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We are authorized to announce JAMES S. BAILEY, as a candidate for the Lower House in the next Legislature.

We are authorized to announce Col. A. L. H. DUNCAN, as a candidate for a seat in the Lower House of the next Legislature.

We are authorized to announce PETER McETRICK, Esq., as a candidate for a seat in the Lower House of the next Legislature.

We are authorized to announce T. B. R. HATCH, Esq., as a candidate for a seat in the Lower House of the next Legislature.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE RACES.—We see that Mr. J. B. Piero has just arrived at the Magnolia Course with Col. Bingham's horses, he has a string of four with "Rheube" at their head.

Other stables are daily expected, and rare sport is anticipated at the approaching races on the 14th inst.

"Stephen" has removed his Oyster Saloon and Restaurant to the old stand of Jean Capulade near the Steamboat Landing. Stephen has oysters always fried, stewed, baked, fricasse, gumbo, soup—in point of fact there is no way of modern invention to fix bivalves, that Stephen is not acquainted with.

The Late Mr. Booth.

We ask pardon of our readers for stepping aside from the usual routine, of our daily business, to give place in the first column of our paper to a few words with regard to the Great English Tragedian, Junius Brutus Booth. He is dead,—the fire of his erring and erratic genius has gone out,—he has played his part, and the curtain has gone down for ever.

It has been but a few days ago, since a crowded audience at the St. Charles were held enchained by the magic influence of his transcendent genius, and now the mournful intelligence reaches us of his death.

There are few of the great mass of mankind, that will turn aside from the hurly-burly of every day excitement to pay respect to the memory of the great Tragedian. No, there are grand pageants and obsequious parades for the hero, the statesman and the politician, but for the great player—he who has given life and local habitation to the dreams of the immortal poet, receives no idle mark of useless esteem.

His name and fame is the property of all mankind and the evidence that his part has been well played, is indelibly recorded upon the hearts of those who have seen him in the fevered slumber of the "Hunch Back Tyrant," or the "Wild ravings of Lear."

The rival of Kemble and Kean is dead! And to whom may we ask does he bequeath the laurel crown of the Tragic Muse? The man does not live, to take up the flame of his genius and entrance the world with the heat and brilliancy of his imagination.

Booth was wedded to his profession—not for the lucre, but because it gave vent to his fiery spirit and wild fancy. He cared little for the vain adulation and praise of mankind. He delighted in wandering off from the beaten path of every day life, and not unfrequently obscured the light of his reason, and drowned all thought in the wine cup.

No man possessed higher qualities for success than Booth; and though his has been a fitful fever he has played his part well.—And this is life,

"A tale, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing."

Wm. Elder, Esq.—A great many persons have expressed their doubts about the weak lungs of our friend Elder, and the question is, were they strengthened by Whistar's hour hound candy, or a long residence in the low temperature of the Mammoth cave, or a political discussion with the "leather lunged" Sec'y. of the Whig Baltimore Convention. We consider these matters of no general importance, Mr. Elder is the best "whip" in the country and drives his "carriage and four" with a grace never attained by Count D'Osay, if he wants to whisper to his horses, or speak to a friend, he is heard and no mistake, and we hope he may live a thousand years to carry the mails, and the males, and the females that desire to travel between this place and Clinton, in his comfortable Troy built stage, for it is refreshing along the road, to hear his whip give a scientific snap, and his voice encourage his well worked, but equally well taken care of horses. Mr. Elder, like the New Orleans Delta, is neutral in politics.

Superintendent of Public Education.

We have received the following circular from T. B. THORPE, Esq. The short time between the nominations of candidates and the election, compels the candidates to issue printed addresses, we think this the most legitimate style of electioneering under all circumstances:

DEAR SIR:—Having been nominated by the Whig State Convention, candidate for the office of State Superintendent of Public Education, and the near approach of the election, not giving me an opportunity to personally present views, I take the liberty of communicating with you through the means of the mail.

Since I have been able to take a part in matters of public interest, I have not been an uninterested spectator of the working of our common school systems, and I have always taken pride in facilitating every measure that would extend to all, the blessings of a substantial education. The duties of the office of State Superintendent of Public Education should include a strict attention to the carrying out of the laws already in force regulating the department, and the careful gathering together from every part of the State, facts relative to the practical operation of the present system, that an annual report may be made to the General Assembly, that will be useful as a guide in any future Legislation, so that the inoperative parts of our present school system may be, by Legislative enactments, made efficient, until the facilities of a good education are extended to every citizen of the State.

