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COCKLING throws up the sponge, and says the Republicans will be beaten in the Presidential election.

The New Orleans and Northeastern Railroad has a telephone extending from the crescent works on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain to Meridian, a distance of 170 miles, and the voice of a person speaking at one place can be readily recognized at the other.

The ladies of Summit who have recently organized a relief association for the care of the Deauregard wounded, have made grateful acknowledgment of the one hundred dollars sent them by the Masonic Grand Secretary, and have resolved to continue their organization after the present needs are supplied, on the ground that there are destitute persons in nearly every community who should be looked after. We commend this noble example to the ladies of other towns in our State.

Huntsville Female College.

We are in receipt of a superbly printed invitation to be present at the annual anniversary of the L'Etoile Literary Society of Huntsville Female College, Huntsville, Ala., of which Rev. A. B. Jones is president, on May, 28th. Miss Dora M. Williams, of Mississippi, is to be crowned queen on the occasion. Other young ladies from this State will appear in the royal tableau. Prof. Jones appears to have a large patronage from Mississippi.

Masonic Benefit Association.

There were no deaths reported in this association for March and April, and as consequence there will be no assessments for May and June. The Association has paid about eighty thousand dollars to the families of deceased members. It has now a solid membership of about six hundred, and ought to have five times that number. A membership of even twelve hundred would pay the maximum benefit of \$2,000.00. W. F. Paxton, Esq., of Vicksburg, is President of the Association, and L. B. Mosby, Holly Springs, is the Secretary.

A. and M. College.

The catalogue for 1882-'83 shows a total of 317 registered students, divided as follows: Seniors, 9; Juniors, 16; Freshmen, 27; Freshman, 81; Irregular Course, 16; Preparatory, 169.

The Commencement Exercises are as follows:

Sunday, June 17, 11 A. M.—Commencement Session by Rev. B. B. Tyler.

Monday, June 18, 11 A. M.—Orations and Essay—Junior Class.

Monday, June 18, 3:30 P. M.—Battalion Drill and Dress Parade.

S. P. M., of same day—Literary Societies.

Tuesday, June 19—Sales Day and Horticultural Exhibition. Meeting of Stock Breeders' Association and State Horticultural Society.

S. P. M., same day—Orations and Essays by Junior Class.

Wednesday, June 20th, 11 A. M.—Annual Address by Gov. Robert Lowry, to be followed by delivery of diplomas.

Whitworth Female College.

The ground was broken at Brookhaven on the morning of the 11th inst. for the addition of a new two-story brick building, 144 by 68 feet. A large company gathered in honor of the occasion. The exercises were opened by the students, over 200 in number, singing the familiar and patriotic ode "America," led by their distinguished president, Dr. H. F. Johnson. Miss Cora McCree, a talented young lady, who graduates this season at the head of her class, made an appropriate address and threw the first sod of earth. She was followed by her members of the class, all with a fitting little speech.

The Hon. J. B. Chrisman, the Judge of the judicial district, was among the audience, and being called upon, responded in a brilliant and elegant impromptu address.

The corner-stone will be laid commencement day, June 19, under the auspices of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Mississippi. A large number of distinguished visitors from this and other States have been invited, and have signified their intention of being present, and the occasion, together with the regular commencement exercises, which promise to be of unusual interest, is looked forward to with great expectation.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The Session at Aberdeen.

The following grand officers were elected for the ensuing term:

G. C.—M. Dabney, of Edwards, Miss.

G. V. C.—H. B. Lacey, of Okolona.

Prelate—M. Mayer, of Aberdeen.

K. of R. and S.—T. J. Hanes, of Vicksburg.

G. M. of E.—B. F. Thompson, of Grenada.

G. M. at A.—R. W. Lovey, of Lexington.

G. I. G.—J. M. Smylie, of Jackson.

G. O. G.—D. S. Wright, of Vicksburg.

For Supreme Representative—Owen Joyce, of Mayersville.

CAPT. WM. OLIVER,



SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS.

