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Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
...orner of Gravier and Tchoupitoulas streets, New ...rleans. n28-6m

DRY GOODS,
AT WHOLESALE,
No. 26 Magazine street, New Orleans.
THE subscriber has removed to his new store, No. 26 Magazine street, and is now receiving every ...scription of *DRY GOODS*, purchased since the de...line, which will be sold very low.
n28-6m MOSES BROWN.

JORDY & BRASIER,
No. 10 Conti street, New Orleans.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
...nd importers of Wines, Brandies, Cordials, &c.
n28-1y

GREEN & McDOUGALL,
Commission Merchants,
No. 75 Poydras street, New Orleans.
Refer to John J. Taylor, Esq., Edmund H. Martin, Esq., Basil C. Crow, Vermilionville. } Opelousas, La.
Martin Demaret, John B. Murphy, Dr. Walter Brashear, } St. Mary Parish.
nov21-1y

ISAAC BRIDGE,
Commission Merchant,
FOR the sale of *GROCERIES, DOMESTIC GOODS, HATS, BOOTS, SHOES and BROGANS*; also, Rich's Improved Patent Salamander *BOOK SAFES*; Stevens' Patent *BALANCES*; New York & Williamsburgh Co. *WHITE LEAD*, &c.
No. 74 Magazine st., New Orleans. o3-1y

REMOVAL.
DANIEL N. POPE,
WHOLESALE DRY GOODS MERCHANT,
HAS removed from 16 Canal st., to *MAGAZINE*, (Granite Building,) corner of Gravier street, where he is now opening a new and complete assortment of staple Dry Goods, comprising every variety of **Plantation Goods**, and others adapted to the season, among which are.—
7-8 and 4-4 Lowell, Virginia and Georgia Osnaburgs;
3-4, 7-8 and 4-4 Brown Shirtings and Sheetings;
Do Bleached do do
Blankets of every description and colors;
Kerseys, Linseys, Plains, Kentucky Jeans;
Cloths, Cassimeres, Linens, &c. &c.
Which he offers for sale on the lowest terms for cash or short city acceptances. His friends and the public are invited to call and examine his stock, before purchasing elsewhere. New Orleans, Oct. 1, 1844.—o3-3m

J. W. STANTON & CO.
Commission & Forwarding Merchants,
Corner of Magazine and Lafayette streets,
NEW ORLEANS. s12-1y

P. L. MASSEY & BLACK,
APOTHECARIES & CHEMISTS,
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Medicines, Drugs, Chemicals, &c.,
No. 46 Camp st., corner of Camp & Gravier sts.,
NEW ORLEANS.
Orders carefully put up, and articles of warranted quality. s12-1y

JARVIS & ANDREWS,
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
Window-glass, Paints, Oils & Medicines.
Agents for Philadelphia Eagle Glass Factory, and Philadelphia and New York White Lead.
No. 20 Common street, and 7 Canal st. Row,
NEW-ORLEANS. s12-1y

BOTANIC DRUG STORE,
No. 90 Magazine street, New Orleans, La.
Where may be obtained a general assortment of Thomsonian Botanic Medicines, Simples and Compounds, all of which are warranted genuine and of a superior quality. The subscriber respectfully solicits a share of the public patronage, and confidently anticipates as liberal encouragement as he received while conducting a similar establishment in Natchez, Miss. Sold, wholesale and retail, as low as articles of the best quality can be obtained anywhere in the South, by
s12 1y Dr. A. A. JONES, Agent.

RICE & HATHAWAY,
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
No. 72 Magazine street, New Orleans.
☞ Agents for N. Goodale's Sugar Refinery. Loaf, Crushed and Powdered Sugar constantly on hand.
New Orleans, Aug. 16—1y*

J. B. STEEL, (successor to Norman, Steel & Co.,) *Bookseller and Stationer*, No. 14 Camp street, New Orleans.
Stationery, School Books, Cheap Publications, &c., at the lowest cash prices.
☞ Printing and Book Binding, of every description, executed with neatness and despatch, and very cheap.

