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### Retrospect.

All around us lie the remains of popular liberty. We are in favor of a new reconstruction; one that will reanimate and vitalize anew the old state government, and the old forms of liberty. Of the States, once engaged in rebellion, all have been reconstructed, except Virginia, Mississippi and Texas, upon a rule of legislation, outside of the Constitution, with the curious result, that not one of these existing governments represents the people of the State. Where reconstruction has been accomplished, it has ruined self-government by the people; it has walked through the grave of American principles, and established a new authority in the hands of the despots of the soil. Along with these destructive results, it has brought the authority of American example and doctrine into popular contempt—just as English misrule, for over a century in India, has served only to make English authority more odious, and to unite more strongly the barbarous customs of heathen India against all intrusions of English law. To legislate successfully for our people, their law-makers must understand the natural character, and they must respect its opinions and its prejudices.

Maine cannot legislate, by deputy, for Louisiana, notwithstanding the immensely valuable and proven capacity of the multifarious requirements, and ubiquitous "domestic" of our own slaves. Neither can Massachusetts properly legislate for Louisiana, nor Missouri, and Delaware, not properly for Mississippi, nor, about these examples, to a Texas understand the peculiar and diverse interests of that empire State. Unconquered reconstruction, in Virginia, Mississippi and Texas, is even more hopeful than its secured results. It is true, the yoke has been designedly made heavy, to enforce acceptance; it is true military trials are mockeries, and are sometimes even tragical, as in the case of Col. Crump, who dies upon a verdict of acquittal in consequence of stockade sufferings, but, if we had the whole programme to go over again, we would take the chances of American officers in preference to a State administration in the hands of aliens; self government destroyed, and with a treasury plundered at will, and taxes levied to supply the wants of the plunderer.

**DEBTS FRIENDS AND TAXES.**—During the past week we have met with an unusual number of old DeSoto friends, who are beginning, we are glad to say, to bring in an unusual amount of cotton, generally of the finest class, and which, we are all so happy to say, they are able to hold at their own pleasure. All this argues a condition of things in that parish, in every sense of the word, very gratifying to us. But when we have congratulated our friends, we have been invariably reminded of the old adage, that there is a skeleton in every house. The skeletons in DeSoto is the heavy parish tax. The necessities of the parish, it seems, require a larger tax than usual, and our friends all agreed, they are willing to meet these necessities, but they specially complain of the tax on gin-stands. If we are correctly informed, a merchant gin is taxed to the amount of \$800, or \$100 for the State and \$200 for the parish. If this is the tax, there must have been some mistake about the assessment. Indeed, we suppose, the special parish tax was levied before it was known what was the amount of the State tax, and if this is the fact, the remedy lies in a repeal by the Police Jury of the oppressive act, for oppressive it undeniably is, and not in the hands of the Legislature. There is no provision for the Police Jury, the immediate representatives of the people, to drive them to expense litigation against the acts of their own representatives. We do not know who compose the present body, but the president is an old and honorable citizen, who has long and faithfully served the parish; a man of excellent practical judgment, and well acquainted with his people. If the tax is too heavy, and surely it is, why not repeal it?

**SEMINARY OF LEARNING AND OUR COUNTRY.**—We announced in our edition of Thursday the burning of the Seminary building near Alexandria. We greatly deplore this accident, for we very much fear it involves the destruction of the Seminary itself; or, if it does not, it is not so serious as this. It will postpone the operations of this institution until the buildings can be restored. In view of this great public loss, we venture upon a suggestion, which we hope will in some measure ameliorate the Seminary; but make it a consultation with either the Faculty of that institution, or the Trustees of the Seminary. Our suggestion is this, that the buildings of the latter are sufficient for one hundred and fifty students at least, and as it has, at present, a preparatory department with only about fifty pupils, that its Trustees offer the use of the buildings to the Board of Administrators of the Seminary. In this way we can continue the Seminary, help our own local colleges, and provide for the youth of the State. Prof. Boyd would be a great acquisition to us as he is an ornament to the Seminary. Besides him there are other capable and efficient professors.