An interest in the cause of common schools, is not with me of recent date, more than six years ago, while alluding to the subject of education, I thus expressed myself through the New Orleans press:

COMMON SCHOOL EDUCATION.—"One of the most important provisions in the new Constitution is that portion which relates to the establishment of a permanent system of common schools. The importance of this subject cannot be overated, and yet it is difficult to bring public opinion to bear upon it, so as to make it in any way a prominent principle of the Government. Legislatures may appropriate money by thousands of dollars, as has been the case for years in Louisiana, yet no visible good is the result; no absolute advantage is gained. A want of a proper system has been glaringly exhibited throughout. Colleges, so called, have sprung into existence, had a sickly growth, and ceased to exist; various experiments have been tried to remedy the evils complained of, but without avail.

The great mistake that Louisiana has made, has been in endowing Universities when there were no primary schools to prepare students for the higher departments of literature. We are much more apt to vote money away upon things bearing high sounding names and requiring no particular attention, than to provide for the humble wants of a small community, that demands the drudgery of going into details. Yet the common schools, that merely imparts the rudiments of Education, are much more important to the public at large, than the colleges upon which so much money and Legislation have been expended.

To form a general school system for our State will be difficult, and require the greatest care. We have two languages to provide for, instead of one, and an extended territory sparsely populated. To meet all these demands will be almost impossible, and therefore the greatest care in framing the design is necessary. To render a school system satisfactory, it must be equal in its operations, and command indiscriminately

the patronage of every person in the community. The humble poor, among whose children we often find originating the master spirits of our country, must not feel that the common school is anything but a place of honor, and that invidious distinctions are made against those who attend them. The cause of instruction must therefore embrace the whole routine as far as it goes, that can be obtained in any school of the same pretension, and the teacher, or teachers must be of the highest order, not only for ability to fulfill the duties of the office, but also for high moral character."

My views thus years ago expressed, have only been matured by time, and if I should, by the partiality of my fellow-citizens be placed in the position to act officially for the advancement of education in the State, I shall endeavor to carry them out, and by a faithful performance of every duty imposed upon me, endeavor to establish the reputation of a faithful and conscientious public officer.

With great respect,

Your obt. serv't.

T. B. THORPE.

THE CELESTIALS IN CALIFORNIA.—The St. Louis *Intelligencer* of the 10th inst. contains a letter from San Francisco, bearing date the 30, Sept, from which we extract the following.

"The last advices from China induce the belief that the message of Gov. Biglar, recommending stringent measures to check the emigration of the Celestials to California, has completely accomplished that object. It is said indeed that the emigration has ceased altogether. If such be the fact, it will prove in some respects a misfortune to California; for although desirable to have a very great influx of such a population, it is at the same time, true, that a reasonable number of them would prove a most valuable acquisition. They are an exceedingly industrious, temperate and prudent people, whilst, at the same time, they are distinguished for a quiet cheerful, and inoffensive deportment. Among the thousands of them that I have seen in California, I have not seen one intoxicated, and it is a very rare thing that they are arraigned for breaches of the peace or misdemeanors. They are excellent agriculturalists, skillful artisans and peculiarly fitted for menial duties. In these respects, they are precisely such a population as California can profitably employ. They will till her lands, develop the mechanic arts, and perform the offices of domestics most admirably. They are also beginning to be employed extensively as day laborers about the cities. For several weeks past I have noticed a gang of twenty-five or thirty of them, employed as hod men and common laborers, upon a large building with a granite front, lately erected in this city."

New Advertisements.

Garden Seeds.

JUST received from the Society of Shakers, Pleasant Hill, Ky., a large and fresh supply of garden seeds. Dec 7-y. JOHN C. LANOUE.

Just Received. A fine lot of fresh currents; 10 kegs fresh Goshen Butter; 50 1/2 Boxes London Packed Raisins. FIELDING MUSSELMAN.

Piano for Sale. A FINE centre Rosewood French Action Piano with seven Octaves, Iron plate and Bar. Warranted to stand the climate. Further particulars enquire at the Comet Office. Persons desiring a fine Piano will please call and examine. Dec. 8th The Advocate please copy it.

TO RENT. FROM the 1st of Jan. 1853 for (not less than) one year or a term of years, a convenient brick dwelling with eight or ten rooms on Lafayette street nearly opposite the Hickey House. To a responsible tenant for some time fair inducements will be offered and improvements made to suit—apply to Dec. 6th Dr. FAY.

WHITE WASH BRUSHES.—A few dozen, very best make. For sale by Dec 3-y. H. T. WADDILL, Drug.

NOTICE.

PERSONS indebted to the firm of J. Parry & Co., will please come up to the counter and settle before the New Year comes in. The term of the partnership of J. Parry & Co. is about to expire and early payments will prevent trouble and confusion. [dec. 3] J. PARRY & Co.

SUNDRIES.—New Lard; Choice Sugar; Apples; Potatoes; Raisins Almonds; Cracknell Biscuits just received by JOSHUA BEAL.

