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Professional Cards.

DR. A. T. SEMMES,
OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Canton and vicinity, in the various branches of his profession.
OFFICE—With Luckett, Fearn & Smith.
RESIDENCE—Same as formerly. dec 7

DR. E. LATHAM,
Resident Physician,
CANTON, MISS.,
OFFICE—At Cassell & Baughn's Drug Store.
Nov. 16, 1865. 1f

DRS. GALLOWAY & CAGE,
RESIDENT PHYSICIANS,
CANTON, MISS.
Office Southside of Public Square.
October 26, 1865. 1f

LUCKETT, FEARN & SMITH,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
—AND—
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CANTON, MISS.
October 26, 1865. 1f

T. C. TUPPER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
CANTON, MISS.
Office near his residence. He has formed a connection with Messrs. Hughes, Denver and York, Attorneys, Washington City, who will attend to all claims on the Government, and other business at Washington that may be confided to him.
Oct. 1, 1865. 1f

S. F. ALFORD,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
CANTON, MISS.
GENERAL Agent for the purchase and sale of Real Estate and the Hiring of Freedmen; will attend with promptness and fidelity to all business entrusted to his care in Madison and the adjoining counties.
Office in the new building near the Post-office.
Aug. 20—1f.

FRANKLIN SMITH,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
CANTON, MISS.
Always to be found at his office.
One door North of the Pearce House, up-stairs.
Feb. 5, 1865. 1f

NOTICE.
DR. C. NELSON,
RESIDENT SURGEON DENTIST,
CANTON, MISS.
HAS just received a fresh supply of material from his former partner, Dr. Knapp, of New Orleans, and is now prepared to operate in all branches of his profession, in the best style and on very reasonable terms.
Office in Rooms and office at Mrs. Koe's, formerly Col. Singleton's, one door south of the Baptist Church.
August 10-74. 1f

ATTENTION!
Patriotic and Honorable Men of Canton, Madison County.
AS the war is now over, and peace is proclaimed, I respectfully solicit the patronage of you who may be in need of the **BOOTS AND SHOES.** The tree is known by its fruit.
M. S. DUNN, Cordwainer, 1f

SADDLES AND HARNESS
FOR SALE and made to order. A good supply will be kept on hand and sold cheap for CASH or GOOD CLEAN WOOL. My best endeavors will be made to suit customers.
Aug. 3—1f WM. BEATY.

CARRIAGE REPAIRING.
WAGON AND BLACKSMITH SHOP.
All work warranted. A share of public patronage respectfully solicited.
on the street leading to the Railroad Depot.
Sept. 16, '65. 1f—pl.
E. D. COWAN. A. S. PARKER.

WOOD! WOOD!
THE undersigned having perfected arrangements for the delivery of Wood in the city of Canton; solicits a share of the public patronage.
Wood will be delivered at \$5 00 per cord, or \$2 50 per load.
Orders given to A. N. PARKER at his office over Messrs. Dancy & Noorman's will be promptly attended to. Wood-yard adjacent to the residence of John T. Cameron, Esq.
CANTON, August 10, 1865—6m.
CASH paid for Cotton by A. N. Parker.

W. J. KENDALL
TAKES great pleasure in informing his friends and former patrons, as well as the gentlemen of Madison county generally, that he has just returned from New Orleans with a large stock superior and fashionable ready-made clothing, and gentlemen's furnishing goods, carefully selected by himself, and which he is prepared to sell on as good terms as can be purchased in the city.
W. J. K. would call the special attention of gentlemen to his superior lot of
CASSIMERS, CLOTHS, VESTINGS,

which he is prepared to have made up in the latest and best style, by the best workmen.
Gentlemen are respectfully requested to call and examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere.
Particular attention paid to cutting.
Canton, Nov. 7, '65. 1f

B. S. TAPPAN, AMOS TAPPAN.
B. S. TAPPAN & CO.,
DEALERS IN
Iron, Steel, Nails, Spikes,
BLACKSMITH TOOLS,
PRINTING AND WRAPPING PAPER,
Printing Ink—all kinds, &c.
NO. 4 MULBERRY STREET,
Vicksburg, Miss.
Nov. 14, 1865. 1f

Canton Advertisers.

READY-MADE CLOTHING,
—AND—
GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS.
I HAVE just received, and will constantly keep on hand, a fine assortment of the above-named goods. Strict attention will be paid to the making up of Clothing. All garments warranted to fit.
Our stock of Ready-made Clothing and Cloths is unsurpassed in quality, even in the most extensive Clothing establishments. As for prices, call and judge for yourselves.
Our store is on second floor Odd Fellows building—front room.
A. B. DANCY, 3m
Nov. 19.

