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We will be glad if you notify our office of any delinquency on the part of our carrier, as our arrangements are such that every issue of our paper should be regularly delivered.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The proprietorship of THE LOUISIANIAN having changed, by the withdrawal of Mr. C. C. Antoine, the paper will hereafter be issued weekly, commencing on Saturday, April 27, 1872.

There will be a Grand Ball given on Saturday, May 4th, by the Pinchback Rangers at Brown's Hall, No. 130 Melpomene street. Admission 75 cents.

SUMMER RESORT.—We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the opening of Stokes' Hotel, at Bay St. Louis, on the 15th of May. Our acquaintance with the proprietors of the above institution warrant us in assuring those of our friends who may desire pleasant quarters for the summer that they can find none more pleasant or agreeable than at friend Stokes at Bay St. Louis.

EVENING PARTY.

With the pleasantest recollections of the entertainments of Thursday evening we sit to chronicle the hospitality of Gen. A. E. Barber, and the enjoyment of quite a number of his friends, at his residence on that occasion. The General, fond of social intercourse and joviality, struck upon this happy method of giving and receiving pleasure, he surrounded himself with a house full of ladies and gentlemen of congenial temperaments and providing a fine band of music, and laying out a sumptuous supper table with all the etoeters which complete the bill, afforded his guests ample opportunity for enjoyment throughout the evening. The amusements lasted until a late hour when the guests separated delighted with the manner in which their evening was spent.

THE PRESS AND THE COL.

The tone of the Democratic press shows the spirit which prevails among certain of the white population against colored men holding office. Whenever a colored man is turned out and a white man installed: "O, how glad we are that the policy of good sense is at last triumphant" the Democratic press chime in, and the psalms are rung until the heavens ring again. We speak of the press only as those straws in political storms which show the way the wind blows, and not as so many individuals who tell their own sentiments, nor as advertising mediums. We treat the press as the party pulse. When a colored man goes to vote he is white enough, but when he seeks to hold office for which he is capable and honest, "he's a d—n nigger who's getting above his boots," putting the sentiment in a street parlance. We colored people have no hope outside of the Republican party; that gone, our cause goes down. Conservatives, Democrats, Reformers, none of them welcome the colored man in the right spirit. They all want him as a voter. They want him as a unit before their cypher. There is not a real genuine spirit in the whole concern, "bag and baggage," outside the ranks of the Republican party. We reach these conclusions by our reading of the newspapers who are called "Democratic" but who may have skipped the name, yet hold on like grim death to the exclusive spirit to gain control of the State, the opposition party holding the old slaveholders within the inner temple, the old seceders, the old wire pullers, the old white-headed scoundrels, whose monied respectability is only due to a successful rascality must get control of the colored vote. For this purpose they are like the boy accustomed to catch a horse by "rattling some corn in a measure," tried it once or twice by rattling pebbles. He fooled the horse once, but never could do it again. The colored men are now old birds that cannot be caught with the chaff these old liners have been casting about for some time, seconded by the press who come to their assistance and fill out the measure of their oppressors with sweet sentiments. But let the occasion come, and out from its kennel issues the slave-holding prejudice that would keep the colored man forever down. The press dawdles fondly about him when he is "a heaver of wood and drawer of water," lingers lovingly over his deeds when he follows his "young man's" and all that sort of thing, and builds a monument over his heroism as a servant, a menial, or a lackey; but let him strike out for himself and nourish his ambition with high hopes for office, let him aspire to be a leader among his people, a Moses among his flock, and where the press is not silent it is positively abusive. We refer to the press of New Orleans as falling within our observation, and we, from previous experiences, can see the drift of the opposition party long before we strike the stem of the current, just as a man would know a waterfall was somewhere about just as soon as he heard Niagara roar. Colored men should not be deluded by any temporary soft saviour as long as a dish of gall is right behind it. There is no hope for the colored man outside the Republican party, and we can prove this out of the mouths of those who we rank with the opposition. In the Times of Friday occurs an example of the class of vituperation to which we refer, where Governor Pinchback is assailed as a demagogue, because, invited to express his sentiments he did so, and told the Convention plainly that they, as a party, had no hopes outside the Republican ranks. What, says the Times, Mr. Pinchback you have no business to bring in questions of race and color into a party Convention and ride into favor on the storm. Will the Times agree to leave color out of the question? drop all allusions to a man's fitness because he is born with African blood? Never. So long as the colored man is a boot-black, a hack driver, a drayman, a lackey, it is marvellous proper. He can attend all the feats of reason and flows of soul if he stands behind a chair with a napkin on his arm. He can go to the races if he sets behind our lords and ladies with the footman's badge upon his hat. We will tolerate the colored man in social situations as a servant or a slave without the shackles, but when he attempts to be a Governor the Bombastes of the New Orleans press yell out, and cry down with him. We have hopes, however, that the community will yet be educated into fair play, the boast of Anglo-Saxon civilization, but we may well despair when in this late day we see a repetition of the Johnsonian arguments of Southern supremacy and fol-de-rol.