We present our readers this week with the portrait of a gentleman whose name has now become with the people of Mississippi a household word; not only in his connection with the Mississippi Mills as general manager, but as President of the Society of the Red Cross of the County of Copiah, Capt. Wm. Oliver, of Wesson. Among the rich, the various professions, and the "bean mond," the name of Capt. Oliver may possess no special attraction; but to the poor widow with a helpless family, the orphan child without friend, home or means of support, hundreds of these speak his name with gratitude, and look to him as their friend and benefactor.

It is not our purpose to go into an extended eulogy of Capt. Oliver, or to laud his merits beyond his deserts; but having recently been called upon to visit the towns of Beauregard and Wesson, to gather facts connected with the terrible cyclone, which has recently devastated so many homes, sweeping death and desolation in its path, and there saw so much in connection with the operation of the Mills, and his efforts to assuage the suffering of the dying and wounded, that we cannot forego the pleasure of presenting some points in his history, that the young men of our State may take heart, and feel that there is a future for them, beside the drudgery of clerkship and listless wandering about in idleness; that our citizens may see in the diversity of labor, and a departure from the continued role of agricultural life, and the eternal planting of cotton, that the progress of a State is enhanced by the establishment of factories of various kinds, whether they be cotton or wool, wooden ware, boots and shoes or broom factories; and that as rapidly as these spring up in our midst, skilled labor will pour in upon us, our young men will soon acquire remunerative trades, and avenues opened for the employment of all the labor the State can furnish.

Wm. Oliver, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Mississippi Cotton and Woolen Mills, located at Wesson, Copiah county, forty miles south of Jackson, on the Illinois Central Railroad, was born in the year 1829, in the State of Georgia, but during the winter of 1834 moved with his parents to Barbour county, Ala., near Eufaula, where he resided until 1846, when, after receiving a fair English education, he accepted a position as clerk in a store in Eufaula, Ala., at five dollars per month and board. His activity, business qualifications and strict attention to the business of his employer, secured him, before the expiration of a year's service, an advancement of salary to fifty dollars per month, then considered a good salary. At the age of nineteen, he married Mary M. Callaway, a daughter of Rev. Joshua Callaway, a Baptist clergyman residing in Henry county, Georgia. A short time after his marriage, he entered into business on his own account, in Eufaula, and with some means given him by his father, together with his saved salary, he did a handsome and lucrative business, until the spring of 1853, when, with his family, he moved to Minden, La. Here he again engaged in commercial business, upon his own account, which he conducted with success, until 1855, when he formed a co-partnership with M. H. Drake, of Minden, to open a business at Trenton, La., on the Ouachita river, which was but a continuation of success, until the breaking out of the civil war of 1861, when he entered the service of the Confederate States government with the appointment of quartermaster, in which capacity he served until the close of the war in 1865.

At the commencement of the war, the firm of Drake & Oliver owed to merchants of New York, principally between twenty and thirty thousand dollars, and feeling that the cause of the war was no just cause for them to go back on their New York friends, paid every dollar they owed.

In July, 1865, he formed a co-partnership with Jno. T. Hardie, of New Orleans, under the firm name of Jno. T. Hardie & Co., and entered into a general cotton and commission business, which partnership existed for six years, during which time the firm became the purchaser of what was known as the Mississippi Manufacturing Company, a cotton and woolen mill, located at

Wesson, Miss., and founded by Col. J. M. Wesson, about the close of the late war, from whom the town derived its name. In 1873 the factory was destroyed by fire, but early in 1874 it had been rebuilt and put in operation, under a new organization, which obtained from the State a charter, with E. Richardson as President, and Wm. Oliver, Secretary and Treasurer. Col. Richardson, in the meantime, purchased the interest of Mr. Hardie, as well as several other stockholders. During the early portion of 1876, Mill No. 2 was erected and put in operation, and from that time the town commenced steadily to increase in population. Hundreds of houses were erected by the Mills and parties moving thereto. During all these years, from 1871 to the present, the subject of this sketch has been continuously in charge of these Mills, superintending the erection and purchase of machinery, as well as all the varied and numerous supplies required in so large an establishment. In this he has been ably seconded by the ample means and unlimited confidence reposed in him by the President, Col. Richardson, through whose joint efforts, an unparalleled success has been achieved.

