

The Daily Comet.

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We are under many obligations to our friend Allen of the Telegraph for favors.

Mr. GEO. E. GREEN, has become editor and proprietor of the "Mirror" published in Jackson, La.

The munificence of H. R. W. HILL of New Orleans knows no limit. His weekly donation to the Howard Association of New Orleans is \$100.

Four Democrats and six Whigs have been elected to Congress from Kentucky.

From the 1st to the 13th of August, the number of interments in all the cemeteries of New Orleans was 2429.

Henry Cockton, author of "Valentine Vox, the Ventriloquist", and other works, died recently in England.

In Woodville on the 8th inst. a man by the name of GILDART, was stabbed by a man named ELLIOT. There is no hope of GILDART'S recovery.

The sealed proposals for ditching, grading and bridging the first two sections of the Baton Rouge and Clinton Plank Road Co., will be opened to-day. Also proposals for building materials, and building the La. Institute for the Deaf, the Dumb, and the Blind.

The death of Col. BLISS, U. S. A., promotes Capt. U. S. GRANT, to the rank of Major, which the deceased held in the 4th Infantry, and Lieut. J. C. Bonnycastle in the same regiment.

We see that "Joe Smith" has not only come to life but is actually at this present writing engaged in the saddle and harness business, at the flourishing town of Bayou Sara in this State.

The Hon. R. J. Walker is still at the "Metropolitan" New York. He will take a British steamer and go up the Mediterranean and Red sea to Bombay, from whence the steamer Powhattan will take him to his place of destination.

LAUNCHING THE STATE BOAT FLORIDA.—This boat which has been undergoing repairs at the Bayou, North of our town, was launched yesterday under the direction of Mr. DUGGAN. The hull of the Florida has been lengthened and repaired, in a very substantial manner. She is now one of the best boats in the service, and will soon be ready for duty.

She will drop down to the Baton Rouge Foundry, where her engine will be taken on board. This has undergone a complete refitting by Hill & Henderson at the Foundry.

We learn that the State Engineer Mr. MOUSS, designs building a new boat for the service, near Henderson's Woodyard. The State Engineer's department has a very efficient officer in Mr. MORSE.

We see that our friend MARKS of the "Ledger" is going on a short pleasure excursion to Merriweather county, Georgia. We doubt not he will have an agreeable time of it. We find from reference to our books that the county was not named for the "weather" but for the people; who, we are told are a merry set, whether it be good weather or bad. The "Ledger" will not be "balanced" on account of "departure" but will be regularly posted up by a democratic friend who will see that the best accounts only go in.

It is not a little singular to us, that so many of our contemporaries who call their newspapers "Democratic," should be thrusting before their readers such bladders as appears from week to week about Mr. J. H. Erwin of Iberville, who chooses to offer himself to the citizens of Iberville as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, without the permission of a miserable caucus of locofocos, who think they have the right to say who shall be Sheriff.

We would like to know what the office of Sheriff of Iberville has to do with the great principles of the Great "Democratic" party of this great nation. The organ of East Baton Rouge has the following beautiful paragraph on the subject.

Singular Proceedings.—We perceive by the Iberville Gazette that Mr. Jos. H. Erwin, after having submitted his name, among others, to a nominating convention, has so far forgotten himself as to come before the people as an independent candidate for sheriff.—*Baton Rouge Advocate.*

"So far forgotten himself?" Yes. The intelligent people of Iberville, will vote for him just because he has the independence to stand before them upon his own merit, without any regard to the croakings of small politicians, whose bowels dilate at the prospect of 'spoils' and collapse at the bare thought that anything is to fall from their grasp.

Telegraphed for the Daily Comet.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 16th.—Total number deaths during 24 hours ending six o'clock this morning 193. By Yellow fever 163 not stated 11. Weather very cool, and large number may be expected in report of to-morrow morning.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 16.—List of interments last 24 hours ending 6 o'clock A. M. yesterday 213 which may be taken as about one third of those attacked.

In answer to our friend Bradburn, we would say that his bills should be sent up about two weeks before adjournment, that the committee on contingents may look at them. The appropriation is made to cover the bills on hand. The Clerks are generally very busy then, with ravenous eyes hunting up—their own "extra compensations," and the decamping legislators looking after their balances makes the squabble, general. Next time send your bill to us, and we will attend to it for you.

The *Plaquemine Sentinel* in an article headed, "What's to be done?" says upon the question of the dismemberment of Grosse Tete, from Iberville to which it has always belonged we are convinced there is but one sentiment among the people here.—"How in the world Bradburn, you can make such a statement as this, when the history of the matter is so fresh on the record, we cannot for the life of us see. Grosse Tete never belonged to Iberville. We say it with the facts before us. We call on you to prove your position; when you do, we will never say another word on the subject.

Letters from Madeira to the 22d of June, represent the wine crop in that Island, a total failure. Great poverty, distress and death, has been occasioned thereby. It is said that the vines must be ploughed up, and fresh cuttings planted, from which no crop can be gathered for at least three years.

