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Plank Road to Clinton.

It has not a little surprised us that within about twenty days, \$30,000 has been raised for the purpose of connecting this place with the town of Clinton, by a Plank Road. We think this an evidence of the fact, that the progressive spirit of the age has found its way at length into the ancient town of Red Stick, such a thing could not have been done ten, or even five years ago. It delights us, to find that the *ancien régime* is giving way to the spirit of progress, and improvement. We hope now, that the place is inspired with life, that it will shake of its worn eaten antiquated form.

There is no place on the Mississippi River so well calculated to be the seat of a flourishing Metropolis as Baton Rouge; all we want is unity of action. If our people can be made to look at their interest as identified, and that anything to promote the interest of the town, will add to the wealth and advancement of every individual member of the community, then may, we expect to prosper. Two or three Plank Roads, sending out their arms into other sections of the State will secure to us an importance that cannot be lessened; and bring in to us, a trade that will give impetus to every branch of business.

We acknowledge the receipt of a polite invitation to a King Ball to be given at the Washington Hotel, on Thursday Evening, the 23rd instant. We hope that the kings will combine their authority with the Queens and the Balls (as they have now fairly commenced) will be kept in motion, during the winter season.

An order was received yesterday by Capt. Morgan, to arrest Michael Conner, a soldier discharged from the U. S. service a short time since under writ of *habeas corpus*, issued by the late Judge of the Sixth District Court. This is rather a high handed measure on the part of the Government, and we would like to know how a man can be arrested as a deserter, who holds a discharge from service, according to law.

NATCHITOCHEES AND THE NEW CONSTITUTION.—The Natchitoches Chronicle of the 4th instant, says:

"From what we can wether of public opinion in this Parish, we cannot believe that any serious opposition will be made to the adoption of the constitution. There will undoubtedly be some platoon firing—but none along the whole line. Those who doubt the policy of some particular articles, will trust to their amendment in the mode pointed out in the instrument, rather than adhere to the constitution of 1845, or be subjected to the heavy expense of calling another convention. The spirit of party is no where excited on the subject."

A Sunday or two ago, at a church in Cambridgeshire the following was actually given out by the officiating clergyman, to the amusement of a large portion of the congregation:—"The prayers of the congregation are for John Bull, who has long been in a sick and declining state."

At a recent missionary meeting in Nottingham, A Mr. Allen, of Sheffield, told a story of a woman in the latter town who lately astonished a neighbor with the intelligence that the devil was dead! The story did not meet with acceptance, and the skeptical woman therefore accompanied her friend to the shop in which she had seen the fact advertised. They at length reached a dyer's shop, in the window of which was a placard with the inscription, "Satin dyed here."—*English paper.*

Four brothers of Abd-el-Kader and five Arab families, in all twenty-five individuals, recently quitted the Chateau d'Amboise, where they had been detained, to return to their country. There are still forty prisoners, including the Emir himself, detained at the Chateau.

Week before last a convict in the Sing Sing N. Y. State prison rigged himself out in citizen's dress took a bundle of extra clothing and coolly walked past the guard at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. He was captured the succeeding night in the neighborhood of Kingsbridge by keeper Gaylord after a long and bloody conflict the keeper being compelled to resort to his knife with which he inflicted several severe wounds upon the convict in order to save his own life and retain possession of the prisoner. The same night three of the prison officers came across Mr. Lawrence a respectable citizen of Tarrytown near Bookman woods and mistaking him for the escaped convict the knocked him down with a gun and beat him very severely.

ATROCIOUS.—Some wretch attempted a wholesale murder on the Hudson River Railroad on the 6th inst., in the vicinity of Burnham's Hotel, near Bloomingdale. The person or persons embeled one end of an iron rail in the earth to the depth of two feet, with the upper end slanting off in a notherly direction, so that the evening express train from Albany, on reaching the point shortly after 10 o'clock, P. M., ran at full speed against it, staving in the front of the locomotive and completely disabling it. Fortunately and miraculously, however, no person was injured, and after a detention of about an hour, another locomotive was procured, when the passengers were conveyed to the city.

The Evening Mirror adds the following significant paragraph to the above recital:

We have a surmise as to the instigators of this atrocious act. A calamity on the road, to meet the late steamer disaster, is evidently determined on, and the only safeguard is to provide watchmen along the whole line of the road, stationed so that further attempts cannot fail to be detected.

Frogs observes a recent writer are excellent in fricassee or fried with crisped parsley. But they must be broed and fed with a view to the table or they may turn out no better than the snails on which Dr. Ferguson the historian and Dr. Black the chemist attempted to regale in imitation of the ancients. These learned Scotch Professors caused a quantity of common snails to be collected in the flesh and made into a kind of soup. They took their seats opposite each other and set to work in perfect good faith. A mouthful or two satisfied both that the experiment was a failure; but each was ashamed to give in first. At last Black stealing a look at his friend ventured to say, "Dinna ye think they're a lootle green?" "D—d green" emphatically responded Ferguson; "tak 'em awa tak' 'em awa!"