N. Orleans Advertisements.

NOTICE.
ALL persons having demands against the Merchants Bank of New Orleans, will present the same for settlement at the office of the Commissioners of said Bank, No. 30 Natchez street, New Orleans.
New Orleans, Sept. 14, 1844. s19-3m

THOMAS B. WINSTON,
GENERAL GROCER,
Wholesale and Retail Stores, Nos. 17, 19, and 21, corner of Poydras and Commerce streets, New Orleans.
HAVING taken these *THREE STORES* for a long term of years, I am determined to do business in such a way as to entitle me to the patronage of the *Country* and *City Merchants*, of *Planters* and of *Families*. One store intended solely for the *Retail* business, the other two entirely to the *Wholesale* department. To the Grocers, I have added a general *Provision* business—Pork, Lard, Bacon, Flour, &c. I shall be as liberal in terms as any established house in New Orleans, and for good paper I will give liberal time.
I am now receiving my *First Supplies*, and shall continue to keep (what has always been admitted, even by competitors) the best and cheapest assortment of Groceries, Liquors and Provisions in New Orleans.
New Orleans, Nov. 1844. n14 1yr

NATIONAL HOUSE,
G. N. GLIDEWELL, Proprietor,
Tchoupitoulas street, New Orleans, Louisiana.
THE subscriber respectfully solicits a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed the last season, and promises to leave nothing undone to render his guests comfortable. The *Ladies' Apartments* of the National, are inferior to no house in the South-west, and the house has undergone a complete renovation.
New Orleans, August 16, 1844.—tljan.

JNO. MORGAN HALL. JOHN KEMP.
HALL & KEMP,
GROCERS,
No. 2 Tchoupitoulas st. (next door to Canal st.)
NEW ORLEANS.
☞ A general assortment of Groceries. oct3-6m

LATE PUBLICATIONS.
LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, number six, for Oct. 1844.
THE AMERICAN ALMANAC, and Repository of Useful Knowledge, vol. 16, for the year 1845.
THE AMERICAN POET'S GIFT, illustrated by one of her Painters; edited by John Reese.
JARVES' HISTORY OF THE SANDWICH ISLANDS, 1v. 8vo.
Do. SCENES OF SCENERY in the do.
NOTES OF CUBA, by a Physician.
EMMERSON'S ESSAYS, second series.
DR. CHANNING'S WORKS, complete in 6 vs.
SPARK'S LETTERS ON EPISCOPACY.
A PICTORIAL NATURAL HISTORY, by S. G. Goodrich, author of Peter Parley's Tales.
ALSO,
All the English and American Annals, for 1845, and other *illustrated works*, got up in a style of superior elegance, suitable for the season.
Just received and for sale at the *New Orleans Stationer's Warehouse.*
J. B. STEEL, 14 Camp street.
d12 (successor to Norman, Steel & Co.)

UPHOLSTERY & PAPER HANGINGS
At No. 41 Royal street, New Orleans.
THE subscriber has constantly on hand a large supply of CURTAIN STUFFS, comprising a large quantity of splendid embroidered Swiss muslin curtains,
Satin medallion curtain stuff,
Silk damasks, of various colors,
Worsted and silk mixed damask, various colors,
Cotton and worsted Mexico do do do
Cotton damask do do
Also, a large variety of silk, worsted and cotton borderings and gimps, of assorted colors and sizes.
Silk and worsted tassels, assorted colors, etc.
Silk and worsted cords, do do
And, in short, all the numerous different styles of curtain stuffs and trimmings. Also, a large assortment of
GILT WINDOW-CURTAIN ORNAMENTS,
consisting of Window cornices,
Gilt poles, of different sizes,
Gilt ornaments and rings, different sizes,
Gilt eagles, do do
A splendid assortment of Embroideries, suitable for ottomans and footstool covers; embroidered bell-pulls, etc. etc., at remarkably low prices; together with a very large and splendid assortment of
PAPER HANGINGS,
which comprises the most splendid Historical Decors,' suitable for the decoration of fine saloons, etc.
'Decors,' representing the five senses, very fine.
Gold and silver paper hangings.
Velvet and embossed do.
Satin and plain do.
Velvet, gold, and silver borderings.
Bed top papers, with suitable borders, and a large assortment of fire board papers and borders.
The subscriber has constantly on hand a large assortment of hair and moss mattrasses, bedsteads, feather beds, sheets, musquito bars, and general bed furniture, together with parlor furniture. All of which will be sold low, by H. SIEBRECHT,
sep12-tf 41 Royal street, N.O.
N.B. Orders thankfully received, and punctually attended to.