VAN RONKELL BROS.,
[West Side Public Square—2 doors South Hotel.]
—DEALERS IN—
FANCY and STAPLE

DRY GOODS,
Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Notions, Castings, Tinware, etc.

BEG a renewal of the liberal patronage and support of the citizens of Canton, which was so generously extended to them before the commencement of the late war. They are determined to do business in a fair and square manner, whilst they will endeavor by close attention to business, to give entire satisfaction to all whom they may be honored with a call.
Nov. 15, '65. 1f

H. C. WINNER'S
NEW BOOK, MUSIC & VARIETY STORE,
PUINAK & HICKLE'S old stand, Canton, and Tyler's Jewelry Store, Yazoo City, Miss.
Keeps constantly on hand,
School Books and Stationery,
Music and Musical Merchandise,
Novels and Magazines,
Toys and Fancy Goods,
Gift and Story Books,
Powder, Shot and Caps,
Cigars and Meersbaum Pipes,
Perique, Killticknick and
Scarfarlett Smoking Tobacco,
Photographs and Albums,
COLTS NEW POCKET PISTOLS,
&c., &c., &c., &c.
Nov. 5, 1865. 1f

SADDLES, HARNESS,
—AND—
SADDLERY IN GENERAL.
I HAVE a good assortment of SADDLES AND HARNESS on hand, which I will sell low, and shall keep a good supply of materials for the trade. Work done to order on short notice.
My father, A. M. Gurley, will give me all the assistance in his power.
H. L. GURLEY, 524f
Nov. 18, 1865.

FACULTY
OF THE
Church School for Young Ladies
AT
ANNANDALE.

RT. REV. WM. M. GREEN, D. D.,
Chancellor.
REV. GEORGE C. HARRIS,
Rector and Teacher of Ancient Languages.
MRS. JUDGE LEBLANC,
Vice Principal and Teacher of the Higher English Branches.
MRS. HALPERN,
Teacher in English.
PROF. O. L. T. DRONCARD,
Teacher of Modern Language.
PROF.
Teacher of Music.
*The accomplished Musical Artist who is expected to take charge of the Department, will be heard from in a few days, when his name will be announced. [Oct 24.]

MUSIC! MUSIC!!
THE latest fashionable and most popular Music, Vocal and Instrumental always for sale at
CASSELL & BAUGHN'S,
October 29, '65. 1f

FOUND
NEAR Madison Station, a black Horse, with white face, eight years old. The owner can get the horse by proving property, and paying costs and charges.
L. F. MONTGOMERY, 1f
Nov. 23, '65

A LARGE LOT OF SARDINES AND OYSTERS, just received and for sale by
T. J. RICHARDS.

15,000 FINE CIGARS, just received and for sale by
T. J. RICHARDS.

15 BBL'S FINE PULVERIZED SUGAR just received and for sale by
T. J. RICHARDS.

EVERY VARIETY OF PERFUMERY and TOILET EXTRACTS at
MOSEY & RICHARDS, 1f.
August 6, 1865

40 KITS MACKEREL, just received and for sale by
T. J. RICHARDS.

CASTILE and TOILET SOAP at
MOSEY & RICHARDS.

Blanks
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION for sale at
THIS OFFICE.

Canton Semi-Weekly CITIZEN.

BY JOHN P. BOSWORTH,
Editor and Proprietor.
PUBLISHED ON SUNDAY and THURSDAY MORNINGS,
at 75 cents per month.
Advertising, per square, of eight lines, \$1.50 for the first, and 75c. for each subsequent insertion.
CANTON, MISS.
SATURDAY MORNING, - - - DEC. 23, '65.

"John Bell, of Tennessee."

The venerable and illustrious John Bell has recently appeared in two characters. One was that of a pardon-seeker at Washington, and the other as an applicant for admission into the Presbyterian Church. It is a melancholy reflection that one who in former times was so great light of union and concord in the Capitol of the Republic, should have been forced by the current of human events, to return there as a suppliant for executive clemency. It was, however, by no act of his own, that he is today under the ban of the Government. He carried a banner in 1860, upon which was written: "Constitution, the Union and the enforcement of the laws." That banner was denounced North and South, East and West, as meaningless, and a trick by which to secure office for fossilized politicians. While many good men voted for Bell and Everett, the ticket was ridiculed by the parties, because the platform was so brief and spiritless. And yet dwell in these few words all that the country asks for now, but would not have in 1860. Party, then, was the god that men worshipped. It was a false god, and grievously do they feel it to be so. Let no man sneer at John Bell. He was a very pillar of the Union, and was torn by violence from under the fabric. There are those riding high upon the tide of this popular hour who were beating against the Union when Bell was upholding it. He is the peer of any man, and though in adversity and out of favor now, may still derive pleasure from the memory of events on the other side of the chasm which the war made. All that is glorious for him and his great contemporaries, resides there. When the historian comes to it, and pauses, laden with the rich sheaves of history, he will bear few names more honorable than that of "John Bell, of Tennessee." Pardon or unpardonable, he is a man. Dead or alive, he will not be forgotten.—Public Ledger.