An undertaking of great interest to scientific persons is now being carried out within a few miles of London. A wealthy country clergyman named Craig, is constructing a new monster telescope on the achromatic principle, which will surpass the celebrated instrument constructed by Lord Ross in Ireland. Its total length will be eighty-five feet and its greatest circumference thirteen feet. The weight of the tube is three tons and the contrivances adopted to prevent vibration and to allow of its being rapidly turned to any required point are described as being singularly perfect and ingenious. It is understood that the observatory will be endowed by Mr. Craig so that it may be maintained in perpetuity for the advantage of astronomical science.

EDITORIAL LIFE.—The following remarks of Dr. Johnson, says the Journal of Commerce, gives an answer to many complaints of the present day:

I know no classes of the community from whom so much disinterested benevolence and thankless labour are expected, as from editors of newspapers. They are expected to feel for every one but themselves—to correct public abuses, and private ones also, without giving offence—to sustain the difficulties of others, without regard to their own—to condemn improper measures of every one, and not one at the same time. They are expected to note every thing that is important or extraordinary of men's opinions; their notices must be calculated to please every one, and at the same time offend no one.

IRON PAPER. At the Prussian Industrial Exhibition, Count Bernier, a large proprietor of iron-works, exhibited sheet-iron of such a degree of tenacity that the leaves can be used for paper. One of the finest sort, the machinery rolls, 7040 square feet, of what may be called leaf-iron, for a weight of metal. A book-binder of Breslau has made an album of nothing else, the pages of which turn as flexibly as the finest fabric of linen rags.

The War debts of the European nations amounted to \$100,000,000,000. It would require the labor of four millions of men at \$150 per annum to pay the interest of this sum at 4 per cent. To pay the principle it would be necessary to levy a tax of at least \$10 on every inhabitant on the globe.

Nothing is more easy than to grow rich. It is only to trust nobody befriending no one; to heap interest upon interest cent upon cent to destroy all the finer feelings of nature and be rendered mean miserable and despised for some twenty or thirty years and riches will come as sure as disease, disappointment and a miserable death.

The division of the estate of John Randolph of Roanoke in the county of Charlotte known as Middle Quarter on which was his mansion was sold on the 6th inst., at Charlotte Court House for something less than \$25,000. Mr Wood Bouldin of the city of Richmond was the purchaser.

The Government of Cuba have appropriated \$50,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the earthquake at Santiago de Cuba and have offered a free passage to all laborers and artisans who wish to go from Havana to Santiago.

A young and pretty girl, stepped into a store where a spruce young man who had long been enamored, but dare not speak, stood behind the counter selling drygoods.—In order to remain as long as possible she clempend every thing and as last said:

"I believe you think I am cheating you?"

"Oh, no," said the youngster, "to me you are always fair."

"Well," whispered the lady, blushing as she laid an emphasis on the word, "I would not stay so long bargaining if you were not so dear."

Mr. Greenough, the eminent sculptor, has purchased two lots on the hill at Newport, R. I. On one he intends to erect a residence for himself and family, and on the other he will build a studio.

In New York, on the 4th instant, land warrants were dull, 100 acres selling at \$150 to \$155; 80 acres at \$75 to \$77 50; 40 acres at \$37 50 to \$38 50.

THE MORMONS.—Elder Phelps is out in the New York papers in an elaborate defence of polygamy, which he acknowledges exists among the Mormons of Utah. He quotes scriptures to prove the custom sustained by revelation.

GIDDINGS FOR CONGRESS.—The free soilers of Ohio have nominated Giddings by accumulation in his new district of Ashitabula, Trumbull, and Mahoning.

It is estimated that upwards of 100,000 quarts of milk, pure and unadulterated, are consumed in New York daily, for which \$5,000 are paid. This would amount to \$1,825,000 a year.

If you make love to a widow who has a daughter twenty years younger than herself begin by declaring that you thought they were sisters.

The number of Chinese in California on the 1st August was estimated at 27,058, of whom only 22 were females.

No better portrait and biography of Genl. Winfield Scott, have we ever seen executed from a printing press, than is now for sale at our office.

GENERAL NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL AGENCY.

SUBSCRIPTIONS will be received by the undersigned for the following newspapers and magazines: New Orleans Daily & Weekly Crescent. Louisiana State Republican. Illustrated Family Friend. San Diego (California) Herald. Graham's Magazine. Godey's Knickerbocker. Meyer's Universum.

Specimen copies can be seen by calling on JNO. C. LAOUE, Agent.