**LOUISIANA STATE SEMINARY.**—The following dispatch from Professor Boyd explains itself:  
BAYON SARA, Oct. 22, 1869.  
Editor South-Western:  
Please announce that the State Seminary has secured the use of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, at Baton Rouge, and will resume its exercises on the first of November. G. F. BORN, Sup't.

**PRICE OF MILLS AND CATTLE IN KENTUCKY.**—The Western Citizen, published in Paris, Bourbon county, Kentucky, the largest milk, cattle and horse market in the State, quotes two year old males at \$120 to 160, and broke males at \$100 to 210. One lot of 28 males brought \$147.10, and sucklings \$40 to 65. Yearlings of 21 head, two year olds, sold at \$180, yearlings as high as \$26, and broke males from \$80 to 475 per pair. The cattle market is reported brisk. Sold, 12 steers, three-year olds, at \$72 65; 52 head three at \$72; 20 head at \$65; one \$75 to \$118; 24 head two at \$65; 35 head 35 cents; 22 yearlings \$44.10. Good cattle sells 65 cents; common two-year olds sold about 50 cents. The shipments of stock from the Paris port for the week ending the 4th inst. amounted to 77 carloads.

**THE CONFEDERATE ARCHIVES.**—A Washington exchange says that it is a fact generally known that the War Department is in possession of a large number of documents known as the Confederate archives. The most important papers, however, these embracing the diplomatic correspondence of the Davis Government with foreign Governments, have never been unearthed, and it is now stated, that some reliable authority, that they were sent to Canada a few weeks before the fall of Richmond, in charge of President Davis' private secretary. An ex-Confederate officer testified that in 1867 these archives were sealed and deposited in the vaults of a bank in Montreal. These documents are said to be valuable as affecting the Alabama question, and showing to what extent England was committed to the Confederacy. The latter's diplomatic history is quite a mystery.

**GEN. SICKLES' STUPID DIPLOMACY.**—A Washington dispatch of the 11th says that the version which the Spanish Minister gives of matters connected with the note, said to have been prepared by Sickles, is this: Aside from the official tendering of good offices to this Government on settling the differences between Spain and the Cuban, Gen. Sickles informally submitted drafts of a note, in substance such as has appeared at length, copied from European journals. He was informed that the reception of such a note, in regular form, by the Spanish Government, would inevitably lead to open hostilities, as Spain would be obliged, in self-respect, to consider it as a declaration of war. He advised, on account of the important character of the paper, to first submit it to his Government. This he decided to do, and transmitted it to Secretary Fish. Upon its arrival here, instructions were immediately forwarded to Sickles not to present any warlike form of the kind to Spain.

**SOME LIABILITIES.**—Some liabilities of Lockwood & Co., Wall street, are said to be \$84,000,000. A meeting of the creditors of the firm, the firm proposed to pay ten per cent in sixty days, fifteen in six months, and twenty-five in twelve months. They refer to make engagements for the remaining fifty per cent, but promise to take the matter again into consideration when the house resumes business.

**CHINESE LABORERS.**—John Williams & Sons, of New Orleans, have been appointed agents of Mr. Koopmans for the introduction of Chinese laborers to Louisiana, New Orleans. It seems that the Sandwich Island Bank is receiving calls from New Orleans, and that the duty imposed by the Government,