In the reorganization of the Mills, the managers determined upon a policy which they have adhered to strictly—to make what they did make, good, and out of the best and purest materials, feeling that they were here to stay, and could not afford to palm off upon the laboring community an article which did not fully come up to its representations. The result of this honest and far-sighted policy is seen to-day in the demand for their goods from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans. While other manufacturing enterprises have accumulated stocks for want of regular sales, forcing them at times upon already glutted markets at heavy sacrifice, these mills have been steadily, regularly, and daily drained of their products to such an extent, that they have been forced, in self-defense, to double their woolen, and largely increase their cotton machinery during the present spring. We have not the space to enter minutely into the details of their productions—such as jeans, cassimeres, cottonades, sheetings, ginghams, plaids, checks, towelling, penitentiary and awning duck, osenburghs, cotton and wool knitting yarns, sewing thread, drilling and tickings; to fully explain which, with their respective merits, would require every column of our space.

Passing under the rod of family affliction and death, with an abiding faith and confidence in an Allwise Providence, Capt. Oliver was spared, and called to enter another field of action in conjunction with his duties as manager of this immense institution, a pride to our State, and a lasting honor to those in his charge, thereof.

On the 22d of last month, death, desolation and destruction followed the path of a terrible cyclone which swept through the rear portion of the town of Wesson, destroying twenty-five houses occupied by the operatives of the Mill, killing fifteen and wounding about one hundred and fifty poor people, who were dependent upon the Mills for support. At once the Society of the Red Cross was organized at Wesson, for the county of Copiah and neighboring territory, with Capt. Oliver as its President, who at once inaugurated a thorough system, which by the aid and assistance of noble men and women North and South, has contributed to place these poor people beyond want, and placed them in comparatively easy circumstances. Fortunately the storm-cloud left the factory buildings untouched. Had it passed a few hundred yards further east, who could tell the destruction of property, or portray the suffering of hundreds who would have been thrown out of employment by the disaster?

In closing this sketch of the life and career of one of our citizens, it is with pride we point the young and ambitious to his record, and say to them, the same road to affluence, prominence and honor is open to each and every one of them, as was open to Wm. Oliver, when but a boy he was not ashamed to commence to learn the principles of business, upon a salary of five dollars a month and board. But to successfully reach the position he has gained, they

must be actuated and governed by those principles which have been his guide—honesty of purpose, strict attention to the duties devolving upon him, economy, sobriety, and a firm and unwavering trust in the Providences of an Allwise God.

With this imperfect sketch of Capt. Oliver, we will now give a few details relating to

THE MILLS.

In order to keep the products up to demand, the Mills have been obliged, this season, to double the woolen machinery and largely increase the cotton machinery. The Mills are always prepared to buy all the cotton coming there, and we learn in this connection, that nearly all of the cotton received by Beauregard this season, has been purchased by the Mill daily, as fast as received by Beauregard—the receipts of cotton at Wesson this year footing up 10,000 bales. This becomes necessary in order that the Mill may have a stock of cottons to select from for manufacturers, the surplus over their necessities being disposed of by them as the market justifies. These purchases are paid for in cash to the farmer or merchant—no waiting until sales are made in New Orleans; or paying in merchandise, upon which a profit would be enjoyed. It is cash on the spot, for every bale of cotton and every pound of wool.

The Mills have regularly employed from 875 to 900 operatives, the monthly pay roll of which averages about thirteen thousand dollars, all paid in cash.

The annual consumption of cotton is about 5,000 bales, and of wool, about one million pounds, one-half of which is raised in this State. Giving an annual production of 150,000 lbs. cotton yarns, 3,200,000 yards cotton goods, and 1,600,000 yards woolen goods, beside 60 to 80,000 lbs. cotton rope.

