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Opelousas :

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1853.

Trial of Negro Jack.

On Wednesday last, 12th instant, at 10 o'clock A. M., Judge Guy H. Bell, assisted by his colleagues, Ulysse Gaberel Esq., and ten jurors, freeholders, have proceeded to the trial of the negro-man JACK, accused of having murdered his master, Mr. Olivier Lafleur, a respectable planter of Grande Prairie, in this Parish, on the 5th of September last.

Two witnesses declared, that on the morning of the 5th, they were on the plantation of Mr. Olivier Lafleur, when they heard the firing of a gun, a few minutes afterwards they saw Mr. Lafleur running and full of blood towards his house, and Jack following him with a loaded gun. Mr. Lafleur having locked the door of his house where he had refuge himself. Jack broke open the door with an axe, and on entering the house, his master ran through the back door, he pursued him, and attempted to discharge the second barrel but only the cap exploded; he then threw him down and beat his head with the barrel of the gun, until life was extinguished. He then left the body, and passing close to a young man, weak and cripple, who inquired of him if it was possible that he had killed his master; "Yes, said he, I have killed him."—He had yet in his hands the blooded gun.

A few seconds afterwards, the nephew of the victim arrived and pursued the murderer. He received a shot in the shoulder, and on the wish of Mrs. Lafleur who desired him to be killed on the spot, the nephew fired at him again and he fell.

P. D. Hardy, Esq., our District Attorney, in a few appropriate remarks, has requested that capital punishment be inflicted upon him.

The jury, after a few seconds, returned, and rendered a verdict of "Guilty."

Judge Bell, then read the sentence. Jack will receive the punishment of his awful crime, to-day between 10 o'clock A. M., and 2 o'clock, P. M.

It is truly astonishing with what rapidity and firmness M. G. Farrell's Arabian Liniment has taken hold of public favor a few months ago, and all that was known of it was that a most powerful medicine of Arabic origin had made its appearance. Now, there is hardly a family to be found that does not keep it always on hand; and no one would ever be without it, who had witnessed its magic power over disease, and its wonderful potency in relieving pain. See advertisement.

In the geography of Young America, the following boundaries are given to the United States: East by sun-rise, west by sun-set, north by the Arctic Expedition; and south—as far down as we dare please!

An exchange paper gives an illustration of the advantage of "a division of labor," by the following anecdote: A certain preacher was holding forth to a somewhat wearied congregation, when he "lifted up his eyes" to the gallery, and beheld a youngster peering the people below with chestnuts. Dominic was about to administer *ex cathedra* a sharp and stringent reprimand for this flagrant act of impiety and disrespect, but the youth, anticipating him, bawled out at the top of his voice: "You mind your preaching daddy and I'll keep 'em awake."

Southern Times instances a family of the name of Brown as illustrative of the bent of certain families to the same calling. There are six brothers, all of whom are eminent railroad men. I. S. Brown, the oldest, is an Engineer on the St. Petersburg and Warsaw Railroad; Sam. Brown, is Superintendent of the Canadian and Niagara Falls Railroad; R. M. Brown, is Superintendent of the New York and Erie Railroad; W. H. Brown, is an extensive builder of locomotives in Philadelphia; J. B. Brown is an Engineer on the Catawissa (Pa.) Railroad; J. W. Brown is connected with the freight department of the New York and Erie Railroad.

FOURTH OF MARCH.—Why Selected.—Do our readers generally know why the Fourth of March was chosen as the day for the inauguration of the President of the United States. It was selected because the fourth of March in every year, commencing from the first inauguration, cannot come on a Sunday for at least three hundred years.

This fact shows the great regard which the framers of our government had for the Sabbath. They arranged the matter so wisely that the day for the performance of the ceremonies of inauguration will not fall on a Sunday for three hundred years.