BULK PORK.

12,000 Bbs Bulk Pork just rec'd from St. Louis and for sale by [dec. 5 ly.] THOS PRENDERGAST.

[OFFICIAL.]

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDING.

BATON ROUGE, MONDAY, Dec. 6th, 1852.

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen, present:

JOHN R. DUFRONC, Mayor.
S. M. Hart, Joseph Monget,
Eugene Lanoue, Levi Kellum,
Chas. Guedry.

The proceedings of last meeting were read and approved.

The street committee reported, that under resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Selectmen, they had caused to be built a brick Culvert over the Ravine on Florida street, near the Penitentiary, at a cost of ninety dollars. On motion, said report was received, approved, and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount on hand last report, - - - \$615 69
Amount since collected, - - - - - 654 65
\$1270 34
Amount disbursed - - - - - 1147 29

Balance in Treasury \$123 05

His honor, the Mayor reported to the Board, the course pursued by him, in his official capacity, in the case of the Corporation vs. Spalding & Rogers Circus Company, which was approved by the Board.

The following petition numerously signed was presented and read to the Board: "To the Hon. the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the town of B. Rouge."

"The subscribers, citizens of the town, respectfully represent to your honorable body, they have learned with some surprise and particularly the Town and corporate authorities have for the last two or three years, enjoyed the use of the Wharf erected on the bank of the river, at the individual cost and expense of Messrs. Pike & Hart, without any compensation whatever to these gentlemen."

"Your petitioners, have further been informed and believe the Corporation have twice repaired the said Wharf, for public use, and convenience, thus clearly recognizing the Wharf to be a public benefit, and by its acts appropriating the wharf to the exclusive use of the public."

"Petitioners have further been informed, that previous to these acts of the Corporation, Messrs. Pike & Hart, made application to your Hon. body, for a reasonable allowance to be made them, for the cost of erecting said wharf, but petitioners have never yet ascertained that any satisfactory disposition has been made or any allowance granted, to said Pike & Hart on their application. Your petitioners believing that neither individuals nor corporations have a right to the use, or the property of the citizens without compensation—therefore pray your Hon. body to appoint a committee, to enquire into all the facts and circumstances attending the erection of said Wharf, by Messrs. Pike & Hart, and whether the corporation, has by its acts taken possession of, and appropriated the same to the use of the public without previous compensation to the owners; and in the latter event, your honorable body proceed to make such allowances, for the use and materials of said wharf, to said Messrs. Pike & Hart, as may in the opinion of your honorable body, be esteemed just and proper and your petitioners will ever pray &c."

On motion the foregoing petition was received and a committee composed of Messrs Monget Kellum Guidry appointed to investigate the subject, and report to this Board, at its next regular monthly meeting.

The following accounts were presented, allowed and ordered to be paid.

James J. Odom, Jail hands - - \$100 00
" Vagrants, - - - 9 89
W. Eskew, Relief of Paupers, - - 12 00
Simon Beau, clothing for Paupers, - - 2 75
Larguer & Lanoue, Hardware, - - 82 44

\$207 08

Be it Ordained &c. That the side walks on Spanish Town street be laid out to the uniform width of Eight feet and that the street committee be authorized to lay out said street, in conformity with this ordinance.

On motion the Board adjourned.
JOHN R. DUFRONC MAYOR.
O. BARRE, Clerk.

BATON ROUGE FALL RACES OVER THE MAGNOLIA COURSE.

THE Fall Races over the above Course, will commence on Tuesday, December 14th, 1852, and continue four days.

FIRST DAY—JOCKEY CLUB PURSE, \$100—mile heats—entrance 10 per cent. added.
2ND DAY—JOCKEY CLUB PURSE, \$200—two mile heats—entrance 10 per cent. added.

THIRD DAY—JOCKEY CLUB PURSE, \$200—three best in five—mile heats—entrance 10 per cent. added.

4TH DAY—PROPRIETORS' PURSE, \$300—three mile heats—entrance 10 per cent. added.

The rules and regulations of the Magnolia Jockey Club—to govern these Races. ODOM & BRUNTON, dec. 1-4-d. Proprietors.

AUCTION.

ON SATURDAY, THE 4TH OF JANUARY, 1853, I shall offer for sale at the Court House in this city at the usual hour of sale, a HOUSE and LOT, belonging to Mrs. Arnold, said house is situated on Boulevard street, between Africa and America streets the house contains three rooms and kitchen, a good Well in the yard, the lot measure 60 by 120 feet.

TERMS.—Half cash, and the balance on a credit of 12 months, with mortgage retained on the property until final payment. Act of Sale by Wm Hubbs, at the expense of the purchaser. ED. BOEGEL, dec. 3-td. Auctioneer.