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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 McKITTRICK, 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.

Editor of the Comet:—You are authorized to announce GEORGE McMICHAEL, Esq., of the Parish of Livingston, as a candidate for the Senate for Senatorial District composed of the Parishes of East Baton Rouge & Livingston THE PEOPLE.

There will be divine service at St. James' (Episcopal) Church this morning at 11 o'clock.

Also at St. Joseph's (Catholic) Church at 10 o'clock.

We are at a great loss to understand what the editor of last Saturday's Gazette means in reference to candidates, as well as to his own opinions with regard to the New Constitution.—Does he mean to tell us that he is not in favor of the total population basis, and that the Whig party in the State is not willing to stand by it? When he says one thing in the first column of his paper, and contradicts himself in the second we are blindly in the dark, as to the operations of his own mind, or what he would effect upon others.

Will somebody inform us how it is that the "Campbell Minstrels" perform in New Orleans and Natchez at the same time. The *Free Trader* is blowing at them there, at the same time that the New Orleans papers are puffing their excellent performances at the Odd Fellow's Hall.

The question naturally arises "which are the genuine Campbells?" A band of minstrels have obtained some celebrity under this name, and a thousand companies at once spring into existence with the same title. There is libellers and counterfeiters abroad and somebody should be sued for slander.

It is made a penal offence by act of Parliament for any factory to allow smoke to escape from factories in large cities in England and Scotland. A late number of the *Scientific American* gives an account of the simple contrivance resorted to, in order to consume smoke. A committee of Government first established that the burning of smoke, was perfectly practicable, Parliament then enforced the fact by law.

\$15,000 has already been subscribed for the erection of a monument in Boston, to the memory of Daniel Webster.

CHARLES A. SLACK and NORBERT LAUVE have been nominated for Senators by the Whigs of West Baton Rouge and Iberville; and MICHAEL HEBERT and W. CLARK ADAMS, for Representatives from the Parish of Iberville. The ticket is an exceedingly strong one, and will most probably be elected. The Senatorial ticket will certainly be successful, as West Baton Rouge gives a very large Whig majority.

CHRISTMAS.

We concur in opinion with our philosophic friend S. who says he never knew a merrier Christmas in Baton Rouge. He attributes the unusual amount of firing of pop-guns, pistols, and popping crackers, more to the ordinance prohibiting it than any thing else. Indeed there are but few persons that will not concur with us that the fire-cracker ordinance of the town authorities is an infringement upon the well established rights of the juveniles and a law that it will be very difficult to find constables enough in the town to enforce. If such things are left alone they die with the holidays. If the ordinance exists the demand for pop-guns will call for a fresh importation.

We were pleased to find our worthy Mayor in the thickest of the battle on Friday night and in the deafening clamor proclaiming aloud, that the ordinance would on his authority be suspended until Monday next. This act was well timed and saves the credit of the law for a day at least. What will be done to-morrow in the haste of the election, and the wearing off of Christmas is yet to be seen.

A more lovely day than yesterday could not have been desired for any purpose, and it does our soul good to think of the many friendly and social reunions that must have taken place; where brothers and sisters, and the good and true friends of old, have met to renew again the pledges of affection and dwell on the pleasant reminiscences of the past, over which time is about to draw the curtain of oblivion.

Let the coming year be spent by those who shall live to see it through, so that no one will have cause to shrink away from the social board, when another Christmas shall come.

The Lilly (Mrs. Bloomer's paper) says: "At the late election in this town, a woman accompanied her husband to the polls, and stood by him until he deposited his ballot. She, of course, knew she could not vote, but as her husband was her representative, it was but right that she should satisfy herself that he performed his duty faithfully. She dared not trust him to go alone, for knowing his weakness, she feared that some evil disposed person would first steal his brains and then steal his vote—and she would not leave him till all was safe."

A CARD.

We do not hesitate to state that we are opposed to the "total population basis," as in that system of legislation, the wealthier portion of the State, is protected at the expense of the poorer. It is true, that the representation of the city of New Orleans, in both branches of the legislature, ought to be restricted; but that desirable end can be accomplished through other means, than by the total population basis.

In any legislation relative to the Penitentiary, we would have three objects in view. First, to deal with the erring—those who are suffering the penalties of a violated law as human beings, and not simply as instruments for the promotion of the interests of others; 2nd, to protect the mechanical interests, not only of this town but of the State; which interests shall ever have a warm and unchanging support at our hands; 3d, to promote the best interests of the State of Louisiana, in the premises.