MISSISSIPPI, during the recent war, sent 78,000 men into the field; 28,000 were killed or died, 19,000 were retired, and 10,000 deserted.

THE Georgia Federal Union says it has good authority for the statement that all men over the age of sixty-five, who took no part in the war, and all widows, (at the time General Sherman's army injured their property,) will be reimbursed by the United States Government for damage.

A PROBLEM.—In a social chat some evenings ago, we learn that the question was asked, "If a miss is as good as a mile, how many misses will it take to reach from Port Gibson to Grand Gulf, the distance being exactly seven miles and three-fifths?"

A spicy woman, with "rats and mice" in her head, promptly replied, "Seven misses and a baby." Away with Pike and Dilworth.—Port Gibson Standard.

THEFT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—"Patrick, the widow Maloney tells me that you have stolen one of her finest pigs. Is that so?"

"Yes, yer honor."
"What have you done with it?"
"Killed and ate it, yer honor."
"Oh, Patrick, when you are brought face to face with the widow and the pig on the judgment day, what account will you be able to give of yourself when the widow accuses you of the theft?"

"Did you say the pig would be there, your reverence?"
"To be sure I did."
"Well, thin, your reverence, I'll say, Mrs. Maloney, there's yer pig."—Exchange.

Grant has an Interview with the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Commander E. Elridge succeeds Hall at the Washington navy yard.
Grant had an interview with the President yesterday. He says the majority of negroes in Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia are in comparative idleness; nearly all refuse to make contracts until after Christmas, believing a general division of property will then take place.
Southern influential men were outspoken in favor of complying to any demand the President might consider necessary for their restoration. Grant believes that the Southern people almost unanimously desire a speedy readmission, and their professions of loyalty are honest and sincere.
Considerable surprise was manifested at a letter from Gov. Pierpont to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, endorsing the act passed by the General Assembly of Virginia, repealing assent heretofore given to the division of the State.
Gen. Logan declines the mission to Mexico.
The Secretary of State, in replying to the letter from Napoleon to him, asking for recognition by the United States of Maximilian's government, emphatically declines to accede to the request, and says that the cause of the Liberals in Mexico is in the ascendant.

A NORTH CAROLINA WITNESS.

They have a curious specimen of human nature in North Carolina. Everybody remembers the celebrated "Cousin Sally Dillard case," and here is one recently reported, which is not far behind it. The writer gives it under the head of "legal proceedings."
Action for work and labor done in cutting a ditch on defendant's land. Plea: payment and set off, in bacon and cornmeal.
Plaintiff's son on the stand—recollects the ditching perfectly, but seems to forget all about the bacon.
"You say your daddy did all this ditching? Do you know what he got for it?" inquired Col. C., for the defendant.
"He never got not nothing for it, as I ever heard on; that's what he never got," answered the witness.
"Didn't your daddy get corn and bacon from defendant in payment for ditching?"
"Never heard of his gettin no corn or bacon."
"What did your daddy and his family live on last summer?"
"Vittles, mostly."
"What sort of vittals?"
"Well, meat and bread, and some whisky."
"Where did he get that meat and bread?"
"Well, fust from one, and then from the other."
"Didn't he get some of it from defendant?"
"He mought."
"I know that he mought, but did he? That's the question."
"Well, he mought, and then again he moughtn't."
With considerable excitement, and in tones of thunder—
"Answer the question, and no more of this trifling with your oath. Did your daddy, or did he not, get corn and bacon from the defendant, for ditching?"
"Well, now, he mought; it didn't occur edactly, you know."
Here his Honor interposes, and, with a stern judicial frown, addressed the witness thus:
"Witness, you must answer the question, or the Court will be compelled to deal with you. Can't you say yes or no?"
"I reckon."
"Well, then, answer yes or no. Did or did not your daddy get corn or bacon from the defendant at the time referred to?" inquired the Court.
Witness, now fully aroused and conscious of his danger—
"Well, Judge, I can't edactly remember, you know, seem' as how it's all dun been gone and eat up; but," planting himself firmly, as one determined to out with it, "to the best of my recollectation, if my memory serves me right, he mought, and then again he moughtn't."
The plaintiff saved his bacon. Verdict accordingly.