IRON, NAILS, TIN PLATE, &c.
RICHARDS & MONTGOMERY,
No. 11 CHARTRES STREET, NEW ORLEANS.
HAVE just received, per ships New Hampshire, Sweden, Huron, Bombay, Isaac Allerton, Hampden and Alhambra from Liverpool, and by various other ships from the north, large additions to their stock of Sheffield, Birmingham and domestic goods, making their stock of *HARDWARE, CUTLERY*, &c., as extensive, complete and cheap as can be found in the southern country. Among their heavy goods are—
400 tons Swedes, Tennessee and English Iron, assorted, all sizes;
3000 Swedes, Tenn. and English Ploughshare Moulds;
300 bundles hoop and band Iron;
3000 kegs best Boston Nails;
500 boxes Tin Plates, of most approved brands;
300 dozen Collins's Hartford, Kings, Davis's and Simmons's Axes;
500 dozen Whittemore's best Cards, assorted—cotton, wool and horse;
5000 steel cotton-gin Saw Plates; also, Gin Saw Sheet Steel;
100 tons Savery & Co.'s, and other castings, assorted;
2000 French Pots, assorted, 2 to 108 pints; Points;
5000 gal's best winter strained and bleached Sperm Oil;
2000 do do do Whale do;
1000 do Linseed Oil;
25 bbls Spirits of Turpentine;
25 do best Tanners' Oil;
5 do Copal Varnish;
500 kegs White Lead, assorted;
1000 boxes Window Glass, assorted, 8 x 10, and 10 x 12;
10 casks Sheet Zinc;
300 kegs buck and drop Shot;
2000 Jabez King's genuine Carey Ploughs, a sorted—Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4;
3000 dozen best Carolina Hoes, assorted;
100 pairs Cologne Mill Stones, assorted;
12 do French Burr do;
25 pieces superior Bolting Cloths, assorted, 6, 8 & 9;
ALSO—A general assortment of Mill and Gin Irons; Carriers' Tools, assorted; Houghton & Wallace's superior patent Lard Lamps.
Their stock of *CUTLERY* is not surpassed.
—ALSO—
3000 pairs Trace Chains;
400 dozen painted Wood Buckets;
500 coils Manilla Rope, assorted sizes.
New Orleans, Nov. 1844—n14-6t

WHITE LEAD AND LINSEED OIL.
200 KEGS pure premium Lead,
10 Bbls. Linseed Oil, for sale at City prices. NATHAN GILBERT,
n7-6w Washington, La.

E. ETTER,
REPAIRER OF WATCHES,
CLOCKS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, &c
COURT STREET,
Directly opposite the Court-house, Opelousas, La.
Nov. 21, 1844.-tf

MERCHANDISE
OF every kind, selected on purpose for the season, and just landing from the city, for sale by
F. MARTEL,
wholesale or retail, at the lowest rates *for cash*, at his *Store on Main street, and at his store on Market street, corner of Bellevue.*
Opelousas, Nov. 1844. n14 tf

The New and Beautiful Blavenger Steamboat

ELIZABETH,
CAPTAIN O. A. MILLER,
WILL run as a Regular Packet Boat between Washington and New Orleans, via the Atchafalaya river, during the low water. Passage and Freight extremely low—as, for instance, cotton 75c. per bale; up freight 50c. per barrel. Passage low in proportion. The captain being determined to graduate his charges to meet the times, and accommodate the public in every particular, solicits a share of their patronage.
Opelousas, Oct. 3:3t

FURNITURE.—The subscriber has for sale two *Armoirs*, one common *Bedstead* and *Mattress*, three pairs of handsome *Andirons*, one *Sideboard*, and a fine *Dinner Set*, containing 44 pieces, which he is authorised to dispose of on very reasonable terms, for cash. Enquire at this office.
Oct.30-tf JOSEPH ETTER.

