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Attention is called to the advertisement of Mr. Wood in another column. Mr. Wood has taken a room at Mrs. Meekers, where he will exhibit specimens of his monochromatic painting. Mr. Wood bears testimonials of his ability and we doubt not will meet with public attention.

THE OLD BOARD OVERBOARD.—A few evenings ago (so we are told) the venerable board of Penitentiary Directors assembled according to ancient custom to transact the board business of the state prison. They had scarcely organized before they were surprised to learn that a new board had been appointed by his Excellency the Governor; who would proceed at once to relieve them of the arduous duties of that station. The old board to a man were decapitated after the commendable *Coupe d'etat* fashion. They knew nothing of it until their "heads were off." The old board took up their hats and marched out the back door in single file, whilst the new board marched in at the front, two abreast, as follows: Dr T. Fay G. W. Christine, Peter McKittrick, V. Blanchard and — Spillers.

N. Orleans and Baton Rouge Railroad.

It is becoming impatient for the opening of the books for subscription to the above named railroad. Now that a most liberal Charter has been obtained from the legislature, to enable a company to connect the commercial metropolis with the capital of the State by railroad, it behoves every good citizen to bester himself, and see that the many advantages that must result to our beautiful little city, from said connection—be not lost for want of action. Let the commissioners come together at an early day, and appoint suitable persons to open the books at once. Let there be books opened at New Orleans, on the coast and in this city under the superintendence of active, energetic, business men, and our word for it there will be stock enough subscribed to commence the work, in less than thirty days.

If our paper is not as spicy to-day as usual (?) our kind forbearing friends will forgive us when they take a glance at the savage article against the Comet in another column, leveled right at our innocent head, and hitting us in a very tender place under the fifth rib. We feel quite crest-fallen to-day and can scarcely direct our goose quill. By and by we will pluck up courage to buckle on our armour then will we march out with the motto emblazoned upon our escutcheon.

Thrice is he armed who has his quarrel just. We will look up the history of things generally, and after brightening ourself upon some subjects which Catholicism appears to be acquainted with, we will be ready to cry "Lay on!"

WROUGHT VS. CAST IRON.—Says Thomas De Quincy, the power of cast iron to resist heavy pressure is but little more than one-third of the possessed by wrought iron, or that while wrought resists a pressure of sixteen to eighteen tons per square inch, cast is capable of enduring only three to seven.

The Last Days.

On Saturday night last between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock the great Democratic Legislature for the State of Louisiana breathed its last breath. There was no friends to mourn its decease—no relatives to wail after the usual fashion when a rich uncle pegs out; and consequently no desire expressed that it should live longer—save by the common blood-suckers, who looked on with a wistful eye at the distribution of spoils in the vain hope that something more might fall from the coffers of the State into their own pockets.

The House adjourned *sine die*. It is very well that it did; suicide would have followed another weeks existence. It may be safely said that no body of men ever come together more hopelessly impotent, and unfit to produce anything worth going into a book of "acts." So many incompatibles never before entered into the composition of any deliberative body. At an early period of its existence a large number of its members became disgusted; gave up their seats and went home, whilst the few working members left were unable to rally a quorum half the time, for no other reason than because the "Shades" and the "Globe ball," and other attractive houses in New Orleans were open for the reception of visitors. Is not what we say notoriously the fact? We appeal to the press and the people to answer the question. The only apparent anxiety on the part of the few who remained, seemed to be manifested about a "quorum," at the end of the session to be enabled to give away the borrowed funds of the State. Three months and a half have been wasted; now that it has gone it is of no value, and scarcely worth a consideration, but the money it has cost remains yet to be paid, and has yet to be borrowed. A system of internal improvements by the Government, Free banking, and other dangerous measures of policy have been hastily adopted at a late hour of the session, when the legislature was left to a faction; and these measures are pronounced by the party to be "Democratic" measures.

The President of the Senate at its close remarked casually that no previous Legislature had passed a grater number of acts. This is literally true: but how have they been passed? Has it been done after calm deliberation and careful debate? Not at all. The former part of the session was squandered away, and business hurried over, in a few of the last days, when the patience of the working members was worn out, then they went to work.