Their machinery consists of 13 sets wool cards, 4,500 wool spindles, and 250 woolen looms, 105 cotton cards, 10,000 cotton spindles and 300 looms, all run by two powerful Harris Corlies engines, with an auxiliary engine of fifty-horse power. The Mills are all lighted with the Brush Electric Light—and are now putting in throughout the Mill, the improved Grinnell Automatic Fire Extinguisher, or Sprinkler, making it complete in all respects.

We cannot close this article without saying a word in favor of the quiet, business Superintendent, Mr. John Hopkinson, whose eye is over all, whose ear is ever open, and whose quiet, gentle, yet positive bearing, leaves but one impression—and that is, he is the right man in the right place, and knows his business thoroughly, and attends to it. General Jackson, while President of the United States, on being complimented upon performing some successful act, said: "If he did not know how to do it himself, knew enough to get competent men who did." We thought of this when we found our lively, agile friend, Chas. Hartwell, at the head of the receiving department, classifying and superintending the large receipts of wool and cotton; and the efficient staff of office-men whom Capt. Oliver has judiciously gathered around him, in the persons of Mr. Jas. S. Rea, as cashier, and special deputy to Capt. Oliver; Mr. F. S. Boze, the genial, jolly, good-natured book-keeper; and Mr. H. C. Caultkins, in charge of all the immense shipments of the Mills, all of whom placed us under many obligations in furnishing these facts and figures relating to one of the grandest industries of the South.

We made some inquiries as to the profits to the stockholders of the investment of so much capital, and were surprised to learn that although the Mississippi Mills are a manufacturing and financial success, not one of the stockholders has ever drawn a dollar of the profits of the Mill. Every cent of the earnings has been invested in permanent improvements, which have built up the town, increased the valuation of property, and swelled the tax list of Copiah county. The profits are thus expended in our own State, among our own people, and do not go abroad to be spent upon other communities.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar.

At the Conclave held at Grenada, last week, the following were chosen Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

H. M. Romberger, Water Valley, Grand Commander; W. P. Towler, Grenada, Deputy Grand Commander; J. H. Gordon, Port Gibson, Grand Generalissimo; Geo. S. Green, Jackson, Grand Captain General; Rev. J. M. Boon, Holly Springs, Grand Prelate; N. S. Walker, Port Gibson, Grand Treasurer; J. L. Power, Jackson, Grand Recorder; L. B. Mosby, Holly Springs, Grand Senior Warden; Wm. Priently, Canton, Grand Junior Warden; W. A. Bodenhamer, Okolona, Grand Standard Bearer; W. W. Marshall, Winona, Grand Sword Bearer; E. A. Armistead, Grenada, Grand Warder; Wm. Murray, Vicksburg, Grand Capt. of the Guard.

The selection of time and place for next Grand Conclave was left to the Grand Council to hereafter determine and announce.

Appointed after adjournment of Grand Conclave.

The Negro in the North.

As to the negro element in the South, it has attained just as much distinction there as we permit it in the Northern States. We have in some of our cities great negro districts, but have never yet sent a negro man to Congress from any of them.—Gath.

NEWS AND NOTES.

The mother of ex-President Grant died on the 11th inst., aged 93 years.

At Winona, Minn., two children were killed by lightning while playing in the street.

A whole family traveling on the Texas International Road were poisoned almost into death, by eating canned beef.

Henry Revils, colored, was hanged at Lake Providence, La., on the 11th, for the murder of Henry Hyams, white.

The Supreme Court of Kentucky have decided that a wife may recover money lost by her husband in gambling games.

The New York Legislature has passed a bill for pensioning superannuated and incapacitated teachers in the public schools.

Wm. S. Woods, the recently appointed judge of the United States Court in Indiana, is said to be a native of Marshall county, Tenn.

The New York Legislature has passed the bill prohibiting free passes being granted to anyone except railroad employees and officers.

The McMinnville (Tenn.) Standard reports smallpox in the family of Mr. Milligan, seven miles from that place, on the Winchester road.

