

# The Daily Comet.

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Attention is asked to the notice in reference to St. Vincent de Pauls Benevolent Society to be found in another column. It is the legitimate sphere of the ladies, to direct the charities of the town. We would like to see all the surplus revenue of our citizens, that they will neither use themselves or let others use, turned over to the Ladies Benevolent Society.

The "Bloods of Lafayette st." are too warm. Their desire to pitch into our *Vis-a-vis* friend, for a line or two in his paper, which was copied from some other, and only adapted to that locality by the editor. We are very certain it was not intended to reflect upon the "Bloods," and we cannot publish their communication.

A treaty of amity and friendship has been entered into between the *Vis* and the Comet, and we do not want to disturb the compact. If it were now opened by the "Bloods," we should certainly get involved in a more intricate controversy, than that occasioned by the Whale fisheries.

REV. J. W. HARMON.—This talented gentleman, delivered a lecture on the subject of Temperance at the Methodist Church, last night and the night before. The audience was good on both occasions, and Mr. Harmon presented the question in his usual bold and eloquent manner. He is a sincere and enthusiastic advocate of the cause, and deservedly stands at the head of the Temperance question in this State. He is however rather vindictive in his denunciations, and would have the strong arm of the law, to force the State to march up to the "platform" and be choked into total abstinence. Mr. Harmon should not forget, that there are a great many *mediocria* sensible people in the world, who think that Intemperance is more the result of great social evils, than the cause; and as long as they keep sober and temperate in their views he should not denounce them. We notice that he says a great many things in his discourse which he means to be taken figuratively. For instance: he asserts that in Maine and other states, the prisons and jails, and work houses are all placarded, "For rent." He certainly would not have us believe this, with all the evidence to the contrary which lies before us?—Another thing: in his New Orleans "statistics," he puts all the crime and its cost in dollars, to the account of intemperance, and makes no allowance for the base "passions" of man, which have now and ever must have full sway. Perhaps it is deemed intemperance to exercise them? We grant it is. All things are good in moderation, and the excess is intemperance.

At a late meeting of the Boston Society of Natural History, a paper was read showing that rattle snake poison is a most powerful sedative, and that stimulants were its antidotes. Alcohol is designated. In two instances in which the remedy has been implied the persons have been cured. Certainly. We have personally known half a dozen instances where individuals have been cured by swallowing a quart or more of whiskey. The liquor must be drunk until it begins to taste liquor. Then the poison is subdued; not before. Before that time it has no particular taste.

## Patrols.

The ancient statute in reference to Patrols, has been revived, and any night for the past few weeks a body of half dozen of order loving citizens, with a commission from the Mayor's Court to carry clubs, might have been seen in disproportioned squads of two or three, looking about at the front doors and in at the back alleys, to see that there is "no thieves," and that the peace and dignity of the State is observed.

That venerable individual, the "man at the corner," has been frightened from his post, where he is accustomed to stand, and gaze abstractedly. Positively the law has been so rigidly enforced of late, that even "ghosts" have been afraid to come up to "revisit the glimpses of the moon and make night hideous."

Our people may rest content—with the present vigilance; our word for it, there is no danger of a man's awaking to find his pockets rifled, and his throat cut.

It was our fortune to be summonsed a night or so ago, in pre-emptory manner of law forms, thus, "you are hereby commanded to appear—and hereby fail not, under a penalty."

The summons was obeyed with the alacrity which becometh a good citizen. We reported at the office in due time, and his honor with his usual courtesy, granted us permission to hear the Temperance lecture, after which we reported at head quarters on Lafayette street, and found the second ward allotted to us, with our friend W. Eskew, (formerly of the night watch,) for a companion. The orders of Captain Hueston were, that the squad should meet in solid phalanx at the Market about the small hours. The second ward watch, of which we had the honor to be a lean member, went immediately to work, to come up to the requirement of the law. We walked up Lafayette—down Church, across Third, and over the sixth avenue—looked into half opened gates to see that nobody was behind, looked in at every key hole from whence came a ray of tallow candle light, into the dark street—found nothing worse than is usual going on in the dark—visited the lamp post newly erected on Front street and found it burning in a very creditable manner, and after which the clock struck and we repaired to north Boulevard, to see that the market was unmolested.—At the corner of the North Boulevard we met our friend S— who ran over the

"Moving accidents by flood and field; Of hair-breadth scapes" 't the imminent deadly breach; Of being taken by the insolent foe," to which we listened with attentive ear as it recalled the past. No thieves came there to be taken, and if we except a colored gentleman by the market, who was from a late visit to his lady love, all was well.