**THE NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.**  
We copy as follows from a special Washington telegram of the 13th, to the Cincinnati Commercial:  
The appointment, made early this morning, of Gen. Wm. W. Belknap, of Keokuk, Iowa, to succeed Gen. Rawlins, as Secretary of War, was received here with astonishment. It is not only among army officers, but by all who have expressed opinions concerning it. He is even more obscure than Borie, Hoar and Robinson were, and many prominent Western men say that he was never known outside of his division in the army.  
He entered the military service, early in the war, as a private in the 10th regiment of Iowa volunteers, and gradually rose to the rank of Major-General, and command a division in the Seventeenth Army Corps. He served on Gen. McPherson's staff, and also on the staff of Gen. Sherman in 1865.  
The latter speaks of him as the most judiciously cultivated man he has ever known, and one of the most energetic, of excellent education and advantages, and promises that he will be a most faithful, popular and efficient Secretary.  
For some time he has been Collector of Internal Revenue for the First Iowa District, and the Bureau here pronounces him one of the very best officers in the revenue service of the country. He was appointed by the old division of the army, and was selected by the Society of the Army of Tennessee to deliver the oration at its meeting in Chicago on the 15th of December, 1865.  
His appointment is largely, if not wholly due to Gen. Sherman, who has had the management of the affairs, although the President is warmly attached to Gen. Belknap, and has the strongest confidence in his abilities.  
He was promoted above his seniors, again and again, for his bravery and efficiency, and when he was ordered to the high position of Major-General, the regularity of his promotion, and the fact that he has since followed in Keokuk. His father was a regular officer in the high rank, several years ago.  
In that oration, after alluding to Gen. Grant in the most complimentary manner, he spoke as follows in reference to Gen. Rawlins, his old comrade in arms, and whom he had just appointed Secretary of War: "We wish to-night that noble soldier who, from first to last, in depression and in victory, stood by his honored chief, and from the lips of every one of us, as we find his high rank, several times repeated, that he is the best man of all the soldiers' hearts throughout the land."—Long John A. Rawlins."  
The subject of the appointment is a War Secretary has been under the appointment of the President for some time, and is desired to select a Western man. On the appointment of General Belknap was decided upon by the President, Gen. Sherman requested to be nominated with him on the subject, which he did at once, by mail. Gen. Belknap received the news with the utmost astonishment, and replied that if the President should appoint him, he would accept the appointment. The subject was definitely settled upon at the Cabinet meeting yesterday, and to-day Gen. Sherman gave notice in the War Department that he had resigned the charge of the War Department as Secretary of War.

### A CHINESE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE.

One of the editors of the San Francisco Chronicle has attended a Chinese theatrical performance in that city. Speaking of the music he says: "Imagine yourself in a ballroom, and you will not be far from the truth. The music was performed by four hundred men putting in riffs, a mammoth tin snare next door on one side and a forty stamp quartz mill upon the other, with a drunken chorist party with six hundred instruments in front, four thousand engaged on the roof, and a faint idea will be conveyed of the performance of a first-class Chinese band of music."  
THE ROYALTY'S LOAN AGAIN.—The Washington special of the New Orleans Times, under date of the 15th, says that the agents of the Rothschilds will not visit Washington again. He says his proposition was made directly to the President, and deferred by request of the latter. He attributes the publicity given to the Rothschild loan, to the fact that the Rothschilds will not visit Washington again. He says his proposition was made directly to the President, and deferred by request of the latter. He attributes the publicity given to the Rothschild loan, to the fact that the Rothschilds will not visit Washington again. He says his proposition was made directly to the President, and deferred by request of the latter. He attributes the publicity given to the Rothschild loan, to the fact that the Rothschilds will not visit Washington again.

**THE GREAT AMERICAN DESERT.**—A California paper says that an old trapper, who crossed the western plains thirty-five years ago, says that there was no grass at all, but only a few sparse bushes and oaks. Now there is a thin soil formed over the sand and gravel, and grass covers the entire surface. It appears that this enriching process goes on faster and faster every year. This is why so many people have been astonished at not finding any "Great American Desert," and conclude that it was only a myth. The truth is that it did exist, but has passed away.

**THE LARGEST MANUFACTURING CITY.**—A Boston paper says that Fall River is the largest manufacturing town in the United States, its staples being more even those of Lowell or Lawrence. There are twenty-two mills within its limits, and the place can boast of 12,800 looms, and nearly 60,000 spindles. These give employment to 7500 hands, whose wages approximate a quarter of a million monthly, and whose lot approximates 120,000,000 yards of goods a year.

**COTTON PRESS AND GIN.**—A Georgia exchange says that Mr. T. D. Pennington, of Monroe county, is the inventor of a cotton press and gin which are likely to supersede the old-fashioned affairs. It is portable, and can be carried into the cotton field, where picking and ginning and packing can be carried on at the same time. Mr. Pennington is perfecting his invention so that it can be worked by hand power, and has one in course of construction for exhibition at the State Fair at Macon.

**CALIFORNIA.**—A San Francisco paper says that of the twenty members of the California Senate, fifteen are Democrats, three Republicans and two independent. The hold-over Senators stand twelve Democratic to eight Republicans, giving the Democrats twenty-seven Senators altogether, or a majority of fourteen. Of the eighty Assemblymen, sixty-six are Democrats, eleven Republicans and three independent, giving the Democrats a majority of fifty-two, and making their majority on joint ballot fifty-nine.