The Speaker of the House in his parting address observed that "they were about to part perhaps not to meet again." It occurred to us as a very pathetic and soul touching remark. Certainly if the people return "just such another set" to the next Legislature, the State may live, but it will be such a state of existence as will be burthened with taxes, and the tumoils of clashing factions to which any other state of existence will be preferable.

From a New Haven Connecticut paper we take the following singular caption of an Advertisement.

"A BOOK FOR EVERY AMERICAN."

AGENTS WANTED TO TRAVEL.
Pirates Own Book.—This is a valuable book bound in morocco and illustrated with cuts. The cuts give the history and progress of villainy from its commencement. — Twenty fourth American edition revised and corrected.—Burgess and Stringer New York.

Travels on the Dead Sea by a living writer.—New Edition. Auto Biography.—The hero of a Thousand battles! Two volumes, twenty four mo, with views of the country lying between Chipultepec and Cerro Gordo.

Correspondence.

DOUBLE WELLS GA., April 22nd '53.

Dear Comet:—From Atlanta, I reached this place to-day. It is called the Double Wells from the fact of there being at this place two very excellent wells of water. It is truly a luxury to drink this water—it is as clear as amber and as pleasant as ambrosia. It is no wonder that the people here are so temperate, for their pure and excellent water takes away all thirst for intoxicating drinks. But if they lived on the banks of the turbid, muddy Mississippi, even these Puritanic ascetic Georgians, would fall into the habits and call as lustily for "cock-tails" as any of the habitués of the Harney house. By the by, there is a great excitement all through this country and Alabama about the Maine Liquor Law, and in many counties they are actually making it a test question in electing members of the Legislature. I have passed through many a village in which there was no spirituous liquor vended. The Grand Juries even of many counties have recently reported in favor of the Maine Liquor Law, and I have no doubt that at the ensuing sessions of the Legislature of Georgia and Alabama, such a law will be passed. Aside from gambling, drunkenness is certainly the greatest vice of the age. It requires no very close observer to see that crime and pauperism, domestic misery and a long list of social evils are the sure results of the sale of ardent spirits.—The high and the low, the rich and the poor, the master and the slave are all alike the subjects and degraded victims of this abominable agent of the Prince of Drunkenness. The timid and the time-serving Politician will of course cower and dodge the question, but all good citizens should "face the music," and destroy if possible these frightful sources of woe to the human race. If my dear sir, no spirituous liquors were sold in Baton Rouge, how many a poor man would be richer—how many a rich man happier. Personally I like a glass of good sacrae, I don't object to a good cocktail on certain occasions.—I even have a weakness for a bottle of iced-champagne but in my sober reflecting moments, I despise them all with holy horror, Thate them as the offspring of the Devil. There are certain of my honored friends in Baton Rouge who are sorely addicted to "vinous—yea to Brandy potatoes," I have often talked to them with tears in my eyes, but I fear, it is all to no purpose. "Ephraim is joined to his idols let him alone."

I have just heard a lecture from an old lady, one of Georgia's oldest matrons at whose house I am now stopping. "Stranger," says she, "the country is all going to ruin I fear. People about here are sending their boys and girls off to college. They come back with a little smattering of music and latin. They know how to dress fine and dance and to sit up starched and that's all. They dont know how to sew or weave, or plough or plant corn—and what sir is the country to come to?—In another generation, we'll all be ruined. I tell you what it is stanger, colleges are all humbugs, I go in for old-field schools, they are the places after all. Send your children to them and if they dont mind, whip 'em and make 'em mind, and if they dont learn whip them and make them learn."—Thus moralized my Georgia matron. Dont you think there is a great deal of truth in what she says? *Certainment Monsieur, tres bon.* So I think, Mr. Comet, we'll take her advice—we'll send our children to the "old-field schools." We won't though, whip our sweet, pretty little darling daughters, but we'll give our big, white headed, dirty faced boys particular jesse. Adieu.

GUY MANNERING.

