

The Daily Comet.

Official Journal of this City and of the Parish of West Baton Rouge.

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"THE DAILY COMET" is published every day (Mondays excepted) at the low rate of five dollars per annum, and will be punctually delivered every morning within the City, by the carrier.

BATON ROUGE, NOV. 4, 1852.

We had in our hand this morning a petition to the Town Council recommending an appropriation for an Artesian Well; of which we shall take occasion to speak at more leisure. A very interesting communication on the subject may be found in today's paper.

"Smike's" reason for changing his politics are decidedly the best out." He says he "use to be a Democrat but he finds out the Whigs all wear cloth coats, and are more liberal with their dimes after a brushing."

Gov. Bigler of Pennsylvania has issued his proclamation, designating the 27th inst., for Thanksgiving. The same has been appointed by every Governor who has thus far issued his proclamation.

Election Returns of this Parish.

The following is the official returns of the election in this parish:

	B. Rouge.	Manche.	Plains.	S. Creek.
PIERCE. (Dem.)	267	53	56	109
SCOTT. (Whig.)	347	45	64	28
'Constitution accepted.'	364	42	79	124
'Constitution rejected.'	269	56	31	20

We publish below such election returns as have come to us by Telegraph.—We cannot vouch for the correctness of any of them except our own, and the city of New Orleans. It pleases us to see that notwithstanding the effort made against the New Constitution, that a majority of Seventeen Hundred votes were cast in favor of it.

Maine, large majority for Pierce.
Connecticut 2500 majority for Pierce.
Massachusetts 5,000 plurality for Scott.
New Hampshire 15,000 for Pierce.
Louisville 73 for Pierce.
New York, 12,000 for Pierce.
Penn., Philadelphia Co. & City 1,000 for Pierce.
Baltimore 4800 for Pierce.
Maryland for Pierce.
New Orleans 158 for Pierce.
Ascension 64 for Pierce.
Iberville 100 for Pierce.
W. B. Rouge 102 for Scott.
East Feliciana 7 for Pierce.
West Feliciana 100 for Pierce.
Point Coupee 140 for Pierce.
Constitution adopted 1700 in N. Orleans.
Hamilton Co (Ohio) 7000 for Pierce.
Sandusky 1600 for Pierce.

Signs of the Times.

Certainly there are growing evidences of degeneracy in the public mind. Each Presidential election is more disgraceful than the last. There is more bulldog rowdyism, purjury, and drunkenness at the poles each succeeding election, than the last, until it has become necessary that a man shall arm himself to protect his life where he goes to deposit his vote as a peaceful citizen of the republic. Accounts come to us from every direction of disgraceful proceedings within the presence of the very Judges themselves. Drunken and belittled dogs are pushed up to vote, as they come reeling from the fumes of the doggery; and honest men—good patriots support them whilst they take an oath blasphemous to Heaven. Such a condition speaks little for the stability of Republican Institutions, and if there be any honesty in the community it should set its face against these things before the hour is too late. No drunken man should be permitted to vote, and some method be resorted to, to keep better away from the poles, with the baneful influence they carry with them.—What are the clubs for? The patriotic clubs, with patriotic leaders, and patriotic songs, the barrel organs of Whiggery and Locofocism? It is to foster and encourage these things under the guise of disinterested love for the union? Through off the mask and behold what they are made of! a mere mockery, with a thin covering to hide its deformity.

THE BATON COMET.—A little paper, glorying in this erratic title, is published in Baton Rouge, and appears to be doing a fair business in abusing the True Delta.—We have no objections to the little fellow's doing this if he finds it profitable; but we do most positively protest against his doing so in execrable orthography, and villainous bad grammar. Don't do this, little man.