MEMORANDUM BOOKS.—A small lot for sale cheap at this office. o31

WAFERS.—For sale, a few boxes Wafers. Enquire at this office. o31

VISITING CARDS—Of various sizes, for sale at this office.
☞ Persons can have their names printed on cards, at the shortest notice, and on reasonable terms. o31

ALMANACS for 1845.—On hand for sale, Elton's Comic Almanac for 1845; Louisiana Merchants and Planters do. do.; Pocket do. do.; Counting-house do. do. (in French). Enquire at this office. o31

FRANKLIN COLLEGE,
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA.
THE Trustees of Franklin College take great pleasure in announcing to the Public, that the regular session of this institution will open on the first Monday of November next. The Rev. John Burks, lately of the Parish of Natchitoches, has been appointed President; and his profound erudition in the various branches of collegiate education, coupled with his heretofore successful experience as a classical instructor, fully warrant the Trustees in recommending him to the Public as an instructor worthy of their patronage.
All the branches of a regular Collegiate Education will be taught in this Institution, embracing the *English, French, Spanish, Latin and Greek languages, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy*, a peculiar attention will be directed to a thorough and practicable dispatch in the French language.
The session will consist of ten months, beginning from the first Monday of November next.
The price of Tuition is $40 per session, and boarding has been reduced to $120 for the session—both payable one-half in cash, and the other half on the first of May next.
The Trustees wish it to be distinctly understood, that no *extra charges* will be made; and that the price of tuition, boarding, lodging, washing, fuel and lights, will amount only to $160 per session—parents being required to furnish their children with books and stationery.
The Professors are required to furnish the pupils with boarding; but parents may board them in the neighborhood, if it be their option to do so.
The Dormitories in the College building are admirably adapted to the preservation of good health among the students, being amply large, well ventilated, and furnished with fire-places; and not more than two students are ever permitted to occupy the same room.
In conclusion, the Trustees and Faculty of Franklin College will spare no pains in providing for the comforts of the Pupils entrusted to their charge.
By order of the Board of Trustees.
Opelousas, Oct. 24, 1844.

N. Orleans Advertisements.

V. DAVID & SON,
No. 38 Old Levee, between Conti and Bienville streets, NEW ORLEANS,
ARE now receiving from the manufacturers in England and France, a complete assortment of
HARDWARE & CUTLERY,
which were selected from the best patterns; and by the long experience of the senior partner, insures good and suitable articles for the Louisiana trade. They have made a good selection of
AMERICAN HARDWARE,
and purchased at low prices, which will insure to the Country dealers a good assortment, and at very reduced prices. Their assortment is complete, and includes the greatest variety of *SADDLERY* ever brought to this market. They would beg a call at their well known establishment, No. 38 Old Levee.
☞ The St. Martinville Gazette will please copy in both languages, and send their bill as above.
Opelousas, Dec. 5, 1844. d5-2m

MUNROE'S CLOTHING STORE,
No. 34 Magazine St., at the North East corner of Magazine and Gravier Sts., New Orleans.
ALFRED MUNROE, would inform his friends and customers, that he is now receiving his fall supply of ready made Clothing and Furnishing Goods; and he is happy to say that his stock will constitute without exception, the very best assortment of goods ever offered in New Orleans.
THE ONE PRICE SYSTEM, which he has already established, will be strictly adhered to, and goods will be offered at such prices as shall at all times command the attention of purchasers, who study economy. Large additions will be made to the stock by the arrival of every ship from New York.
A. M., thankful for past favors, confidently hopes, by the system of business which he has adopted, to merit a full share of public patronage. Among other goods already received are the following, viz:
Superior French and English black cloth Dress and Frock Coats; do do do do blue and brown do do do do do; do do cassimere and beaver walking do; do do do over do; business coats of every description; Kentucky Jean Frock and Dress Coats; satinet do do do do; Blanket Coats of all kinds; superior French and English cassimere pants; do do do fancy cassimere do; do plain English buckskin do do; do do plaid and striped buckskin cassimere do; Kentucky Jean and satinet do; super black velvet Vests; do fancy do do; do silk and wool do; do black and fancy satin do; double breasted cassimere and Cashmere do; single breasted do do do; large assortment of bull do; white Marseilles do; linen Shirts; cotton Shirts with linen bosoms and collars; colored Shirts of all kinds; red flannel do; flannel, lambswool, merino and cotton Under Shirts and Drawers; Shirt Bosoms and Collars; rich Scarfs and Cravats; silk and linen Handkerchiefs; gum elastic and silk Suspenders; Gloves of all kinds; lambswool, merino, and cotton Stocks; satin and bombazine Stocks; Trunks; Valises; Carpet Bags; Umbrellas. Also a handsome assortment of Otter, Fur, Seal and Muskrat Caps. Also, Hats of every description, which will be sold much lower than at the regular hat stores.
Every article will be offered at the lowest price that it can possibly be sold for, and no deduction from that price will in any instance be made.
ALFRED MUNROE,
n14-3m No. 34 Magazine St.

