

The Daily Comet.

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Gov. Walker has appointed Thursday the 25th of November as a day of thanksgiving throughout the State.

The Legislature of South Carolina will vote for the President on the 1st proximo.

MISS JULIA DEAN.—This highly gifted tragic actress, has an engagement at the St. Charles Theatre New Orleans, which will commence on the 6th proximo.

We notice the return of our enterprising citizen Robert Beal Esqr.

When we get perfectly fixed in our new house, we design improving the physical appearance of the Comet.

The Spectator says, "When Socrates was asked whether it was better for a man to marry or to live single, he replied, 'Let him do either, and he will repent it.'" Every newspaper that cuts out this scrap to fill up a column, attributes the saying to some different author. The thing originated, as we think in the Comet office about six months ago, and we said that Dionycius of Hellicannus, said so. Since that time other papers, to make what is called editorial out of it, have attributed it to Zeno, and Jeremy Bentham, Sappho, and Maj. Baggstocks and Cato, and Plato, and Crispus the Younger, and Pliny the Elder; and now the Spectator sets it down to the credit of Socrates. This is ungenerous.—Socrates is charged with saying many more things that he never heard of, than any of the ancients, and we hope the Spectator will take back the credit.

THE SOUTHERN LADIES' BOOK.—The first number of this literary magazine is before us. The work contains 65 pages of original matter written expressly for it.—We felt satisfied that it will meet the patronage which the enterprising publishers so richly deserve, and prove in its career the long doubted question about the encouragement of home literature. It is well known that Northern periodicals mainly draw their support from Southern patronage and we cannot see why a small mite cannot be drawn back to foster a work which can be made equal, if not superior to any.

A NOVEL BUSINESS.—A gentleman has located at No. 36 Exchange place, New Orleans, who proposes to write letters for poor persons, for a living. This is a very great desideratum in large cities and even small towns, of the size of the Capital of the State. Would that we could induce some honest person to locate in this neighborhood. It would save us from having to push aside our own editorial foolscap, now and then, to pour out the overflowing senseabilities of some love bewildered swain. We think too that we would send some of our customers wanting advertisements written, who think that we know better what they want, than they do.

THE FATAL DUEL IN KENTUCKY.—We have already mentioned a fatal duel fought in Kentucky last week, between Ben. Johnson, son of Mr. Henry Johnson, of Lexington, and Mr. White, son of Col. T. White of Woolford. The parties fought with double-barrelled shot guns; distance 40 paces. At the first fire White fell.—White was the challenging party. Thos. Hawkins and John Brown were the seconds. A slight misunderstanding had existed between the parties since last spring. Johnson had made a remark lately disparaging to White's character. This came to White's knowledge, who asked Johnson by letter whether he had made the remark attributed to him. Johnson not only acknowledged it, but added that he believed it.

The Steamer Crescent City.

New York Oct. 19.—The steamer Crescent City has arrived here from New Orleans via Havana. She was permitted to enter the port of Havana without molestation but all communication with the shore was prohibited.—The American Consul came alongside but not being allowed to go on board he remained in his boat until Capt. Porter prepared and handed him a protest against the proceedings of the Cuban authorities with regard to his ship. Efforts were made on the part of the Cuban official to compromise the matter with Capt. Porter but the latter refused to listen to any overtures except through the American Consul or to consult with any but him. Communication still being refused Capt. Porter put to sea hoisting the American flag as he passed the Moro and firing a gun at the same time.

Antiquity of the Odd Fellows.—The origin of the order of Odd Fellows is of ancient date. It was established by the Roman soldiers in camp after the order of the Israelites during the reign of Nero the Roman Emperor who commenced his reign A. D. 55 at which time they were called Fellow-Citizens. The name of Odd Fellows was given to this order of men A. D. 79 by Titus Cæsar Emperor of Rome from their singularity of notions from their knowing each other by night as well as by day and for their fidelity to him and their country. In the 12th century it was established in France and afterward in England by John'd Neville.

A Handsome Contribution.—Madam Eliza Biscaccianti the popular American vocalist who is now giving a series of concerts in California has recently forwarded to Washington City the sum of five hundred and three dollars the net proceeds of one of her musical entertainments in that far-off State as a donation towards the erection of the Washington National Monument.