The welfare of the unfortunate convicts, the interest of the industrial and mechanical portion of our citizens, and the wants of Louisiana, shall be our guide.

No one has been authorized to state that either of us is in favor of the total population basis, or the leasing of the State Penitentiary.

GEO. S. LACEY,
THOS. B. R. HATCH.

We see it stated that General PIERCE lately presented Mr. BUTTERFIELD, of the *New Hampshire Patriot*, with a walking stick. The *Portsmouth Journal* says he will undoubtedly do a similar thing to many an unfortunate Whig after next March. That is all very natural.

THE GREAT MAIL LINE.—The annual report of the Postmaster General, after referring to the increased expedition of the mail transit between New York and New Orleans, goes on to say:

"Certainty and celerity on this line cannot be relied on while the service on an important link in the chain of routes composing it is performed in steamers on the stormy and unsheltered coast between Wilmington and Charleston. The completion of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad during the next year will, it is believed, enable the Department to avoid this uncertain portion of the present line."

Respecting that portion of the line between New York and Washington, the report says:

"The service between New York and Washington, though much improved by the arrangements referred to, is still defective and unsatisfactory.—The endeavors of this Department to improve this service, have been rendered abortive by a want of unity among the railroad companies interested in the line, and a spirit of accommodation on the part of the companies running between Philadelphia and New York.

There being no competent lines or modes of conveyance by which this Department can secure connections and otherwise facilitate the transportation of the mails between Washington and New York, it is compelled to accept such independent service as each company on the line will consent to remedy, and is thus made powerless to enforce the demands of the public. I would respectfully suggest that if Congress, in the exercise of its power over the establishment of post roads, can remedy this evil, the subject is worthy the attention of that body.—Bulletin.

The King of Prussia established a few years ago, an order of knighthood for the distinction of eminence in literature and science. The number of members was restricted. By the death of the poet Thomas Moore, a cross became disposable. It has been bestowed by his Majesty, at the recommendation of the Berlin Royal Academy, on Rawlinson, the orientalist. His competitors were Wilson and Dumas.

CHINA.—Fuller particulars of the earthquake which was felt in China in May last, report 300 persons killed and 400 seriously wounded. Also many buildings, both public and private, were thrown down. The Emperor, so soon as official intelligence of the calamity reached him, ordered immediate assistance to be given to the sufferers, and their payment of the year's land tax to be remitted.

FEMALES PROCLAIMED OUTLAWS.—La Senora Valiente and La Senora Gorecouna, who are now in New York, have been proclaimed outlaws by the Military Commissioners at Havana, and are invited by that learned committee to leave their husbands and come to Havana and suffer the garrote.

It is said that a monument is about to be erected to the memory of Cooper, the novelist, near his late residence at Cooperstown, N. Y.

Another Suspension Bridge across the Niagara river is in course of construction at Bellevue, and when completed will, it is said, be the longest in the world. Fifteen thousand miles of wire will be required for it, each cable being composed of three thousand three hundred separate wires.

New Advertisements.

Municipal Election.

An election will be held at the Court House in the town of Baton Rouge, on Tuesday the 4th day of January 1853, for electing one selectman for ward No. 2, in place of Levi Kellum who has resigned, for the term ending in April 1853. The poles will be open at 9 o'clock A. M. and close at 4 o'clock P. M.

The candidate must be a resident of ward No. 2. dec 24. JOHN R. DUFROCQ, Mayor.

Election Municipale.

Une election sera tenue à la maison de cour dans la ville de Baton Rouge, Mardi le 31me jour de Janvier 1853, pour élire un membre du Conseil en remplacement de Levi Kellum, lequel a résigné, pour le terme expirant le mois d'Avril 1853.—Les poles seront ouverts de 9 heures du matin à 4 heures de l'après midi.

Le candidat doit résider dans le ward No. 2. [Dec. 24.] J. R. DUFROCQ, MAIRE.

Just in Time.
L. GRANDPRE has just received a new assortment of Jewelry of the very latest styles. Baton Rouge, dec. 25 t-f.

"Good Oil is next to Good Wine."

At least so said the Poet—
AND to illustrate our individual belief in the assertion we have provided ourselves with a prime article of Clarified, Bleached, and Winter strained Lard and Whale Oil.—Which will be sold by the single pint or barrel; as our customers may wish.
dec. 23. JOSHUA BEAL.