PROBATE SALES.

PROBATE SALE.

WILL be offered for sale at PUBLIC AUCTION, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned Parish Judge in and for the Parish of St. Landry,
ON WEDNESDAY,
The 15th day of January next, 1845,
At the last residence of WILLIAM WIKOFF, late of the Parish of St. Landry, deceased, situated in the ***Quartier de Plaisance,*** in the Parish aforesaid, all the Property, moveable as well as immoveable, belonging to the succession of said deceased, consisting of

THE PLANTATION

on which the deceased last resided, containing thirteen arpents front by forty in depth, bounded on one side by land of Widow Antoine Lambert, and on the other side by land of Louis Vanhille; together with

All the Buildings and Improvements

on said plantation.

A Tract of Land

situated in the aforesaid Parish, and lying on both sides of the East Branch of the *Bayou Plaquemine Brulée*, having thirty-seven and a half arpents front, by forty in depth, on one side of said Bayou, and thirty-five arpents front by forty in depth on the other side; together with
All the Buildings and Improvements thereon.

A CERTAIN TRACT or PARCEL of LAND

situate and lying in *Prairie Mazia*, in said Parish, fronting Bayou Courtableau, bounded on one side by land of John A. Taylor, and on the other side by land of Stephen W. Wikoff, containing five hundred superficial arpents.

A certain Tract or Parcel of Land

situate and lying in *Prairie Mamou*, in said Parish, and containing eight hundred superficial arpents.

A PLANTATION

situate in the Parish aforesaid, and lying on the left bank of the *Bayou Boeuf*, having eight and a half arpents front on said Bayou, by forty arpents in depth, bounded on the upper side by land of Mrs. Delia D. Webb, widow of said Wm. Wikoff, and on the lower side by land of Andrus and Wilkins, and containing three hundred and forty superficial arpents, more or less.

ALL THE BUILDINGS

and Improvements on the aforesaid land of Mrs. Delia D. Webb, situate on Bayou Boeuf, and joining the above tract of land.

One Hundred Slaves,

Of different Ages, and of both Sexes,

among which are three stock keepers, a blacksmith and a good carpenter.

About five thousand head of

VACHERIE HORNED CATTLE

About two hundred and twenty head of gentle horned Cattle; sixty Vacherie Horses; about one hundred and seventy-seven head of Mares and Horse creatures; one hundred and twenty seven head of Sheep; ninety head of Hogs; twenty-two pairs of work Oxen; twelve American Horses; twenty-six work Mules; four unbroken do.; thirty-three head of Horses, Mares and Colts, half-blooded; one lot Ploughs, Harrows, Hoes, Spades, Axes; Harness, Collars, Bridles, &c., &c.; one lot Carpenter and Blacksmith's Tools; three Wagons; one horse Cart; two ox cart bodies; one Family Carriage and Harness; one Buggy and Harness; one Sulky and Harness; Armoirs, Bureau, Tables, Toilet Tables, Sofas, Chairs; Bed and Bedding; one lot Fodder; do. of Corn; one lot Crockeryware; one China Tea-set; Kitchen utensils, and other moveable property, too long to detail.

☞ The terms of said sale will be advantageous to purchasers, and will be announced on the day of sale.

d12-ts. A. GARRIGUES, *Parish Judge.*

PROBATE SALE.