THE SEARCH AFTER SIR JOHN FRANKLIN.—From a private letter to a gentleman in Savannah we infer that Sir Edward Belcher, who has the command of the expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, is the best officer in the British navy for such an exploration. He is pretty well known as a dare-devil, and those who know him best think he will either succeed or perish in the attempt. The known opinion of Sir Edward is, that if Sir John Franklin got through Lancaster Sound, he might subsist for years.

A few years since Sir Edward Belcher carried a British frigate which he commanded into the harbor of San Francis by night. The water shoaled by the lead constantly, and his officers began to break out into all kinds of exclamations about getting ashore particularly when it was found that there were but a few feet between the keel of the frigate and the hard bottom. When the excitement was at the highest pitch, Sir Edward, who had replied to all these demonstrations by the single word "steady" to the helmsman, said, "the next throw of the lead you will get a fathom more, and so on, till we shall cast anchor in—fathoms." And so it turned out. He had, some years previously, surveyed the entrance most carefully, and knew every foot of ground.—Savannah Republican.

A NEW MAP.—G. W. R. Bayley, Esq., formerly assistant Engineer of this State, and at present Assistant Engineer of the New Orleans Opelousas and Great Western Railroad, has in the hands of the engravers, a new and complete Map of the State of Louisiana, which will be ready for sale in a few weeks. The map will contain all the new parishes, township lines, etc., from actual survey. It will prove a complete and accurate chart of all the lands, bayous, lakes, bays and streams; together with all the proposed railroad routes, postoffices, etc., in this State. Two editions will be issued, a pocket and a roll map. Mr Bayley, who has spared neither cost or labor upon this work, should be favorably noticed by the city and country press.

The recent matrimonial negotiations of Louis Napoleon are understood to have wholly failed, and it seems doubtful if there is any other daughter of a Royal House whose hand can be demanded with any better chance of success. It is believed in political circles in Paris that the Princess Vassa, to whose hand he aspired, is destined by the Emperor of Russia for Prince Adalbert of Bavaria, brother of the king Greece.

A MODEL BETTER.—"Now, Nat," says Dick, "how do you bet on de 'lection?" "Well Dick," replied Nat, "I go in for general result." Nigger, you ain't so smart nor I thought you was. How do you know General Result gwine to be 'lected? I bets safe to win, I go on the fastest hoss.

The Wheeling Times advises millers to ship no flour by New Orleans to Boston. It will reach its destination quicker and better to hold it over for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Madame Sontag is the mother of eighty children and one of them a married lady.

A Young Lady, out west, was so modest, that in describing the instrument used to force water to ascend, she called it a Hydraulic male sheep.

It is a singular fact, that the Duke of Wellington never visited Scotland. He is said to have entertained a superstition that a visit to that country would be fatal to him.

Hon. Wm. Appleton has given \$1,000 to the city of Boston to purchase books for the public library.

The Governor of South Carolina, has convoked the legislature of that state, for the 1st of November, to vote for President.

Rogers the poet, is ninety-four years of age, and still vigorous.

BAKED.—A barrister observed to a learned brother in a court that the wearing of whiskers was unprofessional. "Right," responded his friend "a lawyer cannot be top bare-faced."

The Secretary of the Treasurer has received an anonymous letter containing \$100, with the request to place it in the United States Treasury.

A resurrectionist was shot dead at Cincinnati on Thursday night the 7th inst., by Mr. Sewin, sexton of the city burial ground.

ONE OF THE FAMILIES THAT DON'T TAKE THE NEWSPAPER.—"Dad, who is Sam Francisco, that is gettin' all the gold out there in Californy—he must be the richest man in all the diggins."

"Well, Johnny, I rather think he is some sorter relation to San Jacinto, who was killed in the battle of Texas, by General Sam Houston."

The English papers say that the will of Neild, the miser, who left all his property to Queen Victoria, will be contested by the heirs, on the ground that he was insane when he did it. The papers also mention that Victoria had determined upon building a new castle for herself out of the money so bequeathed to her. The castle would cost about £100,000.

THE HILLOTYPY.—Professor Morse, the inventor of the Magnetic Telegraph, publishes a long letter, in the National Intelligencer, sustaining Mr. Hill's claim of having discovered the mode of fixing the colors in daguerreotypes.

RICH.—At a late festival, a pretty miss waited upon an editor with a pieplate of antique manufacture, in the centre of which he espied the following interesting couplet: "One sweet kiss Is the price of this."