E. Talbot, a mechanic of Hartford, Conn., has invented a machine called a mountain borer. It weighs eighty tons, has an engine of sixty horse power, and is to be fastened on a rock near Harlem. The *Hartford Times* describes it as a bold conception of mechanical genius, more than equal to all the curiosities in the exhibition at New York.

The *Shreveport Democrat* says that on Friday morning last, a fatal difficulty occurred on board the steamer R. M. Jones, whilst lying at the mouth of Black Bayou. The engineer of the boat E. A. Hornish had been playing cards, contrary to the rules of the boat, with a man by the name of Kezer, a difficulty arose, and Hornish struck Kezer, who, in falling hit his head and dislocated his neck—Death followed immediately. Hornish gave bond for his appearance before court.

From the *Picayune's* correspondent at Point Clear, we learn that the wife and daughter of Mr. Joseph Hall, a well known merchant of Mobile, were accidentally drowned. They were in bathing. Mrs. H. heard her daughter scream, and on going to her relief they were both drowned, and this too in the presence of their relatives.

In a communication for the *Picayune* signed X., on the moral prospects of New Orleans, we find the following very truthful paragraph, which will apply with equal force to every place in the State of Louisiana. We commend it to the careful attention of parents.

Every right thinking man in this community has seen and felt for years past that the physical prosperity of this city was perverted in fostering and feeding a morbid, immoral, licentious appetite, which has grown with our growth and strengthened with our physical strength. Men, who dearly loved the city of their adoption, have been obliged, from a stern sense and obligation, to carry their children to distant parts of this country or, to Europe to be educated, thus alienating the affection of their children from the place of their nativity. And as this led parents to make annual or semi-annual pilgrimages to visit their children, the germ of absenteeism has flourished, and the vigorous homogenous element of strength and prosperity has been lost or weakened, so as to debilitate rather than strengthen our social system.

The same writer very justly remarks. You need not complain of the laws against selling liquor to slaves not being enforced so long as our officials reward men with office and place who can control grog-shop influence on election days. How can men enforce laws against the elements that sustain them in office.

A GHOST.—The New York correspondent of the *Delta*, says:

Considerable excitement has been created within the past week on one of our ferries, by a report that the ghost of an individual, somewhat prominent in our city politics, had been seen several times on board the boats while crossing. The individual, whose ghost was thus revisiting the glimpses of the moon, was recently sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the Tombs, for the assault on Mr. Schell, in the somewhat notorious Tammany Hall riot. Some persons, who have a notion that man is not entitled to sport a ghost until after he is dead, made some enquiries into the matter, since when the apparition, or whatever else it was, has disappeared from its usual haunts. It is supposed that the prison keeper has been admonished to keep his inmates closer for the future.

SOCIETY THAT IS SOCIETY.—True society—that which awakens life within us, and warms the heart, and stirs the intellect; that which is perpetually setting before us something to give healthful diversity to our thoughts, and something fresh to carry home with us for reflection is made up of distinctly marked individuals, with just enough in common to understand one another, but with all else each man's own and each as he, and he alone, would have thought of as all, or at most, would have thought of or said in that particular way.—*R. H. Dana.*

Mrs. President Santa Anna has arrived at Tacabayo, and joined her husband. On the 1st inst., she received the felicitations of the various corporations, military corps, ect., ect., upon her happy return to her native country. She enjoys the title of "La Ex.ma Senora Presidenta."

The coast mail is now under direction of the Postmaster in this city, who is instructed to furnish all the offices enumerated in route No. 5711, with a mail not to exceed six times a week to St. Francisville, and three times a week to Vicksburg. The Postmasters at Vicksburg, St. Francisville, and intermediate offices, having been instructed to send corresponding down mails, we may reasonably expect that this long neglected route will be as well supplied with mails as the present condition of steamboating on the river will allow. We understand that this new arrangement will commence at once, and the responsibility of the coast mail will rest on the broad shoulders of the Postmaster of this city, who has already entered on the discharge of this new duty with his usual promptitude. We are informed that he will send mails by steam to all the offices on this route as often as steamboats can be procured to take them, and, if possible, keep up a regular connection with the intersecting routes after to-day.—*Delta 18th inst.*

Some of those enterprising people, the Northern book publishers, have adopted a very ingenious plan for obtaining from innocent Southern and Western editors tip-top notices of the new publications they, the book-publi-hers send to them, the editors.

The editor receives the work, neatly put up in a paper wrapper. He opens it and out falls an envelope, sealed, addressed to the "editor of —." It, too, is opened and the innocent editor finds a rose, or pink, or other pleasant colored note, containing a description of the new book, printed in fine type, with the publisher's address and some half dozen cute Northern editors' notices of a book of which they, in all probability, have read only the title page. The publisher then blandly and courteously says to the innocent editor:

"As a want of leisure may interfere with some of our friends of the press in giving an early review of the work, we have taken the liberty of enclosing a few notices written by some of the best critics among literary men, that if any one of them should meet their approbation, they may favor us by inserting it."