WILL be sold at *PUBLIC AUCTION*, by the undersigned, Parish Judge in and for the Parish of St. Landry,
On Monday, the 23d day of Dec'ber next, 1844.
At the last residence of *CATHERINE VICTOIRE DONATO*, widow of Jean Baptiste Guillory, late of the Parish aforesaid, deceased, situated in the aforesaid Parish, and lying on *BAYOU MALLET*, all the property belonging to said deceased, consisting of

14 Slaves, of both sexes and of different ages,

About twelve hundred head of Vacherie horned Cattle; about two hundred head of gentle horned Cattle; twenty-five head of Vacherie Horses; about two hundred head of unbroken Mares and Horses; work Oxen; Plough Horses; one American Mare; one lot of Hogs; one Caleche; one Gig and harness; one lot Plantation Tools; one lot Pieux; Beds and Bedding; one lot Silver and Crockery Ware; Household Furniture; Kitchen Furniture; implements of Husbandry, &c.
Terms at sale.
A. GARRIGUES, *Parish Judge.*
Nov. 21, 1844.-ts

PROBATE SALE.

WILL be offered for sale at public Auction, by the Parish Judge in and for the Parish of St. Landry,
On Saturday, the 28th day of Dec. next, 1844,
at the domicile of *FRANCOIS VIGE*, in *Prairie Ronde*, in the Parish aforesaid, all the property belonging to the succession of John A. McDaniel, late of said Parish, deceased husband of Marie Louise Zélima Vigé,—consisting of a certain
TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND,
situated in the aforesaid parish of St. Landry, and lying in the *Prairie de la Grosse Pointe*, containing 80 superficial arpents more or less, bounded on one side by land of Charles Pitre pere, and on the other side by the public domain:
One pair work oxen, gentle horned cattle, horses, about 100 barrels of corn, household furniture, implements of husbandry.
Terms at Sale.
A. GARRIGUES, Parish Judge.
November 28th-ts.

PROBATE SALE.

WILL be sold at Public Auction, by the undersigned Parish Judge in and for the Parish of St. Landry,
On Monday, the 6th day of January next, 1845,
at the last residence of Henry McFarlane, late of the Parish of St. Landry, deceased, situated in Grande Prairie, near Flat Town, in the Parish aforesaid, all the property belonging to the succession of said deceased, consisting of

The Tract of Land,

on which said deceased last resided, containing ten superficial arpents more or less, bounded on the North and West by lands of M. Corell, on the South by land of Wm. Reed, and on the East by land of A. Lazaro, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon: *One black-smith shop, a lot of Carpenter's tools, a lot of Cooper's tools, a lot of Shoemaker's tools, &c., &c.*
Terms on the day of sale.
A. GARRIGUES, *Parish Judge.*
Opelousas, December 5, 1844. d5-ts

POETICAL.

THE AUTUMN LEAF.

Lone trembling one!
Last of a summer's race, withered and sere,
And shiv'ring, wherefore art thou lingering here?
Thy work is done?

Thou hast seen all,
The summer flowers reposing in the tomb,
And the green leaves that knew thee in thy bloom,
Wither and fall.

Why dost thou cling,
So fondly to that rough and sapless tree?—
Has then existence ought like charms for thee?
Thou faded thing!

The voice of spring,
Which woke thee into being, ne'er again,
Shall soothe thee, nor the gentle summer rain,
New verdure bring.

The zephyr's breath,
No more shall wake for thee its melody;
But the lone sighing of the gale shall be,
The hymn of death.

Pale autumn leaf!
Thou art an emblem of mortality:
The broken heart, once young and fresh, like thee,
Wither'd by grief—

Whose hopes have fled,—
Whose loved ones all have droop'd and died away,
Still clings to life, and lingering, loves to stay
About the dead!

But hark! Even now,
I hear the thundering of the autumn blast,
It comes! thy frail form trembles—it is past,
And thou art low.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