In connection with this subject we would say, that as there are is much less honesty practiced, than is preached, there should be a regular night watch at the expence of the property that derives the benefit. It is not just that a class of the community comparatively not interested in the place, should be made to patrol the streets and guard the property against fire and thieves. We are informed from an official quarter that at least \$300,000 00 of the property in this place is not represented in the patrol. Let us have an organized police at once. We do not care to be "ordered out," occasionally. We are satisfied the authorities will not let us escape (so great is their regard for us) when we can be made serviceable.

From the will of the great Spanish painter Murillo, lately published at Madrid, we perceive that his pictures, which now sell from twenty, thirty, fifty, and even a hundred thousand dollars, were originally painted at prices varying from thirty dollars to a hundred and fifty.

## Communicated.

MR. EDITOR:—I beg that you will use your influence with our worthy Mayor, before he takes passage with Mr. Petin in the Balloon to the World's Fair, to induce him to have the crossing places at the corner of the streets, raised, to enable the citizens to keep out of the mud, during the present rainy weather. The crossing at the corner of Third and Florida streets is impassible. There ought to be an elevated foot path from Third street across the Boulevard to St. Philip street, for the accommodation of citizens having business at the State House or going to the residence of his Excellency the Governor. A few cart loads of brick bats deposited at the west corner of St. Phillip street and the Boulevard, would enable pedestrians to get around the corner dry shod.

These and many other crossings should be attended to, and performed *secundem artem*, so that his honor would not be injured in the *pericranium* or *os coccygis*, should he fall heads or tails from the Balloon.

COGNÉ FETU.

LOUISVILLE AND NEW ORLEANS DAILY MAIL.—The Louisville Times, of the 1st inst., says:

We understand that although the carriage of the mail between Louisville and New Orleans, and between Louisville and St. Louis, was awarded as separate contracts to different companies, by a late arrangement the two services have been or will be consolidated. Hence the designation of "the Louisville, New Orleans and St. Louis" Company.

The Times also learns that Capt. Glover is pushing forward with great energy his arrangements for an early and successful completion of the contract.—The rumored sale of Mount Vernon to a joint stock company, is the subject of universal comment, and may be mentioned in connection with the fact that "the grave of James Madison, twice President of the Republic, cannot be recognized."

The tomb of Harrison is in a state of disgraceful dilapidation, and Gen. Taylor's is not honored with a "grave stone," if a paragraph that went the rounds of the press, some months since, is true! Such things reflect discreditably upon us as a people, and will darken into infamy if they are not removed.—ARRIVAL OF THE NUNCIO IN NEW YORK.—Monsignor Bedini, Nuncio of his Holiness, arrived in this city on Thursday last. He is the guest of the most reverend Archbishop Hughes. The Catholics of the United States will welcome the accomplished and distinguished representative of the Holy Father, on account both of the high office he holds and of his personal qualities. After resting for a few days in New York, Monsignor will make a visit to Washington, after which he purposes returning to this city. The Rev. Mr. Virtue, of the London Mission, accompanies his Grace as English Secretary.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal, 3d inst.—THE RIVER AMAZON.—The first steamship which ever sailed up the waters of the Amazon, left Para, a seaport of Brazil, on the first of February. She is named the Marago, and her destination was the city of Barra, in the province of the Amazon. Much enthusiasm was shown in consequence of this first application of steam to the navigation of the largest river in the world.

Several steamers intended for the same trade have lately been launched, or are in progress of building in England.

D. R. Lambert, to be a Lieutenant in the Navy vice Weir, resigned; H. S. Newcomb, Lieutenant, vice J. Humphries, resigned; Passed Midshipmen R. M. Cuyler, Geo. M. Ransom and Wm. F. Spicer, to be Masters in the Navy; Master E. B. Calhoun, resigned.—"Kossuth and Mazini left London a fortnight since, and no one knows where they now are." The London journals makes no mention of their departure.—STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION AT NEW YORK.—The steamboat New World, lying at the dock, foot of Chambers street, New York, collapsed a flue of her larboard boiler on the morning of the 1st inst., killing five persons and wounding sundry others.—Dr. Mercer, of Louisiana, while in Cincinnati the other day, subscribed \$1,000 to the Henry Clay Monument Fund.—George Whitmore, of Louisiana has been appointed mail agent for the States of Louisiana and Arkansas.