**MONKEY FIGHT.**—The New Orleans Times of the 16th, says that money was never lighter in this market, what was no extraordinary or violent disturbance of financial relations, than at present. It is rather an anomalous condition of affairs that, with large supplies of goods and a good crop of the staple—with high prices, and every prospect of a brisk trade—it should be so difficult to obtain loans.

**COTTON BLANKETS.**—The Sun says that cotton blankets are now manufactured in Columbus, Ga. They are said to be very warm and comfortable, with a good body, and nap on each side, handsomely bordered in colors. They are much cheaper than woolen blankets, and less porous, and will probably to a great extent take the place of the latter.

**CHEROKEE COUNTY.**—The Rusk Reporter of the 16th, says that the dwelling house of Col. R. F. Mitchell, at Alto, Cherokee county, together with the furniture, was destroyed by fire the Wednesday night before. It was the most capacious and best furnished house in that section of country. Origin of the fire was thought to be accidental.

**THE SAINTS OUT "SHOOK" UP.**—A few days since a violent earthquake shock was felt at Fillmore, Utah. The State House rocked and trembled for five seconds and general consternation prevailed throughout the city. The shock, which was the most severe which has been felt in the Territory since its settlement, lasted two minutes.

**TOP RAIL TURNING.**—A resolution has been introduced in the Tennessee House of Representatives setting apart a portion of a gallery for the use of the negroes. Hereafter the colored individuals have had full swing, seating themselves where they wished in both galleries. The resolution will no doubt pass.

**NORTHERN LABOR.**—The Picayune of the 15th, notes the arrival in that city, the day before, of one hundred and six heavy looking laborers, bound for the Tech, to work on the sugar plantations. They are to get fifty dollars per month. They were brought from Chicago to New Orleans at the reduced rate of \$18 50 per head.

**THE LIFE OUT.—**Grant's brother-in-law, declines through the press that he had anything to do with Fisk, Jr. in the gold speculation. Either Curbin or Fisk, Jr. lies prodigiously.

**ORCHARDIA TELEGRAPH.**—The following items are from the Orchardia Telegraph of the 10th:  
Lieut. Vance who killed young Shelton, in Franklin parish a few days ago, has been granted by Judge Crawford a charge of venue to the parish of Comodoro. We learn that the accused has never been in charge of his defense, and is a military prisoner guarded by his own men.  
Planters generally appear to be well pleased with the way their cotton is turning out. But little disposition is manifested to sell at present prices, planters here and there, in a city market, are willing to command a good price, in which we think they are correct.  
The River.—The Ouachita is lower now than at any time during the past four years, and has been closed at this point longer than at any time during the same period. It is expected that it will open without any difficulty. Boats are able, however, to get over Lookfont shoals and to come to Rutland's bar. We took four late river. The Mississippi is very low, with a prospect of an early rise as high up as Louisville. There can be no permanent navigation here until the Mississippi rises.

**WHAT IT COSTS TO SUPPORT GAMBLERS.**—An exchange estimates that the people of the United States pay one million of dollars a day to support card gamblers—professional players. To calculate the rate per year proceeds no comfort to the feeling. Can such an outlay be afforded? In New York city alone there are over two thousand professional gamblers. They live very extravagantly, and their personal wants, to say nothing of the business requirements of their establishments, cost not that amount at least six millions of dollars a year.

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Mr. Peeler, of the Engineer Department of the State is on a tour of observation and official business, concerning the works and interests of the Red River valley. He is well supplied with accurate maps and charts, from the originals of the office, and has come on an important task for examination of the river. We hope our merchants, riparian proprietors and our people will endeavor to assist with their experience, suggestion and total information. The trade of Red River is of such growing importance, that there should be the concurrent action of all interests to improve its navigation.

**A GOOD INVESTMENT.**—Geo. A. Pike, financial agent of the city of Shreveport, gives notice in another column that he is prepared to furnish the eight per cent bonds of the city of Shreveport, issued for the purpose of raising means for internal improvements. They are in sums of one thousand dollars each, and run for ten years, with twenty semi-annual coupons attached, payable the 1st of October and April each year. The securities offered by the city are ample for these bonds. See advertisement.