For the benefit of the public, as well as our friends of the country press, we notice, for the last time, the operation of the law regulating the publication of Sheriff's Sales. This law, it should be remembered, was passed for the express purpose of taking money *out of the pockets of the printers, and putting it into the pockets of the people!* In other words, for the purpose of reducing the enormous expenses of the State.—Let us see how far it has answered this purpose. We will speak of its operation in our own parish, as we know the particulars from observation. The Law says that notices shall be posted up "*in three different places*," in each Parish. Our Sheriff had posted them up, eighteen months, *according to Law*, "in three different places" (at the Court House, at Messrs. Smith & Hare's store, and at the Post Office,) when, numerous injunctions having been taken out, it was decided by the Supreme Court, that notices of all sales should be posted up in three different "*sections*" of each Parish—and consequently that all sales made in this Parish, during the 18 months were *illegal!* These injunctions cost many hundreds of dollars, and in most cases, the Sheriff charged $10 for posting up the notices of each Sale! Now, what is the result? Every time the Sheriff makes a seizure, he rides 80 miles, to put up the notices—twenty to Pattersonville, and twenty to Jeanerette. The law regulating Sheriff's fees, says that "whenever any Sheriff or Constable shall actually or necessarily have travelled, for the service of *any process*, he shall be allowed 6¼ cents for each mile, going and returning." The notice of sale, is a *process*, and of course the Sheriff is entitled to mileage for riding it to a distant part of the Parish. His charges are, for writing and posting up notice, in Franklin, $3 each, and in case of postponement, $4 extra; and for conveying each notice to Pattersonville and Jeanerette, $5. As every sale, almost without exception, is postponed on twelve months' bond, the charges for advertising, under this law, are *seventeen dollars!* Yesterday, we called at the Court House, and counted notices of *forty three* sales posted up, all to take place on the 7th of next month, and the Sheriff informed us that he had seven or eight more to post, which would take place at the same time. Here are *fifty* sales to take place, in this Parish, in one month (!) and the charge for sticking up badly written scraps of paper, which may be blown or torn down, at any moment, is no less than *eighteen hundred dollars.!!!* making allowance for cash sales.—We would print and circulate 2,200 copies of each, for *one* hundred dollars, or less! This is *economy* with a vengeance! A legitimate source of profit is taken from the "poor printer," to put money into the pockets of the——(not the people) but the *Sheriffs*, who receive *in other fees* on an average three thousand dollars each per annum! This is enlightened legislation! Instead of fostering and encouraging the press—the press, which speaks the voice of the Omnipotent—our wise and favored legislators take the miserable pittance which the law had allowed it for forty years, and endeavor to crush and stifle it! And worse than all, while they take this patronage from the papers of the *country*, they allow it to those of the *city!* To be sure, the charge of the city press, is regulated by law; but we look at the *principle*. We will say nothing about the motives which prompted so wanton and unjust a proceeding. Thank Heaven, a large number of the men who framed this law, are now out of office, and it will be repealed at the next session of the Legislature.—*Planter's Banner.*

THE SIAMESE TWINS, THEIR WIVES AND BABES.—A letter in the South Carolina Spartan furnishes the following very interesting account of the Siamese twins, their *two wifes and two babes.* The letter remarks:

"You may be aware that some few years since the Siamese twins, Chang and Eng, retired from the public gaze, and settled down in Wilkes county, as farmers. You will also recollect that it was published in some newspapers that they had married two sisters. The notice was treated as a hoax by some of the journals, and I incline to think that public opinion settled that the two twins were living in a state of single blessedness. To my surprise I find that the supposed hoax is a literal fact, and that these distinguished characters are married men. Mrs. C. and Mrs E. are well known to several of my personal acquaintances, and are said to be very amiable and industrious. Each of the ladies has presented to her paricular lord an heir, in the person of a fine, fat, bouncing daughter.

It is said that Chang and Eng, with their wives and children, contemplate making a tour through this country in a year or two. The twins enjoy excellent health, are very lively, talkative, and apparently happy, and will doubtless prove more interesting and attractive in their second tour than they did in their first."

If you would be wicked, eat *sin*-namon.

SCRAPS AND SNAPS.

Gric murmurs, anger roars, impatience frets; but happiness, like a calm river, flows on in quiet sunlight without a ripple or a foil to mark the rushing of time towards eternity.

Dr. Nelson, so well known as one of the leaders of the late rebellion in Canada, has been elected to the Canadian parliament. Times have changed since he was a wanderer abroad, with a price on his head.

GRATIFYING TO SHOEMAKERS.—The newly elected Vice President of Texas, K. L. Anderson, served his time as an apprentice to the shoemaking business. By his industry and perseverance, he now occupies a seat the second most conspicuous in the nation.

"What tribe do boxers belong to, Mr Simon?"
"The *Rap*-poos, I guess."
"No, not exactly. They are the descendants of *Hit*-ites."

PATENT INVENTION.—One of the very last inventions we find chronicled in our exchanges is the following. The hint is not bad.

PAH!—Butter made from diseased milk, is sold in St. Louis. Only think of a man's spreading the seeds of death upon "the staff of life."