Fresh Arrivals, 34 Barrels Fresh New Flour; 3 casks sugar cured Shoulders; 5 do. sugar cured Hams; 5 bbls Tar; 20 Kegs South Carolina Tar; 1000 lbs Fresh do Rice; Fresh Butter and Cheese and fresh herring, sept 21. For sale by J. PARRY & Co.

BATON ROUGE
FEMALE SEMINARY,
The school will give
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As it will be her aim to furnish to her pupils the same resources and advantage as the best Northern Schools, she will spare no pains or endeavors constantly to develop the moral attributes as well as cultivate the mental faculties of those placed under her care.

Ample arrangements will be made for the accommodation of Boarding Scholars, and the services of experienced and capable assistants are secured to teach the primary and more-advanced departments, and also that of music.

The course of education will comprise instruction in all the polite and erudite branches usually required.

Charges made known on application to, or by correspondence with the Principal.

Cape Girardeau Lime.
100 BARRELS just arrived and for sale low by JOSHUA BEAL.

For sale at a Bargain.
A GOOD Harness and Horse—apply to [1st Sep. 11.] W. S. PIKE.

Wrapping Paper.
300 REAM Each, Small, Medium and Large. Selling at New Orleans prices, by JOHN C. LAOUE, Harney House Row.

HAY, CORN, OATS and BRAN—All ways on hand and for sale by JOSHUA BEAL, opposite Harney House.

Received per Steamer Tascumbia from St. Louis.
50 BARRELS fresh St. Louis flour, for sale by S. M. HART & Co. Aug. 27th st.

This Day Received.
955 LBS. fresh May Butter; 300 lbs. Goshen butter; 400 lbs. Fresh Cheese, for sale cheap for cash.

J. PARRY & Co.

STEPHEN BASELISCO'S
OYSTER SALOON AND RESTAURANT.

Lafayette St., one door south of J. Fisher. A FRESH supply of OYSTERS by every Boat, will be received at this establishment, and they will be done up "browner" than anywhere else in town. The house will be kept neat and orderly and no pains will be spared to please customers. sep19.

Just Received.
25 BOXES Cincinnati Soap; 1500 lbs. Sugar cured hams; 25 dozen brooms; 50 Barrels Flour; 20 half barrels Deans Whiskey; 25 Kegs prime Lard; 20 boxes 8 Lump Tobacco; 100 barrels Cape Girardeau Lime.

JOSHUA BEAL, sept 18-y. opposite Harney House.

FROM Cincinnati—per Steamer Yuba—50 barrels Flour; 10 Tierces S. & S. Hams. For sale by S. M. HART & Co.

NOTICE.
MR. R. D. WILSON, will re-open his School for boys—on Monday, the 20th instant. sept 16-st.

Just Received.
AN additional supply of fresh "Cape" Lime—a fine article for making sugar. For sale by [sept 15] S. M. HART & Co.

For Rent.
SEVERAL fine Stores—very favorably situated. Also, several fine rooms pleasantly located, suitable for offices or for sleeping apartments for single gentlemen. apply to [sept 15-y] S. M. HART & Co.

MAD'ELLE ADELE BONNEVARD,
WILL give instruction on the Piano for a short time in the city of Baton Rouge.

Mademoiselle B. has the most flattering testimonials of the high appreciation of her talents from her native country. For particulars as to terms, &c., apply at the office of the Harney House. Aug. 19 th.

TO SUGAR PLANTERS.
I HAVE just received, and will continue to keep, a good supply of very fine Sugar House and water cistern cement.

JOSHUA BEAL, aug 29-y. Opposite Harney House.

Spectacles and Glasses.
JUST received a superior article of Concave and Convex Prisms and colored Spectacles and Crystals to suit every age. July 18-y. THEODORE GOLDMANN, Lafayette Street, one door below Laurel.

JUST LANDED per Steamer Midas from Cincinnati—

12 tierces S. C. Hams; 50 boxes No. 1, Soap; 50 bbls Ohio Flour; 20 doz. Brooms; 5 bbls Inferior Lard; 25 bbls M. O. Pork. For sale low—for the times.

S. M. HART & Co. sept. 2, y.

GLASS Lamp Shades, Chimneys and Wicks, for sale by HALL & PIPER, may 13. ly.

20 GALLONS of Sewell Taylors best Sazarc Brandy, just received and sale by J. PARRY & Co.

Notice.
THERE are a few of the stockholders of the Grosse Tête and Baton Rouge Plank Road Company who have not yet come forward and signed their stock notes and taken their certificates.

They will please call at the office of S. M. Hart and Company, where they will find their notes already filled up, nothing to do but sign their names.

Please bring along an endorser as the Charter requires all notes to be endorsed.

S. M. HART. 1. w.