How very kind and obliging! The innocent and unsuspecting Southern or Western editor of course eagerly accepts the ready made and favorable notice of the book, and thus finds himself under a deep sense of gratitude to his courteous Northern friend, the publisher, for furnishing him not only with his literature, but his opinions of it.—*Picayune 12th inst.*

The London correspondent of the *New York Tribune* says:

The Countess Blanka Teleki, the young lady mentioned in *Brace's Hungary*, has been sentenced to ten years imprisonment for her patriotism. In Italy, nineteen patriots have again been shot at the city of Este. Francis Joseph of Austria, rivals his ancestors Leopold I, Ferdinand II, and Phillip II. He is young and may yet eclipse them all, and the Emperor Nero too.

THE HEALTH OF OUR PARISH.—Our Parish generally so healthy is becoming quite sickly, of late. Doctors are actively employed. Ice and lemons are in demand. We regret to learn that the good people of our sister parish, West Feliciana, are beginning to suffer.—*State Paper Clinton 13th inst.*

BROCK'S MONUMENT.—The celebrated land mark on the Queenston Heights, Canada, erected in memory of Sir Isaac Brock, who fell on the field October 13, 1812, was on the 9th inst., felled to the ground. An effectual attempt had been to blow it up the day before. It was found necessary to use a second blast, which shivered the shaft into atoms. It was done by direction of the British Government, who will erect a new and beautiful monument in its place.

THE DISCOVERY OF CALIFORNIA.—The San Francisco Herald publishes "The voyage Juan Rodriguez Cabrilla, first discovered of the coast of California, and his pilot, Bartolome Ferrello, from a famous old Spanish author, now for the first time done into English, by Alexis S. Taylor, of Monterey." This narrative dates the discovery A. D. 1548.

The *Parisian* mentions a train of carriages, from Lyons to Jerusalem. They receive the passengers at Marseilles, and land them at Jaffa; will take them up again at Cape Carmel, and bring them home, via Alexandria. The price though is to be 1,000 francs, and the duration of the journey sixty days. Some of the papers consider this a rather profane mingling of paganism with serious matters. "Pilgrimage made easy," is the attractive heading upon the bills circulated by the company.—*Picayune.*

NOVEL LEGAL DECISION.—The Supreme Court of Illinois, in session at Ottawa, has decided that when Journals of the Legislature do not show that an act passed through three several readings as required by the constitution, it cannot be recognized as a law, even when signed by the presiding officers of both branches of the Legislature, and approved by the Governor. The signing and approving were merely held as being evidence presumptive of the passage of the act, but not conclusive as to the fact if the journals did not prove it.

A LEGAL DEFINITION.—"An attachment," says Lord Coke, "is a compulsory process to bring a man to court." After reading this fact, as we did in a law book which fell under our notice the other day, we were struck with the merciful character of the law in confining this arbitrary power to the discretion of the wise and discreet judges, instead of leaving it free for the use of impatient widows and desperate spinners. Wouldn't the bachelors have a pretty time of it if they were subject to such "attachments" as these—"compelled to court," and then compelled to marry, or punished for courting, by a breach of promise suit.

Rufus Choate, it is said writes such a shocking bad hand that he had to take a clerk in his office to Dartmouth College, to decipher his hieroglyphics, in order that the newspapers might obtain a copy of his eulogy on Webster.

A. Clinton McLean, of New Jersey, has been appointed United States mail agent to accompany the mails between New York and San Francisco—salary \$1000.

CANDIDATES.

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

EDITOR COMET.—Please announce H. V. BABIN, Esq. the present incumbent, as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff. Election to be held on the first Monday in November.

THE PEOPLE.—We are authorized to announce MANUEL MORENO, the present incumbent, as a candidate for re-election, to the office of Clerk of the Sixth Judicial District Court.

We are authorized to announce SAML. SKOLFIELD, the present incumbent, as a candidate for re-election to the office of Parish Recorder.

We are authorized to announce R. SIBLEY STUART as a candidate for the office of Assessor of this Parish.

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

Mr. Editor.—You will please announce JOHN McNARY ROBINSON, as a candidate for the office of Coroner of this Parish YOUNG AMERICA.

New Advertisements.

Margaret Grady, NEAR THE NEW ORLEANS CHEAP STORE, IN CATTISH TOWN.

Prepared to do all kinds of sewing, and respectfully solicits a share of Public patronage. She is prepared by a new method called the "Systematic Patterns for Ladies" to teach any person in one hour, to cut and fit dresses. The finest quality of Gentlemen's shirts made to order. Gentlemen are invited to call and examine the work she has on hand. Aug. 15 1m

New Books.

At J. O. Lanoue's, Lafayette street.

MILES TREMNER, or the Love Test, by Annette Maria Maillard.

MRS. HURDLETON, or the Two Brothers, by Mrs. Maudie.

Lectures of Father Gavazzi in New York.

JACK CADE, or the Bondman's Struggle; a tale of Feudal Oppression.

THE ROSSON'S WIFE, a Domestic Romance by the author of "Rose Somerville"

Letter Paper.

200 REAMS assorted fine and super, also 200 reams Fools cap paper, just received from the mills and for sale at a small advance by J. C. LANOUE, Lafayette street.