It grieves us to think that our friends of the True Delta (against whom we have never wittingly sinned) will rap us over the head in the above fashion. It is to say the least of it, a very generous mode of attack. It is unpardonable in the Comet to commit errors, the blame of which should all rest on the shoulders of its editor. It is a very light task to get up matter for a daily paper in the country, there is such a variety of local incident to cull from; then we have so many experienced compositors, proof-readers, and reporters; why we should never fail to get out an interesting sheet unblemished with error in orthography or tautology. It is but due the True Delta and the public generally to let the world know the standard books upon which the Comet builds its language. We have discarded both Johnson and Walker from our office, because they never agree, and are consequently both wrong. Dillworth is our authority for orthography—our grammar is out own manufacture. We have made it of very flexible materials, and generally stretch its rules, to suit our own ideas, when its rules oppose us in solid phalanx, we throw it under the table. When we desire a very forcible, and new expression of abuse, we turn at once to a file of the True Delta which lays as tamely by our side as a dead lion. In any column of that excellent paper we can find coined expressions of honorable indignation as strong as though they had been forged by Vulcan himself, at the instigation of Pluto.

The fault of being small is a great fault in the Comet, and the only one of which we feel ashamed. We had much rather be small and light—frivolous, and foolish and skip about over the tops of houses and things, and be blown away after a moments existence into air—thin air, than to be large and heavy, and disgorge the Mississippi or the Amazon. The smallness of the Comet is not its own fault. We do not aspire to be larger.

BATON ROUGE, Nov. 3rd, 1852.

To the Editor of the

Baton Rouge Comet.

Dear Sir:—As the subject of Artesian Wells is now occupying much of the attention of the public, I beg to enclose you a statement showing the depth, and different strata encountered in sinking one on the property of Joel E. Matthews, Esq., in the town of Cahawba, Ala. This well is intended to supply water, to put in operation the machinery of a cotton factory. This is said to be the largest Artesian Well in the world and discharges 1300 gallons of water per minute.

Clay, Sand and Gravel	32 ft. 0 in.
Blue Marl or rotten Limestone	33 " "
Sandstone	5 " "
Blue greyish sand with water	3 " "
Very hard sandstone	1 " 1 "
Very sticky blue sand, no water	9 " 9 "
Sticky blue clay	7 " "
Sticky blue sand, no water	19 " "
Green sand	3 " 6 "
Blue grey sand with water	124 " "
Hard sandstone	" 11 "
Blue greyish sand with water and small streaks of sandstone from 2 to 5 feet in thickness, and from 8 to 15 feet apart	51 " 6 "
Greyish sand with 2 streaks of reddish sand with water	121 " 6 "

Total depth . . . 708 " 11 "

The above has been politely furnished by N. B. Reed, Esq., of Cahawba, who is kept so constantly employed by the enterprising inhabitants of Alabama, in boring Artesian Wells, that he has no time to visit our State. Your Friend, H.

MUNIFICENT DONATION.—The Boston Courier says of the munificent donation of Mr. Bates to the City Library: "Mayor Seaver has received a letter from Joshua Bates, Esq., of the firm of Baring Brothers & Co., London, in which the writer tenders as a donation to the Public Library of this city, \$50,000 worth of books. The letter will be laid before the upper branch of the City Council to-day, and we shall publish it to-morrow. This magnificent gift will at once make the library the powerful auxiliary of education, and will place standard literature within so convenient a grasp as to bar the door against the degrading trash which is now flooding the community and poisoning the general taste."

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE COMET.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 2, 1852.

Dear Comet:—The sun rides out in an unclouded sky, as if to make the success or defeat of the day more plain and palpable; and to give to every freeman in the land a fair opportunity to perform his duty to-day. Last night was a great time for both parties, the Whig cry off, Rally! Rally!! Rally!!! being toward Canal street; whilst the Democrats in full strength shouted, gather! gather!! gather!!! and rushed in mass to Lafayette Square. Pierre Soule enlightened and edified the Democrats and made the best appeal, and Hunt, Benjamin Hays &c., exhorted the Whigs to be firm and steady and do their duty to-day. Of the speeches, I shall not attempt any description, except to say, they were the most earnest and really able speeches I have heard during the canvass; especially those of Soule and Hunt, both of whom I listened to for a time. Both were able, both were patriotic, both were dignified and manly, well adapted to the importance of the occasion. Mr. Hunt's speech was a triumph of logic, eloquence and ability and was not only a full answer, but a glorious triumph over Soule's diatribe against the New Constitution. As for the real numbers on the respective grounds, little more can be said than that both parties rallied their full strength. Whether it was the greatest attraction of fireworks &c., of the Whig gathering, or real interest in the occasion I can't say, but certainly, they had the most noise, enthusiasm and greatest crowd. The Democrats gathered densely around one stand, whilst the Whigs had two stands around each of which there were great crowds.—All night shouts, cheers and the music of bands were heard from every quarter, yet this morning all is still and an ominous silence reigns in every street. Before this reaches you perhaps, the lightning will have told you the result and the great question be decided. Looking out upon the streets, I see a half dozen fine carriages, on the backs of which are large labels of "Pierce and King ticket," or "Scott and Graham Internal Improvement ticket;" the drivers of which nod familiarly to each other, crack their jokes and chat away when they meet, as if within their cars they carried men to "change" instead of to a duty, on the performance of which hangs the fate of the candidates. The fears about the fate of the New Constitution are stronger to-day than they were yesterday and I have already heard Whigs say they had traded their votes with Democrats, that is Scott for Constitution. Business is at a stand still to-day and it is easy to see that something of more than usual importance is going on. A few hours of agony and suspense and all will be over. High hopes will be exulted still higher, or fall to the lowest ebb, and disappointment and exultation will disseminate through all circles; whilst thousand and millions of our countrymen of all parties will be perfectly satisfied for the country will be saved. C.

