ALSO—Cistern Pumps, Gas Pipe, Lever Pumps, Tin Ware (at New Orleans prices), Zinc, Copper, Sheet Iron, and various other articles usually kept in a Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Manufacturing establishment, on hand and for sale CHEAP.

Roofing, Guttering, Repairing, and all kinds of Sheet Iron and Copper Work done to order, and warranted.

au19 1y MRS. R. DAWES.

LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEEDS!

A large supply of the above named seed,

GROWTH OF 1868.

—ALSO—

Onion Sets, Bulbous Roots, Flower Seed, &c.

In quantities to suit purchases. For sale by

d23 tf WHITE & Co.

TOBACCO!

TOBACCO!

WE are in receipt of

800 BOXES CHEWING TOBACCO,

of the best brands, purchased direct from the manufacturers in Missouri, Virginia and Baltimore, which we are now offering at NEW ORLEANS PRICES, freight added. We offer bargains to those who purchase by the quantity.

mh18 tf E. & B. JACOBS.

TOBACCO! TOBACCO!!

LOONEY, BUCKNER & CO., dealers in Saddlery and Saddlery Hardware, corner of Texas street and the Levee, are agents for all the Missouri Tobacco Manufactories. Tobaccos of all grades for sale in quantities to suit purchasers, at the manufacturers' prices, freight added.

Shreveport, December 18, 1867. [tf

PLOWS! PLOWS!!

A LARGE LOT of Hall & Spear Plows, No. 1¾, for sale by

ja22 tf] HOWELL, DURHAM & TOMKIES.

NEW GOODS!

NEW GOODS!!

FALL AND WINTER STOCK!!

E. & B. JACOBS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

DEALERS IN DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,

GROCERIES,

LIQUORS, HARDWARE, &c.,

—AT THEIR—

OLD STAND, TEXAS STREET,

Shreveport, Louisiana.

WE take pleasure in informing our patrons and the public generally, that our purchases for the Fall and Winter Trade far exceed any heretofore made by us, comprising everything necessary for the wants of this section. All the articles enumerated below were purchased either directly from the importers or manufacturers, and we guarantee to sell at

New Orleans Prices.

Everything sold by us guaranteed as represented.

sept30 tf E. & B. JACOBS.

SUNDRIES—

TEA, Black and Imperial.
CANDY, assorted, Rock and Fancy, Gum Drops
Raisins.
Oysters, Sardines, Lobsters.
Snuff, all kinds.
Bar, Toilet and Castile Soap.
Pepper and Worcestershire Sauces, Catchup
Pickles, Candles.
Stove Pipes.
Bottles and Flasks.
Tumblers and Window Glass.
Paints and Oils.
240 painted Buckets, Brass Buckets.
Tubs, Churns, Seives, Brooms, Washboards, &c.

For sale by [s30 tf] E. & B. JACOBS.

BOX LIQUORS—

800 boxes Wines, Whisky, Brandy and Cocktails.
40 baskets Champagne, Krug and Heidseck.
40 boxes Scheidam Schnaps.
20 casks Porter and Ale, pints and quarts.
40 boxes " " " "
20 " Champagne Cider.
80 " Bitters, Boker, Goula, Hostetter, Drake's Plantation, Stoughton, Gray Jacket, Kelps and East India. Sole agents for Red Jacket Bitters. Curacoa, Anisette, Absinth and Peppermint. For sale by

s30 tf E. & B. JACOBS.

HARDWARE—

200 tons assorted Iron, Steel.
Blacksmiths', Carpenters' Shoemakers' and Tanners' Tools.
Castings and Hollow-ware.
Table and Pocket Cutlery.
Spoons.
Locks of all kinds.
300 kegs Nails, Scissors.
Crockery and Queensware.
Glassware, Tinware, &c., &c.

For sale by [s30 tf] E. & B. JACOBS.

BAR STORES—

Bar Furniture, of every description.
Billiard Tables. On hand and for sale by

s30 tf E. & B. JACOBS.

DRY GOODS—

1200 pieces Prints, assorted, English, French and American.
40 bales Brown Domestic.
A full variety of bleached Domestic.
Lowels and Spun Yarns.
Kerseys and Linseys.
Ticking, Checks, Hickory Stripes.