Messrs. Thurmond & Hicks have removed from their old office, on Millam street, to the new building on the levee, formerly occupied by McCutchen & Co., near the terminus of the railroad. They have ample room for the storage of all cotton and freight consigned to them.

**A NEW DRUG STORE.**—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. Bogel & Doring, wholesale and retail druggists, No. 21 Millam street, near the Postoffice. These gentlemen have had a long experience in the drug line in other parts of the State and thoroughly understand their business. Their stock comprises everything usually kept in an establishment of the kind, and one of the largest ever before offered in this city.

Messrs. Heffner & Gribble, No. 9 Millam street, invite the attention of our citizens to the new and select stock of dry goods and notions which they have just received, and are now opening. They were selected by one who understands his business, expressly for this market. See the advertisement in another column, and then go to the store and see if it tallies with their stock.

Messrs. Conway & Bucklew, dealers in hardware, have removed from their old stand on the Levee, to their new building, (built expressly for the purpose), on the corner of Texas street and the Levee, where they will be pleased to see their old friends and customers.

Messrs. Cumming, Morrison & Co., No. 16 Texas street, at the sign of the "leaves," are in receipt of their new fall and winter stock of dry goods, notions, &c. Their purchases this fall are from first hands, and comprise a larger assortment than ever before laid in by them. The ladies are particularly invited to call and examine the new styles.

Dr. Knapp, the New Orleans dentist, gives notice in another column that he will spend a few days with us professionally.

**DISTRICT COURT ADJOURNS.**—The following dispatch was received yesterday:  
NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 20, 1869.  
To J. J. O'Connell, Sheriff of Caddo parish.  
Adjourn Court to Monday, the first day of November, at 10 o'clock, in the evening.

Judge of the 10th Judicial District.  
We are requested by the Sheriff to state that he has adjourned Court until the first Monday in November, in accordance with the above dispatch, and that the jurors drawn for the October term will report at that time.

We return our sincere thanks to the life insurance brass band for a delightful serenade the other night. The band, though recently organized, discoursed most charmingly on their wind instruments. They play "we are a band of brothers" in a style and manner unsurpassed. The solo on the little drum by the acting leader, knocks the "filling" out of anything we ever heard. Chief's agent was looking after them yesterday, for the purpose of making a season's arrangement with them.

**Hogs.**—Hogs have got to be an object of legislation on the part of the Board of Trustees. Some time since an ordinance was passed not allowing them to run around loose. Shortly after this was repealed and they were allowed to stray wherever their stouls led them. At the last meeting of the Board the order went forth that the hogs must obey the first order and keep their holes. Also poor hogs! too much legislation is not good for their wholeness. At a meeting of the Board, held last evening, it was resolved that the ordinance be put forth with a copy of the order to be given to them, that they might be enabled to read it.

**THE SECRETARY'S CHIEF HOUR PARTIS.**—It is said that the Secretary of the Treasury is doing everything in his power to clear up the financial chaos in Louisiana. It is said that the Secretary of the Treasury Department, in forwarding out the money, has discovered frauds in the amount of \$1,000,000 in New Orleans. It seems that the Sandwich Island Bank is receiving calls from New Orleans, and that the duty imposed by the Government,

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**PHILIP ALLEN, Agent, Mansfield, Louisiana.**  
Mr. E. C. FOSTER is our duly authorized agent for Louisiana in that State.  
THOS. MONTGOMERY, New Orleans, is our only duly authorized agent to receive subscriptions and advertisements in that city.  
MR. J. C. LOYD, Minden, La., is duly authorized to receive for subscriptions in Smith county, Texas, and the counties surrounding.

**SHREVEPORT:**  
The alarm of fire Sunday evening was caused by the burning of a kitchen in the rear of Pole's gunsmith shop, on the corner of Market and Millam streets. The loss was trifling. The fire brigade was promptly on hand, though many of the members sported too much brass to look much like soldiers. Hook and ladder company pulled down the cabin and easily put out the fire with water from their buckets, when hot spirit exhaled on the debris and washed it out. The promptness of the firemen deserves credit.