POSTAGE STAMP ENVELOPES.—We learn from the National Intelligencer, that Mr. George F. Nesbitt, of New York, to furnish the Department with the Postage Stamp Envelopes authorized by the act of the last session of Congress. These convenient little wrappers will consist of three sizes—Note, Letter, and Official. The denominations will be three, six and twenty four cents, the latter intended for foreign correspondence. They will be self-sealing, and bear a stamp similar in style to the English stamped envelope, and are expected to be in all respects equal thereto.

As the dies are not yet prepared, and the paper to be manufactured exclusively for this important purpose, it is probable that the envelopes will not be put in circulation before the first of January next; but every exertion will be made to have them earlier.

THE WEBSTER ELECTORIAL TICKET.—A despatch to the Charleston Courier, from Baltimore, dated the 27th ult., says: "Advices from Boston state that the Webster Executive Committee have resolved to vote for the Webster electoral ticket, notwithstanding Mr. Webster's death."

In Pennsylvania, the Native Electoral Ticket has been abandoned, and three of the electors have declared that they will support General Scott.

Horace Mann, of Mass., is to become a citizen of Ohio, he having accepted the Presidency of Antioch College.

A French courtier said among all his acquaintance he only knew three honest women. "Who are they?" asked the Queen. "Your majesty is the first, my wife is the second, and as the other, your majesty will excuse me naming her, as I wish to keep open a door for escape, by leaving every other woman to think herself the third."

A Methodist preacher, near Batesville, Va., says his circuit this year includes "Bankum Township," "California Settlement," "Devil's Fork," and "Hell's Gate."

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N. B. I shall not only be prepared for the 5 cent customer, but for my usual package sales. To the latter I solicit their immediate call, as I have a fair stock on hand.

Groceries and Liquors.

WE WOULD call the attention of our friends—and buyers generally—to our recently received stock of Groceries and Liquors, comprising the following articles: 10 barrels Mackerel, 10 quarter barrels do., 6 kits do., 8 barrels Loaf, Crushed and Powdered sugar; 10 boxes Claret Wine, 10 boxes Herrings, 10 small chests Imperial and Gunpowder Tea's, 1 do. black Tea, 10 Gross Matches, 10 boxes chinese fire crackers, 10 boxes Foxe's starch, 5 boxes quarts and half gallons Pickles, 2 boxes each Tomatillo and pepper catsup, 150 lbs black pepper, 2 bags old Java coffee, 10 boxes Holt's Buckwheat, 10 kegs table butter, 10 boxes cheese, 10 half barrels extra St. Louis Flour, 20 barrels do. 2 baskets Olive Oil, 10 boxes 17 lbs each, Gilmons 5 Lump Tobacco, 6 half barrels saleratus, 15 boxes Macaroni and Vermicella, 15 whole, half and quarter kegs powder, 2500 percussion caps, 40 barrels extra Whiskey's, Brandies and Gin, and 5 barrels Louisiana Rice. The above articles will be sold by single package or quantity. oct 30-y. JOSHUA BEAL.

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