This excited his naturally amorous disposition, and as soon as opportunity presented, he motioned the young lady to his side and pointing with the knife to the lines said: "Your pay is ready, whenever you present your bill!"

Naval.—It is said that the United States steamer Mississippi instead of going to Havana has been ordered round to Annapolis to join the Princeton and the expedition thence will proceed to Japan with the Alleghany. The line of battle ship Vermont will join them in the Spring.

The Milwaukee News says that Leahy the monk now confined in jail on a charge of murder is to all appearance a confirmed lunatic.

Butler King collector of the port of San Francisco has been removed from office Serious charges are alleged against him.

Eight hundred and fifty foreigners have been naturalized in Hamilton Ohio since the 9th of September.

JIM'S DEFINITIONS.—Rebus, to kiss one again; Omnibus, to kiss them all; Blunderbus, to kiss another man's wife; Syl[y] bus, one lady kissing another.

Old Bull has bought 120,000 acres of land in Western Pennsylvania colonized several hundred of his countrymen upon it taken the oath of the naturalization laws and declared himself a democrat.

New Advertisements.

Carriages, Harness, &c. JUST received from the best northern manufacturers, a large assortment of CARRIAGES and HARNESS, which, with a number of my own manufacture, comprises a variety worthy the attention of purchasers, who are invited to examine before purchasing elsewhere. oct 19-y. W. F. TUNNARD.

JUST received per ship Pelican State, a full assortment of plantation Waggon and Cart Harness. W. F. TUNNARD.

Lightning Rods. A NEW supply—just received of the latest improvements—put up in the best manner, by W. F. TUNNARD.

ALSO ON HAND FOR SALE—Force Pumps, India Rubber Hose for pumps, Chain Pumps with the tubes complete. oct. 19-y. W. F. TUNNARD.

Extra Whiskey. 34 WHOLE and half barrels of Oliver's Extra Whiskey—just received per steamer Mattie Wayne, and for sale by oct 19-y. JOSHUA BEAL.

Going West! PAY UP! PAY UP!!—As I am desirous of starting west by the 10th of the coming month, I would respectfully solicit of those who are indebted to me, to come forward and make payment prior to said day. [oct 12-y.] JOSHUA BEAL.

BRAN! BRAN!! 100 Bags Bran, just received from Saint Louis per. Saranac No 2, [oct 15th. JOSHUA BEAL.

Ear and Sack Corn. A LOT of ear and sack Corn on hand and for sale at the Feed Store of oct 19-y. JOSHUA BEAL.

CHEESE—700 lbs. fresh New England cheese. For sale by oct 7-y. J. BARRY & Co.

PINE LUMBER WANTED. A FEW pieces yellow pine, free from knots and sap; 50 feet long 8x10, wanted immediately. Parties desiring to contract, will please call at the Baton Rouge Foundry. oct 15-y. HILL & HENDERSON.

JUST received—per Saranac, from St. Louis—100 bbls. Flour; extra and Fancy; 50 bbls. Pork, M. and M. O. Also—Bacon, Hams and Shoulders, Lard, Soap, Candles, Starch, Tobacco, &c., &c. oct 15-y. S. M. HART & Co.

Sugar House Lamps. FOR sale at Baton Rouge Foundry. oct 14-y. HILL & HENDERSON.

Lime for Sugar Making. CAN be had of JOSHUA BEAL, oct 14-y. opposite Harney House.

HAY—A fine lot on hand, and for sale by oct 14-y. JOSHUA BEAL.

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, oct 14-y. Opposite Harney House.

\$50 Reward. STOLEN from the subscriber, living on Bayou Foulche, Point Coupée Parish; TWO HORSES—one a large chestnut, some 7 or 8 years old, legs lighter than his body, with iron gray tail and mane; with a round or roman nose, walks, trots and paces. The other a small dark bay, black legs, tail and mane, branded on the shoulder with the letter B, 7 or 8 years old. I will pay the above reward for the horses delivered at any point on the Mississippi River, so that I can get them. Address, oct 12-1w. JOHN T. MOORE, Morganza, Point Coupée Parish, La.

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. 30-1f.

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

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.

2,000 LBS., clear sides just opened and for sale by J. PARRY & Co.

Copying Ink. 2 DOZ ARNOLD'S fine Copying Ink, Just received and for sale by J. C. LANOUE. Post Office may 14 6m