## FEMALE EDUCATION IN MISSOURI.

—Madam Galway of St. Louis, has purchased thirty acres of ground, one mile east of that town, for which she paid \$8000, and upon which she designs to erect a female academy, to be placed under the supervision of the "Ladies of the Sacred Heart." The main building is to be 850 feet long and three stories high. Three of the "Sisters" have already arrived at St. Joseph, and two more were expected. A school has already been commenced with twenty pupils.

Six ladies of the Order of Visitation have arrived in New York from France. Two of them from Paris, are destined for the establishment of the Sisters of the Visitation in St. Louis, and the other four, from Lyons, are to commence an establishment of the Order in Keokuk. They are all highly educated and accomplished, and calculated for the great work to which they are devoted—the promotion of female education in our country.

DISTRESSING CASE OF ANIMAL MAGNETISM.—We are sorry to announce that Miss C., the young lady in Surry Place, who was reported in this journal some few weeks ago to have suffered from trying the table-movement experiment by means of the above agency, is much worse. Hopes were entertained that she would soon recover the use of her hands. It seems, however, that those hopes have not been realized. Her hands are now firmly clenched together, and it requires great force to separate the fingers, even for a moment, from the palms of her hands. This extraordinary affair has caused intense excitement in the medical profession.—London Morning Adv.

"BOMBASTES FURIOSO."—The author of this well-known and popular burlesque was William Barnes Rhodes, who was also the author of another burlesque drama, which has never been printed or published, entitled "The Argonauts; or, the Golden Fleece," and which is in the possession of Mr. John Miland, of London, and said to be of equal merit with the *Bombastes Furioso*.

The palace of the Pantheon, at Paris is on the eve of being annihilated by the sudden opening of an immense abyss, which took place recently. The ward where the Pantheon is built is situated upon the catacombs of Paris, which are as large and immense as the mammoth cave of Kentucky. It is supposed that the stone pillars are not strong enough to support the weight of the upper court, and that the whole of that ward will finally fall into the cave.

DR. JOHNSON.—The parchment containing the grant of the freedom of the City of Aberdeen to the "Literary Colossus," in 1773, was sold in Manchester, England, in August, 1823, for a trifle, to an eminent bookseller in Bond street, who still retains it.

We are authorized to announce CHAS. E. GRENEAUX, as a candidate for the office of State Treasurer subject to the decision of a convention.

We are authorized to announce AUGUSTIN DUPLANTIER as a candidate for Auditor of Public Accounts for the State of Louisiana. Subject to decision of the Democratic Convention.

We are authorized to announce H. M. PIERCE as a candidate for Assessor of this Parish.

## New Advertisements.

### Notice.

ON TUESDAY the 19th inst., at 10 o'clock, the Ladies of St. Vincent de Paul's Benevolent society, will take up a collection for charitable purposes, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. There will be Divine Service at the church, and the pews will be free to all. July 15th.

### NOTICE.

PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the subscriber, until Thursday the 21st inst., for cutting, clearing and grubbing all trees and undergrowth on Magnolia Cemetery. (30 Arpers.) except such trees as shall be reserved by the Board. Specific information can be obtained by calling on the undersigned. W. F. TUNNARD, Chairman Board Trustees. July 14th.

LABORERS WANTED on the Baton Rouge and Clinton Plankroad. Apply at CLINE'S Livery Stable. Clear Sides. A SPLENDID article for sale by June 28 y. JOSHUA BEAL. MONOCROMATIC BOARDS.—A large assortment this day received by J. C. LA NOUE.

## CAPDEVIELLE & BRO.

Successors to F. Weyroy, Laurel Street, between Lafayette & Third, Baton Rouge, La.

JUST RECEIVED a fine assortment of fancy goods of all description, consisting of:

French and English embroidery, White lace capes, black lace veils, Thread, needles, and buttons, Embroidered handkerchiefs, Silk and cotton trimmings, Cotton and linen laces, Fancy ribbons, Hoisery, gloves,

A fine assortment of perfumery, Tortoise shell combs, brushes of all kinds, Pocket knives and scissors, Fine pocket books, Looking glasses, Musical instruments, Toys of every description. All at moderate prices. July 14th.