Things by their Right Names.—We once got a lecture, by letter, from the late John Randolph, of Roanoke, for allowing a correspondent of the *Turf Register* to say that Eclipse was sired by Duroc instead of got by him. He said it reminded him of an old maid in Virginia, who called a certain old-fashioned coin a *water-reen*. SKINNER

In the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, on the 15th inst., an order was submitted directing the Committee on Education to inquire into the expediency of providing legal restraints against the mischief perpetrated by the mummy known as "Spiritual Rappings."

Communicated.

Mr. Editor:—I was much pained to see in the "Comet" of the 29th ult., under the caption of "The Religious Movement," a most wanton attack, either willful or through ignorance, upon a large and most respectable portion of our fellow citizens.

I intend to be short. My object in this communication is to correct a mistake, not to seek a discussion; but I must here express my surprise that you should have the "hardihood to step forward into the" religious "arena" and brand Catholic institutions with exercising "a political influence prejudicial to the Republic," a calumny as stale as it is base.

I have seen published letters of Arch Bishops and Bishops, Catholic clerical and lay; I have seen memorials to different Legislatures, and I have yet to see that Catholics claim for themselves what they deny to others. To say that "no particular sect has heretofore had partiality or preference over another," is both to talk nonsense and betray profound ignorance. When we take up, for example, Goodrich's History of England, or Peter Parley's Universal History, and in fact a great number of school books from the Primer to Mental Philosophy and see such calumnies as I have pointed out above, we see how idle it is to talk about "partiality" or "preference."

Catholics perceiving the disadvantages under which they labored, have asked that each parent shall have the right to educate his own child, and that he draw a *pro rata* division, according to the number of children claiming instruction, of the tax levied for educational purposes. Here the Catholic, the Protestant, the Jew, the Infidel, all have the same privilege, if it be not a right, to choose his own teacher, and educate his own child. Then the inalienable right of conscience guaranteed by every Constitution is not inforced with.

The spirit of your editorial smacks too much of unmitigated bigotry to pass unnoticed in a city where all denominations of Christians have lived together in peace with one another, and "we hope that now in the embryo state of the hydra headed monster, he may be crushed by that powerful and effective agent, the 'public will.'"

Yours, LAIUS CATHOLICUS.

CANDIDATES.

We are authorized to announce DANIEL D. AVERY, as a candidate for Judge of the Sixth Judicial District Court, for the Parishes of East and West Baton Rouge and Iberville. Election 3rd Monday in May.

All papers in the District will please copy and send their bills to this office.

We are authorized to announce JUDGE W. B. ROBERTSON, as a candidate for Judge of the Sixth Judicial District: composed of the Parishes of Iberville, East and West Baton Rouge.

We are authorized to announce JOSEPH JOOR, as a candidate for District Attorney for the Sixth District: Election 4th Monday in May.

We are authorized to announce ROBERT G. BEALE, as a candidate for District Attorney, for the Sixth District, composed of the Parishes of East and West Baton Rouge and Iberville. Election 4th Monday in May.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Monochromatic Painting. MR. WOOD, the author of this popular system of Drawing and Painting from Nature, which is rapidly taking the place of all other system, in the schools of the North, on account of its great rapidity, beauty, accuracy and easy acquirement, is now at Mrs. Meekers', (former residence of Governor Walker,) where he will be pleased to exhibit a very interesting and beautiful collection of his own and pupils' paintings.—His room will be open to-day—Tuesday, and remain open two or three days only, for visitors, after which it will be open for pupils, if a sufficient number are engaged. They will be taught in fifteen lessons of one hour each, to Draw and Paint from nature in the most accurate and beautiful manner. Terms made known at the room. may 3d-3t2.

STRAW MATTING. THE subscriber has just received from New York a splendid assortment of trow Matting of all widths which he is prepared to sell at low prices, some of the patterns are entirely new. W. D. PHILLIPS, april 29y

500 SACKS Corn, for sale by THOS. PRENDAGAST

GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING STORE. C. A. ILON.