STATE UNIVERSITY APPOINT.

The public is familiar with the dispute between the late Board of Administrators and the Faculty of the State University resulting in an appeal by the latter to acting Gov. Pinchback for the appointment of a new Board. The Governor has, in response, exercised a prompt and judicious selection in the appointment of a new Board. Governor Warmoth, Chief Justice Ludeking and Mayor Flanders are ex-officio members, the new appointees being Harry T. Hays, W. W. Howe, William H. Hunt, George S. Lacey, Hugh J. Campbell, Michael Hahn, C. H. Thompson and William G. Brown. With the eminent qualifications of the gentlemen of the legal fraternity on this Board the reader is so familiar as to need no reference to them here. Rev. C. H. Thompson, D. D., of Straight University, is a gentleman of considerable culture and experience. He has already occupied equally honorable positions in some of the Northern Colleges where he has displayed those qualities which entitle him to distinguished consideration among his fellows. Of the last named gentleman, we copy the remarks made by our cotemporary of the New Orleans Republican: We congratulate our talented young cotemporary, William G. Brown, Esq., upon his appointment by Governor Pinchback as an administrator of the University of Louisiana. As editor of the LOUISIANIAN, Mr. Brown has manifested marked ability, and he will bring to the discharge of his new duties not only this, but integrity of purpose and sound discretion.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE STATE CONVENTION.

Without the least disposition to criticize unfairly the action of the late Convention whose sessions have just closed in this city, it is but reasonable and just to all concerned that we should speak plainly and impartially of the action of the Convention so far as relates to the all absorbing question of harmony within our ranks as a party. If the Republican party of the State can succeed at all in the coming Presidential canvass it must be through the united effort of every branch of said party. There must be no divisions in our ranks. We have looked earnestly and hopefully for the hour to arrive when such a union of all the elements of our party might reasonably and honorably be brought about. The convention which has just adjourned, for many reasons, was well suited to the imitation and almost completion of such a work of harmony and reunion of all conflicting elements within the party. First—The Convention was held at a most auspicious moment for the initiation of such a movement, from the fact that two other important conventions of the party must follow in the course of a very few weeks, and whatever steps might have been taken in the interval could have received the most careful and critical scrutiny of the people themselves and of their representatives prior to and at the time when the two subsequent conventions shall assemble. We own that we rejoiced to hear of a disposition which manifested itself in the following debate and resolutions at an early hour after the permanent organization of the Convention: Mr. Jos. H. Wilson spoke in favor of unity, conciliation and harmony within the party. He said that he believed no one would deny the purity and honesty of his motives, (applause), and he was now for extending to the opposition the right hand of fellowship, and if we do not confront them boldly they will overrun us like a whirlwind. The party must be united. Mr. Wilson, at the conclusion of his remarks, offered the following resolution: Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed by the President to devise and submit to this Convention some practical method of adjusting the differences that exist in the Republican party, so as to secure harmony in our councils and unity in our ranks. Mr. Ladd said he was there to harmonize. (Applause.) Many of those who had followed Warmoth were as true Republicans as any present. (Applause.) He wanted to unite the party, and was willing to sit there until it was done. He agreed substantially with Mr. Wilson, but would offer the following substitute to his resolution: Whereas, There exists a want of harmony, unity and good feeling within the ranks of the Republican party of this State; and Whereas, This convention, called together for the advancement of this State, has the opportunity of uniting all those who exist in the Republican party, so as to secure beyond any doubt the success of the party in November, 1872; therefore, be it Resolved, That the President of this convention appoint a committee of five

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