The receipts for home missions in the Southern Presbyterian church increased this year over 49 per cent, as compared with last year's receipts.

The arrival of immigrants at New York increased; 19,412 were landed last week, being the largest number of weekly arrivals so far this year.

Louisa B. Stephens is the first woman to become president of a bank. She succeeds her late husband in the First National Bank of Marion, Iowa.

The California State Board of Silk Culture has been endowed by the Legislature with \$5,000 toward the establishment of a silk reeling school.

Escaping convicts in Arkansas, pursued by bloodhounds, caught the dogs and hanged them to a tree. Others were obtained and the fugitives captured.

There arrived at Boston on the 12th, 1,821 evicted tenants from Ireland, most of whom had been "assisted to emigrate" by the British Government.

The legacy of the late Miss Telfair, made to the Georgia Historical Society, is now at its disposal. The amount is \$1,100,000, with nine years accrued interest.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has refused to release from the penitentiary Charles Freeman, who killed his child in 1879 while laboring under religious excitement.

The commission of Keim, as Chief Examiner of the Civil Service Commission, has not yet been signed, and may not be, owing to the great clamor caused by his nomination.

Smallpox is raging in Mercer county, W. Va., where it is said to have been spread among the people through the ignorance of a physician, who is reported to be dying of the disease.

Major J. R. Wasson, United States paymaster at the military department of San Antonio, who was robbed of \$15,000, was found deficient of over \$5,000 in his accounts, has been placed under guard.

A most heart-rending affair is reported from Middletown, O. A mother rushed into the river to rescue her little daughter from drowning, and her husband rushed in after her, and all three were drowned.

Nothing seems too costly for a railroad president. The estimated cost of Mr. Sidney Dillon's new car is said to be over \$15,000. It is to be 60 feet long and 10 feet high, and of course replete with every luxury.

The decree of divorce of Mrs. Fair, wife of U. S. Senator Fair, from her husband, provides that she shall be allowed \$1,250,000, the family residence, and the care of three children. She can manage to live comfortably.

The National Board of Health has informed the local authorities at Memphis that after June 1st next, they will have to bear the expenses of the quarantine stations on the Mississippi river between New Orleans and Memphis.

In Columbia, Tenn., a company has been formed for the manufacture of hosiery and net goods, which will employ about 30 young girls. The machinery has been purchased and the factory will soon be in operation.

At Thomasville, Ga., two colored children, aged seven and nine, enticed from their home a three-year old child, and throwing her down, forced sand into her mouth until dead. Because of their extreme youth, Judge Mitchell discharged the children.

Marriageable women are scarce and high in Utah. "Elder Jim Wood and Susan Stoddard of Bountiful, celestialized in the early springtime, the elder giving for Susan a cow and a load of hay." Celestialization means polygamous marriage.

The trustees of Columbia College, in New York, have prepared a plan to receive young women for a four-years course outside of, but under the supervision of, the college; graduates to be entitled to the same honors as young men who have taken the regular course.

At DeKalb, Texas, W. W. Dillard shot and instantly killed a young planter named Henry Sims, under great provocation and in self-defense. Dillard is a wealthy lawyer and an ex-member of the Legislature. Sims was a quarrelsome bully.

At Monroe, Ga., Charley Neal has two sweethearts, Miss Harris and Sarah Moore. He escorted Sarah to church in

the country, when Miss Harris met them at the church door, and cut Sarah in the arm and breast with a razor. She is held for assault with intent to murder.

At Nashville, Tennessee, five thousand dollars worth of gambling apparatus was burned in bonfires on the public square, by order of the Criminal Court. At least 500 gamblers have, or will have to leave the city on account of the recent act of the Legislature making gambling a felony.

The Rev. "Jack" Russell, rector of Black Torrington, England, who is nearly 88 years old, is seriously ill. The Rev. gentleman has long been known throughout Devonshire as "the hunting parson," and is a great friend of the Prince of Wales, who is daily informed as to his condition.