## TO CONTRACTORS.

Office Baton Rouge and Clinton Plank Road Company, Baton Rouge July 9th 1853.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office through the Post office until Wednesday the 17th day of August next for the ditching graduation and bridging of the first two sections of the road, commencing at the point where the road intersects the Corporation limits of Baton Rouge and extending eight miles in the direction to Clinton, each section embracing for miles.

Proposals and profiles are ready for inspection at the office of the company, and the character and extent of the work can be fully comprehended by passing along the road and observing the level of embankment as marked upon the stakes by the Engineer of the road. Bids will be received for one or both sections, and proposals will state the time that contracts shall be completed. Testimonials as to the character and ability of the contractors to perform the work, will be required of persons unknown to the officers of the company. July 14th. W. A. S. PIKE, Pres't.

## Notice to Contractors.

Sealed Proposals for the construction of the Baton Rouge Prison, will be received by the undersigned commissioners until 12 o'clock of the 18th day of July 1853, and will be opened on that day.

The Prison will be constructed agreeable to the plan adopted by the Police Jury on the 27th of June. The plan and specifications can be seen at the office of the Comet, to which reference is made for more accurate information. A copy of the specifications will be furnished to the contractors to which they will be required to adhere strictly; for this end the commissioners were appointed, who will see that the work executed, and the materials used are in strict conformity to the terms and specifications of the contract.

The contractor will be required to complete the building in ninety days from the closing of the contract.

If required three thousand dollars will be paid when the work is commenced and fifty per cent on the work as it progresses. The balance when completed.

If none of the bids are satisfactory to the commissioners they will be at liberty to decline to accept any of them, each proposal must be accompanied by the signatures of two responsible persons as sureties for the faithful fulfillment of the contract.

All proposals must be sealed and endorsed, "Proposals for building the Baton Rouge Prison," and then enclosed in another envelope and addressed to the undersigned commissioners at Baton Rouge.

ISAAC S. TAYLOR, J. B. KLEINPETER, July 5th. F. ARBOUR.

## Succession Sale.

In the matter of the succession of JACQUES MOREAU, dec'd.—[No. 309 Probate]—6th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, La.

BY VIRTUE of a commission issued in the above succession, and to me directed from the hon. Sixth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, I will expose at public sale at the Court House door, of said Parish, in the city of Baton Rouge, on

Thursday the 11th day of August next A. D. 1853, at 11 o'clock, A. M. the property hereinafter set forth, and described, belonging to the aforesaid succession—to wit:

A lot of ground situated in that part of the city of Baton Rouge, laid out by the late Richard Devall, measuring thirty-six feet front on Lafayette street by ninety in depth, being the Southern part of Lot No. 11, of Square No. 2, with all the buildings and improvements therein. Terms of sale cash. [July 7] H. V. BABIN, Sheriff.

## Vente de Succession.

Dans l'affaire de la succession de JACQUES MOREAU, décédé.—[No. 309 Preuves.] Cour du Sixième District Judiciaire—Pariouise d'Est Baton Rouge.

EN VERTU d'une commission lancé dans l'affaire de la sudite succession, et à moi adressé par l'Honorable la Cour du sixième district Judiciaire dans et pour la Paroisse et Etat sudite: J'exposerai en vente publique, à la porte de la maison de Cour de la dite Paroisse, dans la ville de Baton Rouge.

Jeudi, le 11me jour d'Aout, 1853, à 11 heures du matin, la propriété ci-après nommés, appartenant à la sudite succession savoir: UN terrain de terre situé dans cette partie de la ville de Baton Rouge, arpenté par le defeu Richard Devall, mesurant 36 pieds de face sur la rue Lafayette, par 90 de profondeur, étant la partie sud du terrain No. 11, de l'Het No. 2, avec toutes les bati-mens qui s'y trouvent. Condition de la Vente.—COMPTANT. H. V. BABIN, Juillet 7. Sberiff.

PER EXPRESS—The July number of Graham's Magazine and Godey's Lady's Book for sale by July 16thly J. C. LA NOUE.