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In this remarkable country nothing is to be wondered at. We have boys in the present Campaign mounting the stump to tell old grey headed men what they ought to do about the Presidency; and we have excellent campaign papers to inflate them with vanity, by puffing them into the belief that they are really great men.—Precocious Youths! They came into the world endowed with wonderful intelligence and brass, that is only outdone by the mawkishness of the Campaign papers that puff them.

Honorary Titles

WILL SOMEBODY TELL US—Why it happens, that when some truly great man is dubbed with an honorary degree, by some college or other, no one seems ever to think of calling him by such honorary titles?—Who ever heard of Andrew Jackson, J. C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, Lewis Cass, or Danl. Webster, being called "Doctor?" Dr. Clay, Dr. Jackson, Dr. Calhoun. Bah!

The foregoing difficult question has been handed us for solution, we suppose on account of the Comet's unusual sagacity and acumen. We feel highly flattered by the compliment and as we lack the fear to undertake anything—will endeavor to solve the problem.

We must not walk into the subject without prefacing it. It would mortify us exceedingly if all honorary societies were to give up their charters on account of what we are about to say with regard to them. And we would not have their professors "get mad," or their real bona fide members get offended at what we are about to say, for it's our opinion only, and we care not a pin's fee if any body else, ever adopts it or not. There is a very noted filibuster who

alleges, or under the cool shade of the St. Louis, who has all the honary titles to bear under his uniform. He has F. R. S. from the "Pine Grove Institute," A. M. from the "Bloomfield Alumini," A. S. from the Pompeii Academy of Arts, and innumerable stars and medals of the garter from minor saxon fabrics; and yet he discards them all for the euphonious title of General Geo. Washington Dixon. General Dixon is par excellence, a great man, and an illustration of the point in question. Who would be fool enough to give the title of General, Colonel Major, Captain, or down to the lowest dub, by which a whistling fifer is known, for a simple Dr. F. R. S. or A. M.? Why a plated brass uniform, and a tin sword, without anybody to fit them is worth all the titles that can be conferred, from Cambridge University down to the Louisiana Institute. Such being the fact, what absurdity it would be to give up a title that a man may march into office with, for the worn out degrees of Honorary societies?

Another thing is that anybody can get an honorary degree, who has sense enough to go up and hold his head down until the blue ribbon is placed on his neck by the professor. Why (with all difference and respect be it said) we can start from this tremendous place to-morrow morning and travel, at the locomotive speed, and get back again to our office on Third street in two weeks, with every degree that is to be had in the model republic; and the cost thereof shall not be more than a dollar and six bits a piece. In Weathersfield Connecticut, the medal making business is found to be a profitable business. One establishment there has turned out for the fiscal year ending in June last, Eleven thousand medals, of various kinds including leather and others down. We hope our friend will be satisfied with this solution of the problem, if not we will give the statistics of the medal business for the past twelve years.

CURE FOR A MISCHIEVOUS MONKEY.

The late Duke of Richmond had some capital hunters in Sussex. A monkey, that was kept in the stables, was remarkably fond of riding the horses; skipping from one to the other, and teasing the poor animals incessantly. The groom made a complaint to the duke, who immediately formed a plan to remedy the evil. "If he is so fond of riding," said his grace, "we'll endeavor to give him enough of it." A complete jockey dress was provided for the monkey; and the next time the hounds went out, Jacko, in his uniform, was strapped to the back of one of the best hunters. The view halloo being given, away they went, through thick and thin; the horse carrying so light a weight, presently left all the company behind. Some of them passing a farm-house, inquired of a man whether he had seen the fox. "Aye, zure," said the man, "he be gone over yon fallow." "And was there any one up with him?" "Who yes," said John, "there be a little man in a yellow jacket, riding as though the devil be in 'em. I hope from my heart the young gentleman mayn't meet with a fall, but he rides monstrous hard."

MEXICAN DEBT.—The accounts by the Pacific from London, states that Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co. received per Medway \$72,968 35 from Vera Cruz and Tampico, besides bills of lading for \$54,068 25, shipped to them from ports in the Pacific, which the previous arrivals, make up \$715,261 55 in specie and bills of lading, on account of the \$800,000 which they advanced for the payment of the Mexican dividend due 1st January last.

Another misunderstanding has occurred with England—the British ship of war Modeste having been fired into by the shore batteries while attempting, under stress of weather, to run through the Dardanelles. The British brig Polly, of Newcastle, was fired into under similar circumstances and her sails and rigging cut to pieces. Explanation has been demanded.

A ridiculous and very reprehensible hoax was started yesterday afternoon, and which spread rapidly through the city, that the steamer Gipsy, one of the coast packets, had blown up, killing a large number of her passengers. If the scamp who first originated the hoax will only make himself known, we think we can safely guarantee him an outfit of tar and feathers, and a conveyance out of town on a rail at the public expence.—True Delta.