CURIOUS CALCULATIONS.—The ocean, accepting the supposed average depth of it as 1000 feet, contains 29,000,000 cubic miles of water; and to fill its basin would require all the rivers of the earth pouring their waters into it for 40,000 years. The amount of heat received from the sun every two feet would suffice to melt a crust of ice thirty-two feet thick, enveloping the whole earth. According to the technical reckoning, the solar heat, which annually raises the sea-water in the form of vapor, corresponds to the enormous sum of sixteen billions of horse power.

A down east militia captain, on receiving a note from a lady, requesting the pleasure of his company, understood it as a compliment to those under his command, and marched the whole of them to the lady's house.

A negro belonging to Mr. R. C. Ledbetter, a planter near Pontotoc, Miss., was killed last week by a man named Hill. The negro was taken from a wild turkey.

THE FEVER.

The past week exhibits a regular and progressive abatement in the mortality. The total interments for the week ending on the 1st October were 219, of which 100 were of Yellow Fever. As compared with the previous week the reduction in the whole number of interments is 44, and of Yellow Fever 31. The decline is steady and quite as rapid as could be reasonably expected, considering that the city is filling up by the return of thousands of citizens, and next that the brief spell of cool weather has been succeeded by the usual mild warmth of early autumn. We presume that the fever will not entirely disappear until the advent of frost. That it is dying away by exhaustion of the pestilential germ is evident from the fact, that the mortality is daily diminishing in spite of the imprudent arrival amongst us of large numbers of unacclimated persons.—Nevertheless, those who desire to avoid all danger whatever, would do wisely to abstain from visiting New Orleans before a frost.—Bee.

EUROPE.

Switzerland.—The German papers state that the United States are backing Switzerland in their opposition to Austria.

Buenos Ayres.—Later advices from Buenos Ayres, received in England, state that, since Urquiza took refuge on board the American steamer, his troops had surrendered. The country had consequently become tranquil, and business was surviving.

Whig Convention.

Pursuant to previous announcements, a Convention of the Whigs of the Parish of St. Landry was held at the Court House, in this place, on Thursday, the 13th inst. James Morgan Esq., was called to the chair, and E. North Cullom, acted as secretary. The President explained the object of the meeting.

C. L. Swayze offered the following Resolutions, which were categorically adopted: Resolved, 1st. That this Convention do now go into the nomination of State Officers, consisting of one Senator and four Representatives for the Lower Branch of the Legislature.

Resolved, 2dly. That it is inexpedient at present to nominate a Clerk for the District Court of this Parish or a candidate for the office of Sheriff.

Resolved, 3dly. That the voting in this Convention shall be by wards, and that each ward, here represented, shall be entitled to one vote, for every ten whig votes, cast at the last gubernatorial election, and one additional vote for every fraction of whig votes over five.

On motion of Achille Dupré Esq., Thomas M. Anderson was unanimously nominated a candidate for the office of Senator, to represent St. Landry and the Parish of Calcasieu.

The following named gentlemen were then placed before the Convention, as suitable candidates for the Lower Branch of the Legislature: Albert Déjean Esq., Onézime A. Guidry, Joseph D. Gardiner, Cyrus Thompson, James Akenhead, Samuel C. McPherson and E. North Cullom. On the vote being taken, Messrs. Albert Déjean, Joseph D. Gardiner, Onézime A. Guidry and E. North Cullom were duly elected nominees.

On motion of Ulysse Gaberel, the foregoing named gentlemen were unanimously declared to be the nominees of this Convention.

On motion of Albert Déjean Esq., John B. Smith Esq. of Natchitoches, La., was unanimously declared to be a good and acceptable candidate for Representative in Congress, in the 4th Congressional District of Louisiana.

On motion of Achille Dupré Esq., the following resolution was read and adopted: Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention, that henceforward, the Whigs of the Parish of St. Landry should make a nomination for every office to be filled in the same.

On motion of Albert Déjean Esq., Resolved, That the sense of this Convention be taken as to the expediency of nominating Parish Commissioners.