Lafayette Street. ALL the Clothing in this establishment is made to order—of FRESH MATERIALS AND FASHIONABLE PATTERNS. Of this fact, the public may feel satisfied. It is an economy to buy such goods, in preference to shop worn goods, at what are wrongly designated "Cheap Stores." The stock now on hand consists in a complete assortment of Spring and Summer Clothing.—To which is daily being added every thing new and beautiful. Gentlemen are invited to call and examine for themselves. may 3-y.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. THE undersigned has this day dissolved their co-partnership by mutual consent, and the business of the firm will be settled by S. F. Blanchard, who is alone authorized to settle it—and all persons indebted to the firm are requested to make immediate payment to him, and those having claims against the firm, will present them to him for payment and liquidation. JAMES PARRY, S. F. BLANCHARD. Baton Rouge, April 22nd 1853.

For Sale. THE House and Lots situated in that part of the town of Baton Rouge, laid out by Gilbert Leonard, Square No. 3, being Lot No. 3, 60 feet front by 120 in depth, and 20 feet of lot No. 2, by 120 in depth, adjoining the same, making a front of 60 feet and 120 in depth, with all the improvements thereon, the same as owned by Chas. W. Crawford, and lately occupied by John Ried Esq. For terms apply to James Devall, or John Buhler. up 26 tf.

For Sale. A HOUSE and Lot on Penitentiary St.—a desirable residence for a small family. The above can be had very low if immediate application is made at this office. ap. 23d tf.

Verandah Coffee House. LUNCH At this establishment from 10 to 12 o'clock in the day, and from 8 to 11 at night. The choicest Wines, and Liquors. Billiard tables the best, without charge. ap. 22 tf. F. WELCH.

R. PRITCHARD & CO. Cotton Factors & General Commission MERCHANTS, 88 Custom House Street.

LIBERAL cash advances made on consignments of produce to our care, and particular attention paid to filling of orders for plantation supplies, &c. Refer to S. M. Hart, & Co., W. W. McMain, Hon. G. S. Lacey, and others. april 19 ly.

50 HALF Barrels Whiskey for sale by THOS. PRENDAGAST.

Lard Oil.—10 Barrels for sale by THOS. PRENDAGAST.

To Rent. A few very favorably located Brick Stores to rent. Apply to [april 26th.] S. M. Hart & Co.

MAIL STAGE

From Baton Rouge to Clinton LEAVE Baton Rouge every Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday, at 5 A. M. and arrives at Clinton at 3 P. M. same day. Leaves Clinton Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday A. M. and arrives at Baton Rouge same day at 4 P. M. Fare to Jackson \$2, Clinton \$2 1-2. Having engaged an experienced driver of sober habits, we hope by strict attention to the business to meet the patronage of the Public. [ap. 22 ly] R. C. HUTCHISON, & Co.

1853. COOPER'S WELL. 1853.

THE undersigned has taken the entire management and control of COOPER'S WELL, and is now prepared to accommodate the public.

A new dining room has been erected, the sleeping rooms plastered and fitted with new furniture and bedding, and a complete renovation effected.

Ample Accommodation will be Provided FOR FIVE HUNDRED GUESTS, and no more will be received than can be comfortably accommodated.

For INVALIDS there can be no more advantageous retreat. The water is highly recommended by the medical faculty, and the wonderful cures effected by its use almost surpass belief. Ample details of several astonishing cures may be obtained on application at the Well.

The terms will be moderate, and no exertion will be spared to make guests comfortable.

The Vicksburg and Jackson and Raymond Railroad will convey passengers to Raymond, thence 3 miles to the Well, in W. H. Smith's line of NEW FOUR HORSE STAGES. The time of trip is less than 3 hours from Vicksburg. Through tickets from Vicksburg to Cooper's Well, can be obtained at the Railroad depot, Vicksburg; price \$2 20. ap. 21tf. JOHN THATCHER.

LADIES' KID GLOVES AT COST.

I HAVE on hand a large assortment of Ladies' Kid Gloves of all colors and sizes which I am prepared to sell at cost. april 20. W. D. PHILLIPS.

Star Candles.—50 Boxes Star Candles just received and for sale to the trade at reduced prices. april 29 ly. JOSHUA BEAL.

Wrapping Paper.—150 Reams Best quality Wrapping Paper just received and sale by april 29 ly, JOSHUA BEAL.

POWDER,—half and quarter Kegs for sale by JOSHUA BEAL.

100 BARRELS Flour for sale by THOS. PRENDAGAST.