A law in Massachusetts, which enables a parent to take from the care of its natural protectors when its parents fail in their duty. The city authorities of Boston are taking the most vigorous and effective measures to enforce the statute.

The census of Iowa taken by the State is now nearly completed. It shows a population of over 350,000 an increase of 50,000 since 1850.

A minister at a camp meeting said "if the lady with the blue hat, red hair and cross eyes, don't stop talking, she will be pointed out to the congregation."

One unquiet, perverse disposition, distempers the peace and unity of a whole family, in society, as one jarring instrument will spoil a whole concert.

That state of life is most happy wherein superfluities are not required, and necessities are not wanting.

Nearly all the omnibus lines in Philadelphia have reduced the fare for three cents, and their receipts are said to be greater than ever.

"Poodle, what does that chap in the street keep yelling fresh 'macker-el for?" Poodle contemplated the subject for a moment and replied, "Doubtless for some *self fish* motive."

RULE FOR WEARING RINGS.—For the benefit of the "craft," as the bachelors say, we copy the following rule for wearing rings, for the especial benefit of those ladies who are desirous of wringing into the affections of young gallants:

"When a lady is not engaged she wears a ring on her first finger; if engaged, on the second, if married, on her third; and if she intends to remain unmarried, she wears the ring on her fourth finger. This is the rule laid down in the latest work upon female proprieties that we have seen, and it appears to be generally recognized among the sex as one that should be scrupulously observed. There are some young ladies, however, who appear to take delight in wearing one upon the first and second finger, thus leaving the admiring spectator in some perplexity how to classify them.

Madame Poitevin, the indefatigable, has descended from her husband's balloon, in a parachute.

A MATRIMONIAL HINT.—We remember

somewhere to have read a story of a youth, who, hesitating in his choice between two young ladies, by both of whom he was beloved, was brought to the decision by means of a rose. It happened one day, as all the three were wandering in a garden, that one of the girls, in attempting to pluck a new blown rose, wounded her finger with a thorn, it bled freely, and applying the petals of a white rose to the wound, she said, smiling, "I am a second Venus; I have dyed the white rose red." At that moment they heard a scream, and fearing the other lady who loitered behind had met with an accident, hastened back to assist her. The fair one's scream had been called forth by no worse an accident than had befallen her companion. She had angrily thrown away the offending flower, and made so pertinacious and fretful lamentations over her wounded finger, that the youth, after a little reflection, resolved on a speedy union with the least handsome, but the more amiable, of the two young friends. Happy would it be for many a kind hearted woman did she know by what seeming trifles the affection of those whom she loves may be confirmed or alienated forever.—Ex. Paper.

Among the cadets recently graduated at West Point who have received their brevet appointment in the army, is Jerome Napoleon Bonapart, a young gentleman of Baltimore, and journals are remarking upon it as singular, that a Bonaparte should be in the army as a citizen. But his birth and connections are all American, although his grandfather, King Jerome, is now President of the French Senate, and uncle to the French President. His grandmother was the daughter of the well known Baltimore merchant, William Patterson. Her marriage with Prince Jerome was annulled by the First Consul, after the birth of her son, who has ever since lived with his mother's connections, and married a lady of large fortune in Baltimore. He has no foreign association or feelings, and is as much an American as though he had not a King for a father and sundry Princes and Presidents and Emperors as posse for his cousins. The son is a native Marylander, by descent from both parents, and we do not doubt feels more pride in deriving his origin from the Baltimore merchant on one side, than from the French ex-king, whose follies gained him, from his brother, the Emperor, the title of the scapegrace of his family.

IMPROVEMENT OF RED RIVER.—Dr. Flournoy, one of the commissioners for the work of improving the navigation of Red River at the falls of Alexandria, informs the editor of the Caddo Gazette that the commissioners held a meeting at Natchitoches recently, at which it was resolved to engage the services of Mr. Smith, of Alexandria, as engineer. The commissioners all agreed that an excavation was the means by which the object would be most fully and efficiently accomplished.

Home Tooker; the House of Commons.—He told me that he had a very different view of the House now he had been in it from that which he had taken from without. I thought indeed (said he) and I think so still that those who govern this country are rogues; but I had no notion that the business was done so ably or that the members of the commons House of Parliament were so superior in talent as I have found them." He would himself have shone in that character more had he been chosen earlier.—Ex.

Telegraphic despatches can now be sent from Paris to Vienna, via the Stratsburg railway, in about an hour.

Steam Engines. THE proprietors of the Baton-Rouge Foundry are preparing to construct two steam engines; one of a ten-inch cylinder and the other of a twelve inch cylinder.