On the vote being taken it was lost. Mr. Cyrus Thompson, offered the following: Resolved, That each and every member of this Convention, pledge himself to support zealously the nominations made this day, for the Senate and House of Representatives, and that he will use all honorable exertions to ensure the success of the entire Whig Ticket.

On motion, Resolved that the proceedings of this convention be published in the St. Landry Whig & Opelousas Courier. JAMES MORGAN, President. E. NORTH CULLOM, Secretary.

An Indian Governor.—The Governor of Nebraska, it is stated, has been elected in his own father was captured, when a child, by the Wyandot Indians, and married a half-blood Wyandot girl. The Governor, Wm. Walker, is her son. He was educated Kenyon College, Ohio. He was seven years postmaster at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. In 1836 he was elected chief of his nation, the Wyandots.

Interesting from Mexico. We are indebted to a friend says the Bee, for the following interesting details contained in a letter addressed to him from the City of Mexico: The Government has discovered an extensive plot in the city of Puebla. Several prominent persons have been arrested; among them DON JUAN MUYICA, late Governor of the State of Puebla, General TURLON and Mr. INZUNZA, attorney.

Santa Anna daily issues orders for the exile of his political adversaries. General MANOL ROBLES, Minister of War under the administration of Arista, DON LUIS DE LA ROSA, Minister of Foreign Affairs, under the administration of Herrera, and formerly Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, have been ordered to leave the country.

Bishop Monica, who, since the death of Don Lucas Salaman, presided the Council, has retired to his Diocese. Before leaving, he predicted the downfall of Santa Anna, in case the latter should not change his present policy.

Mr. HARO is no longer Minister of the Finances; his place is now filled by SIERRAY ROSA.

The army is far from being strong—partisan assertions to the contrary notwithstanding. I must state, however, that SANTA ANNA has commissioned more Generals and officers than an army of five hundred thousand men would require.

Governor ASCALANTE has been removed, and General BONILLO, District Governor, has been appointed to fulfil his office. There is not a cent in the Treasury. The expenses are extremely heavy. The people has no more confidence in the government.

Such is the true condition of our country. RULES FOR LADY WRITERS. 1. Must be at the office whenever required. 2. No reading of motto papers and low stories, during the working hours. 3. No "hand" shall be allowed to have her hand in the office to sether set type, at any time. 4. No matter how good a "hand" may be at making types at home, if she takes up in the office, she shall be compelled to sort it. 5. No "hand" shall sit in the sanctum longer than to procure copy, unless required by the editor. 6. No attempting to kiss the editor for the sake of "clean copy." 7. He will use his prerogative to kiss or scold all "hands," as occasion may require. Ladies who bring their dinner, shall not make spinning saloons of the sanctum, nor use profane paper if a table cloth. 8. Any lady "hand" about to emigrate to the state of matrimony, shall give at least one month's notice, that her place may be supplied by another. 9. No married woman will be allowed to work in this office, provided it be known. 10. No lady shall be allowed to laugh at the motion of another while engaged at the case. 11. No smoking, chewing or dram-drinking allowed in the office. 12. No gossiping, quarrelling, pulling of hair, scratching of faces, or singing love songs during working hours; and no lady shall have free admittance to, or orders for the theatre, opera, or other places of amusement, unless accompanied by a gentleman.

In lieu of attaching the pig tail girl "Esq." to men's names now, the initials "S. P." are substituted, which signify "Some Pumpkins." We consider this an improvement as well as a new fashion.

CANDIDATES.

State Legislature. We are authorized to announce the following Whig Ticket, for the next November election: For State Senator: THOMAS M. ANDERSON. For the House of Representatives: ONÉZIME A. GUIDRY. ALBERT DÉJEAN. JOSEPH D. GARDINER. E. NORTH CULLOM. oct. 15th, 1853.

Clerk District Court. ADOLPHE GARRIGUES, Clerk of the 15th District Court, Parish of St. Landry, is a candidate for re-election, at the coming November election. Opelousas, September 17th 1853.