At Infilson, Kentucky, a young negro employed by Wm. B. Haywood, attempted to outrage the person of Mrs. Haywood during the absence of her husband. The negro, fearing discovery, fled, but was arrested, and while his captors were waiting for a train to bring him to Madisonville, a party of masked men took him from them and hanged him to a tree. He confessed his crime.

The Automatic Elevating Water Wheel Company is one of the enterprises alluded to, the manufacturing being done near Waterford, Mississippi. The other is the Mississippi Mining and Manufacturing Company, office at Meridian, Miss., composed of Col. Ragsdale and Judge Watkins, of Meridian; R. E. Doyle, George Little and Ben Price, of Oxford. This company owns large bodies of land, containing deposits of valuable fire clay, and propose erecting works at or near Meridian for the purpose of manufacturing fire brick, tiling, terra cotta ware, etc.

OVER THE STATE.

J. M. C. Newcomb, an old and respected citizen of Jasper county, died on the 5th inst., after a long and protracted illness.

William Dudley, of Canton, brakeman on a north bound freight train, was killed on the 8th near Gallman, by accidentally falling between the cars.

The Enterprise Courier says the entire community was made sad Tuesday morning by the announcement that Mr. Percy Shaw, of that place, was dead.

Lexington Bulletin: Mad dogs are a little frequent in the Bowling Green country, and we think it would be a good plan for everybody to get around with a shot-gun, and to shoot any dog that may be found outside of the owner's enclosure.

Lexington Advertiser: The three casts of most interest on the docket of this term of court, were tried last week. These were the Hoskins case, the Harrington case, and the case of Mattie Wile against the C. S. L. & N. O. railroad. The jury found for the defendants in all three.

Brandon Republican: Our old friend, Truss B. Rodgers, of the Polkville neighborhood, died very suddenly of heart disease, on the 2d inst. He is the third old man who has died in that way recently in the western part of Smith county, to-wit: T. W. Winstead, Henry Myers and T. B. Rogers.

Liberty Herald: Capt. Pat. Darden, Worthy Master of the State Grange, will visit Anite county on or about the first of June, in the prosecution of his lecture tour through the State. He will address the people in the interests of the Grange at Merwin and the C. L. Evans Grange Hall, at Dickey's Mill, and perhaps at Liberty at night.

Utica Monitor: The election for our town officers took place last Monday, and resulted as follows: For Mayor, J. D. McKie; for marshal, B. F. Kelly; for aldermen, R. H. Long, T. D. Lee, S. E. Dudley, G. D. Kelley, J. T. Smith. The vote for or against license, (as provided in the town charter), stood: For license, 47; against license, 8.

Panola Star: Judge J. G. Hall and wife arrived from Atlanta, Tuesday night. The Judge's legion of friends and admirers will be rejoiced to learn that his health has been almost entirely restored. When he left for Florida, he was hopeless of recovery, but now he says, "I feel like a new man;" he looks that way, too. Judge Hall will be able to hold Chancery Court here Monday.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

REPORTED WEEKLY BY C. C. CAMPBELL.

Monday, May 14, 1883.

The following cases were Affirmed:

4019—Robert C. Saffold vs. State of Mississippi.

4054—J. H. Lucas vs. T. J. Spencer.

4331—Ex-parte, Henry A. Fleming, on Habeas Corpus.

The following cases were Reversed and Remanded:

4113—Alice G. Ransom vs. Maggie O. Duff.

4133—Oliver Driskell, et al. vs. Amanda Mason.

4176—Linda Barbee vs. M. C. Reese.

4267—John W. Fowler vs. Schwab & Co.

4279—Planters Insurance Co. vs. C. H. Williams.

4315—J. S. Montgomery vs. J. Silverstone & Co.

4318—S. Q. Ford vs. E. N. Abbott.

4333—Yalobusha county vs. Susan A. Hendricks.

4252—Eliza Evans et al. vs. Civilla Mallet et al., Reversed and bill dismissed.

4339—Ex-parte, J. L. Floyd, on Habeas Corpus; Reversed and Relator allowed bail.