These Engines may be applied either to Saw Mills or Sugar Mills. The necessary machinery for either will be furnished on application at the Foundry.

Planters and others who desire to give a preference to home manufactures are invited to call. Oct. 8. y. HILL & HENDERSON.

Fire Bricks. 10,000 Fire Bricks, apply at Baton Rouge Foundry. HILL & HENDERSON. Oct 6-y.

Old Copper, Brass and Iron. BOUGHT at Baton Rouge Foundry. HILL & HENDERSON. Oct 6-y.

Fresh Corn Meal.

ALWAYS on hand at Oct 6-y. BATON ROUGE FOUNDRY.

Coal, Several best qualities, at Foundry. Oct 6-y. HILL & HENDERSON.

2,000 JUST Received from Cincinnati—One Hundred Barrels Flour. For sale by Oct 5-y. S. M. HART & Co.

Fabers Magnette Gauge. THIS invention, combining simplicity and elegance, for indicating the height of water in STEAM BOILERS, is all that can be desired for the purpose. Planters and others—proprietors of Steam Engines, are invited to call at the Baton Rouge Foundry and judge for themselves. For sale by Oct 2-y. HILL & HENDERSON.

Cod Liver Oil. NOW the remedy for Consumption. For sale by H. T. WADDILL.

EAGLE HOTEL. Convention Street—Baton Rouge, La. THIS establishment has undergone thorough renovating, and is now prepared to accommodate Boarders in the very best manner. M. C. POWERS, Proprietor. sept. 30-11.

Valuable Property for Sale. FIFTEEN LOTS in Beauregard Town, pleasantly located for private residences. For sale cheap by sept 30-y. S. M. HART & Co.

SPALDING & ROGERS' CIRCUSES And Great European and American AMPHITHEATRE, Will be exhibited in this City, on board the FLOATING PALACE, ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 11th and 12th of October.

With an overwhelming Troupe of Native and Foreign performers selected from Circuses of Paris, London, Vienna, New York, Philadelphia and Boston. FROM EUROPE—Mons. Buoit, Madame Young Aymar, Le Jeune Bourthe, Mons. Le Vater Lee, Mad. Le Vater Lee, Lee Pantomime Troupe, M'ile. Rosalithus, Master Jean and Estaphie. FROM AMERICA—Miss Rosaline Stickey, John Gossin, E. L. Perry, C. Crosby, John Smith, Bill Lake, H. P. Madigan, D. W. Stone, Madames Lake and Perry.

This Levitane of the deep surpasses all Theatres in the country, in elegance, spaciousness and appointments, with 1,000 CANE ARM CHAIRS, 500 CUSHIONED, AND 900 GALLEY SEATS, and an elaboration of luxury in all its appointments, abolishing the bodily torture inseparable from Circus canvases; limbs cramped by crowds and hard narrow seats, bruises from joggng knees and elbows, sunstroke from intolerable heat and ill ventilation, or exposure to drenching rains and cutting winds. The approach of the CIRCUS FLEET will be announced by cannon and the stirring peals of the chime of TWENTY BELLS.

The orchestra consists of a HUGE CATHEDRAL ORGAN OF GREAT POWER, combining the effects of a Brass, String and Band, under the artistic efforts of the celebrated organist HERR CARL FURHMANN. Sixty gas jets and gas sconces with banners and pendants from the lofty ceiling, and ornamental galleries inside, and DRUMMOND, BENGAL, ELECTRIC AND LOCOMOTIVE LIGHTS OUTSIDE—all of gas, manufactured by a miniature gas works on board, renders the whole affair not only indescribably brilliant, but as accessible at night as in the day time.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.—The unparalleled outlay required to complete this grand Circus Flotilla, and the exorbitant salaries exacted by the FOREIGN STARS—have rendered the following scale of prices indispensable to sustain the enterprise. Dress Circle, (all arms chairs and numbered) \$1 00. Family Circle, (all cushioned) 50 cents. Gallery 25 cents.—Children and servants half price to Dress Circle and Boxes.

The arm chairs may be secured at the ticket office on board. sept 29-15th.

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.

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Sand Sarsaparilla. KNOWN to possess all the medicinal properties of the Honduras Sarsaparilla and recommended as good for all diseases of the blood. For sale by aug 18-y H. T. WADDILL.

SUNDRIES—20 dozen Shaker Brooms; 20 lbs wrapping twine; 20 lbs Lamp Wick; 2 dozen camphine lamp weeks; 2 dozen camphine lamp globes; 2 dozen lamp shades assorted; 1 dozen table brushes, 6 sets table mats; hair, cloths dusting and scrubbing brushes, feathers, dusters. July 26-y. J. PARRY & CO.