"Millions for de runner!" as the nigger said when a bull chased him across a ten acre lot.

DEATH OF MURRELL.—The Chattanooga Gazette of the 10th inst. announces the death at Pikeville, Tennessee, of the notorious John A. Murrell, whose name, as a "land pirate," figured so frequently in the press some years since, and who was recently discharged from the penitentiary. He died of consumption, and denied to the last moment of his life, that he was guilty of the principal charges against him.

REMARKABLE PRESENTIMENT.—In Doylestown (Pa.), Benish Holdren, an aged man of 94 years, after partaking of a hearty meal with his children, apparently in perfect health, observed:—"Now my friends, this is the last meal I shall ever eat; I am about to die."—He then proceeded to give directions as to his worldly concerns, his burial, &c., and when he had concluded was struck down by a paralytic stroke.—*Doylestown Whig.*

WHAT I WOULD DO.—If I possessed the most valuable things in the world, and was about to will them away, the following would be my plan of distribution:

I would give to the world truth and friendship, which are very scarce.

I would give an additional portion of truth to lawyers, traders and merchants.

I would give to physicians skill and learning.

I would give to printers their pay.

To gossip woman short tongues.

To young woman, good sense, large waists, and natural complexions.

To young sprouts or dandies, common sense, little cash, and hard work.

To old maids, good tempers, smooth faces, little talk, and good husbands.

To old bachelors, a love for virtue, children and wives.

SERVED RIGHT.—The Naval Court Martial lately convened to try Capt. Newton and others for the loss by fire of the steam ship Missouri, while lying at Gibraltar, found Capt. N. guilty of neglect of duty, and sentenced him to be suspended from service for two years. Very mild punishment for the loss of a valuable ship.

Among the topics of conversation and of newspaper remark, for some time past in England is a stringent proscription of American citizens proposed to be carried out by the fashionable clubs of Cockneydom. The pretence on which this foolish and mischievous procedure is founded, is the discretion which it is alleged attaches to the character of American citizens for the pecuniary delinquency of a portion of the American States. Nothing could be more impolite, not to speak of the total lack of equity involved in the procedure. The only effect of such discourtesies will be to exasperate and embitter. There are political differences and rivalries enough between the two countries, without adding social proscription and incivility to the causes of heartburnings that already exist. At all events it is a game that the two parties may amuse themselves at.—If persisted in, we can only look for national jealousies to ripen into implacable personal ill-will, than which nothing would be more to be deplored.—*N. O. Bulletin.*

THE U. S. SENATE.—The Boston Courier says it is now understood that Mr. Webster will shortly be elected a Senator for six years from the fourth of March next, in place of Mr. Choate, whose time then expires.

REDUCTION OF POSTAGE.—The *N. Y. Tribune* states that the Postmaster General will recommend to Congress a reduction of the Rates of Postage to *five* cents for all distances under five hundred miles, and *ten* cents for all greater distances. This reform is called for by every consideration of justice and expediency, and we trust there will be no difficulty in procuring the concurrence of Congress in the recommendation. The franking privelege ought at the same time to be greatly modified, or entirely overthrown.

The Norfolk Beacon announces John Tyler, Jr., as a candidate to represent the First Congressional District of Virginia.

Francis R. Shunk, Esq., Governor elect of Pennsylvania, will be inaugurated on the third Monday in January next.

LANDS ON BAYOU GROS TETE.—These are very desirable sugar lands, and are rapidly increasing in value. Some poor settlers without any facilities for grinding the cane, &c., planted cane the past season and have sold it standing upon their fields at two hundred dollars per acre. It was purchased by neighboring wealthy planters for seed. The country is very healthy—produces splendid cotton, and an abundance of corn. Gros Tete lies in the parish of Point Coupee, which has a white population of three thousand eighty seven, and black five thousand four hundred and thirty.—There is in the Parish several schools, and a college with fifty one students.—Between Gros Tete and the Mississippi river, the land is generally low, and was overflown in the last rise to a very disastrous extent. Cotton fields, houses, stands of cane, were every where laid waste, and the desolated scene which now presents itself is painful in the extreme.—This misfortune cannot be remedied for several years, and must contribute greatly to the advancement of the Western section in population and wealth.—*Southern Reformer.*