Report of the Secretary of the Navy.

Secretary Welles rehearses in his report the immensity of the task of organizing the Navy and maintaining the blockade, and the operations of our fleets toward the close of the war. In four years the navy added 208 (steam) vessels and 43,000 men to its rolls, besides purchasing 418 vessels, of which 313 were steamers, which, on sale, have depreciated in value, \$12,700,000.—The co-operation of the navy in the capture of Wilmington, Charleston and Mobile, will be read with keen interest. The conduct of England in building and equipping privateers and blockade runners is referred to in emphatic terms, and an enlargement and perfection of our Navy Yards is urged that we may be prepared for future emergencies. There are now five squadrons of national vessels—on the coast of Europe 7, Brazil 10, East India 4, Pacific 11, West India 8. At the highest period of efficiency of the blockading squadrons, in January last, there were 471 vessels, with 24,559 guns. Of prizes there have been captured of all kinds 1151 vessels, of which 210 were steamers, rams and gunboats, 17; and 345 of all kinds have been sunk or destroyed. The estimated value of those sunk and captured is over \$31,000,000. The amount of prizes condemned up to the 1st November is \$21,829,543.97, and a number of important cases are still before the courts. Most of the whole has been British property.

There are on the pension roll 2,027 receiving the annual sum of \$248,529.50. An increase of the salaries of officers and clerks are asked for. The resources of the Department for the fiscal year were \$140,091,126.98, and the expenditures \$116,781,665.95, which, together with unexpended appropriation and those for the current year, leaves a balance for estimated current expenses of \$142,291,019.40, exclusive of the proceeds of sales of vessels, etc. The working expenses of the navy for the year ending June 30, 1867, are estimated at a little less than twenty four millions.

The Secretary offers some suggestions for the laying up of iron clads; location of a naval academy, and for the education of seamen. He concludes by stating that the navy is in a state of excellent physical and moral efficiency; congratulates the country, his subordinate, and himself upon the success of their past labors, and commends the naval force to the cherishing care of the Government as the best hopes of our national defense and glory.

INDIANS REWARDED FOR RESCUING WHITE WOMEN FROM A HOSTILE TRIBE.—The following official paper, elegantly engrossed on parchment, and ornamented by a border of red, white and blue ribbons, was recently signed by the President and delivered by the Secretary of the Interior, to the great delight of the recipients:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
Washington, Nov. 15th, 1865. }
I have learned from the commissioners sent by me to treat with the Indians whose country borders on the Missouri river and its tributaries, that two of my red children, Nortay-n-hah, or Short Gun, and the brother of Nortay-n-hah, of the Blackfeet tribe of the Sioux or Dakota nation—have rescued two white women from my enemies, and gave their two horses in exchange for them. I am greatly pleased with this honorable and friendly conduct of Nortay-n-hah and his brother, and direct that one hundred silver dollars be given to him and one hundred to his brother, to enable each one to buy for himself another horse.

I also direct fifty silver dollars to be given to each, to pay him for his trouble in rescuing these white women and sending them to white people; and as a memento of my perpetual friendship for Nortay-n-hah and his brother, so long as they remain friendly with my white children, I direct that a silver medal be given to each, with a suitable inscription, that all my red children and all my white children when they look upon it may know that their great father at Washington is greatly pleased with Nortay-n-hah and his brother. I also write my name to this paper and direct that it be given to Nortay-n-hah, and a duplicate to his brother, that they may know that the silver money and the silver medals have been sent by me to them from Washington.

ANDREW JOHNSON,
President United States of America.

There are strong reasons for believing that England will back down from her position on the Alabama question, and consent to an amicable adjustment of the question in dispute. A letter to a New Yorker says the Queen is our friend, and will not allow Russell to cause an estrangement between the two countries.

When Sir Walter Scott was urged not to prop the falling credit of an acquaintance, he replied: "The man was my friend when friends were few, and I will be his, now that his enemies are many."

A list of damages by rebel cruisers show they captured two hundred and seventy merchant vessels during the war, the majority of which were sunk or burned.

So long as you see one star in the sky the sun is not risen; so long as one leak admits the water the ship is not safe; so long as one sin reigns in a man's heart and is practised in his life, Jesus is not his Savior nor his King.