One hundred sacks of creole corn of the new crop for sale by
Dec 23-1w J. T. McCLELAND.

Proposals will be received by the undersigned until the 31st inst., for tearing down and carrying away a certain delapidated building situated on the corner of North Boulevard and Natchez Streets, known as the old Distillery. Said building having been declared a nuisance by the Board of Selectmen. Dec. 22
JOHN R. DUFROCQ, Mayor.

NOTICE.

H. B. VIBBERT having disposed of his interest in the Drug Store on Lafayette Street, and desiring to leave Baton Rouge early in January requests all persons indebted to him either by note or book account to call on him at the Post Office and settle before that time.
Baton Rouge, Dec. 19, '52 tf.

To the Trade.

WE HAVE received this day from Cincinnati per steamer "Delta."
One hundred bbls Ohio flour; 50 kegs Lard, new; 25 boxes Cheese, best; 20 bbls Butter Biscuit; 40 Large and Small Kegs Dairy Butter for sale by. Dec. 12 tf
S. M. HART & Co.

BEAL'S ARRIVALS FOR THE PAST WEEK. FROM CINCINNATI.

25	Barrels New Mass Pork
5	do do do Beef
10	do do do Leaf Lard
5	do do do Hominy
5	1/2 do do Sour Crout
10	Firkins Dairy Butter—70 to 75 lbs
15	Demi do do—50 lbs each
95	Kegs do do—28 lbs do
3	Barrels Choice Dried Beef,
25	Boxes W. R. Cheese.
25	Kegs Spiced Pigs Feet,
10	do Pickles—in Vinegar
25	Bags Buckwheat—50 lbs each
30	Kegs New Lard—From St. Louis.
128	Bags Shelled Corn—From W. Baton Rouge.
25	Sacks & 25 Barrels do
From New Orleans	
10	Boxes Cheese, 10 Kegs Butter,
10	Kegs Pigs Feet
10	Boxes Star Candles,
15	Bags Coffee, 15 Barrels Whiskey,
2	Casks Fine Brandy,
3	Cases Brandy Fruits,
9	Barrels Lard oil 2 do Whale do
60,000	Percussion Caps,
20	Boxes Fire Crackers,
15	Quarter Boxes Raisons,
24	Boxes Prunes.

In addition to which he has a large stock of previous arrival, and more coming in every day.
JOSHUA BEAL.

Raffle consisting of Three Prizes.

TO COME off on Christmas morning at J. C. LaNoue's store, next door to the Post Office.

FIRST PRIZE—One Paper maché cabinet inlaid with pearl.
2nd PRIZE—One do do desk inlaid with pearl.
3rd PRIZE—One " " work-box inlaid with pearl.

The lot is valued at one hundred and ten dollars. Fifty five chances at \$2 a ticket. Persons wishing tickets in this Raffle had better call immediately and secure them.

The ladies are invited to call and examine these beautiful articles before they are raffled off.
J. C. L'ANOUÉ,
Harney House Row.

To Families.

BURK WHEAT for sale in any quantity say from Ten Cents worth upwards. Golden Syrup and fine Molasses do, dec. 15
JOSHUA BEAL,
Opposite Harney House.

For Sale or Rent.

HOUSE fronting on North Street between Lafayette and Levee St. Apply to THOS. PRENDERGAST.

JUST ARRIVED from St. Louis per

Steamer St. Louis,
100 Kegs Lard, new
10 Bbls " "
50 " Mess Pork,
50 Sacks Galena Potatoes,
Dec. 15-tf for sale by
S. M. HART & Co.

Raffle.

THE WONDERFUL Mechanical Monkey at the Dry Good store of W. D. Phillips will be raffled for, on the evening of the 24th of December precisely at 8 o'clock, p. m. There yet remains a few more tickets unsold, those desirous of taking a chance in this ingenious piece of mechanism would do well to call soon and secure tickets.
dec 14.

For Coughs, Colds, ect.

AYERS Cherry Pectoral, Rushton's Cod Liver Oil, Wistars Balsam of Wild Cherry, Jayne's Expecterant, Hastings Syrup of Nanthia ect., just received—a few dozen of each for sale by
Wm. ROGEL,
Druggist, Lafayette street

500 SACKS CORN—For sale by
Thos. Prendergast.