Recorder. YVES D'AVY, Deputy Recorder of the Parish of St. Landry, is a candidate for the office of Recorder at the coming November election. Opelousas, October 1st, 1853.

Sheriff. We are authorized to announce that Mr. BAPTISTE DAVID is a candidate for the office of Sheriff for the Parish of St. Landry, at the coming November election. oct. 8th, 1853.

Assessor. We are authorized to announce that Mr. THOMAS C. ANDERSON is a candidate for the office of Assessor for the Parish of St. Landry, at the coming November election. oct. 8th, 1853.

Ward Constable. We are authorized to announce that Mr. JOHN A. GORDON is a candidate for the office of Ward Constable for the First Ward. Election in November next. oct. 15th, 1853.

Police Jury. We are authorized to announce that Mr. JULIEN CARVILLE GONOR, the present incumbent, is a candidate for the office of Constable, for the 1st Ward. oct. 15th, 1853.

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DIED.—In this parish, of a short illness of 12 hours, on Thursday, 6th instant, JOSEPH ALBERT KNOX, aged 6 years and 4 months.

At Washington, in this parish, on Friday, 7th instant, Mr. HENRY VALANSART, aged about 45 years.

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EDMUND JOHNSON, of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, having filed a petition for the appointment of Administrator of the Estate of James Neyland, deceased, late of the Parish of St. Landry.

Now, any person intending to make opposition to said appointment, will file the same, in writing, in my office, in the Town of Opelousas, within ten days, from the publication of this notice. A. GARRIGUES, Clerk. Opelousas, October 15th, 1853.

Notary Public for the Parish of St. Landry, will be happy to accommodate any one who may have occasion for his services. JOHN F. SMITH. Grand Coteau, October 1st, 1853.

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shades of disease, from scratches and bruises up to Spavin, Ring-Bone and Sweeney. I can also bear testimony of its good effects on the human system. I was confined nearly all last winter to my room with Rheumatism, and could get nothing to help me, until I commenced the use of your Liniment, which entirely cured me. Wm. R. GRIMES.

Sun Pain of 10 years' standing cured by H. G. Farrell's Arabian Liniment. Mr. H. G. FARRELL.—Dear Sir: I have been afflicted with the "Sun Pain" for the last ten years, and could never get relief, except by bleeding; but by the use of H. G. Farrell's Arabian Liniment, applied over the temples about three or four times a day, it was entirely removed, and I have felt nothing of it since. I went into the stable one night, to apply it to a horse's sore leg, and being very lame I stumbled and fell against my legs, crushing and bruising my head, by which they turned black as my hat, rendering them useless. I applied your Liniment, and was well enough in a few days to go about again as usual. I also crushed my finger in a shocking manner, by letting a back log fall upon it; your Liniment soon healed it up, though. JOHN E. M'GEE. La Salle precinct, Peoria co., Ill., Feb. 6, 1849.

To Guard Against Imposition READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY. The Public are particularly cautioned against a Base Counterfeit, which has lately made its appearance, and is called by the impostor who makes it "W. B. Farrell's Arabian Liniment." This is a dangerous fraud and more liable to deceive from his bearing the name of Farrell. Therefore, be particular never to call for it by the name "Farrell's Liniment" for unprincipled dealers will impose this SPIRITOUS MIXTURE upon you for the genuine, but always ask for "H. G. FARRELL'S ARABIAN LINIMENT" and take no other, as the genuine always has the letters H. G. before Farrell's signature is also on the outside wrapper, and these words blown in the glass bottle.—H. G. FARRELL'S ARABIAN LINIMENT, PEORIA, ILL.

AGENTS WANTED in every Town, Village and Hamlet in the United States in which one is not established. Apply by letter to H. G. Farrell, Peoria, Ill., with good reference as to Character, Responsibility, &c. All on the agent who will furnish Free of Charge a Book containing much valuable information for every class of citizens. Price—25 cts. and one dollar per bottle. The only Genuine is manufactured by H. G. Farrell, sole inventor and proprietor, and wholesale Druggist, No