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FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: JOHN C. BRECKENRIDGE, OF KENTUCKY.

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TO THE PATRONS OF THE COURIER. Being the proprietors of a paper, and desirous of fulfilling our pecuniary engagements, we feel bound to make an amicable call on our numerous debtors, and instantly request them to come and settle their bills the quickest possible.

Our readers will please take this call into consideration, (for when printers ask their dues they really wait.) We take this opportunity to tender our sincere thanks to our patrons for their liberal patronage which has been bestowed upon us since the 1st day of July, 1855.

Grand Ratification Meeting AND WARBOURNE. A MASS MEETING of the Democracy of Opelousas, to be held on the 15th day of July next, at the Court House, in the Town of Opelousas, for the purpose of ratifying the nomination of James Buchanan, of Pa., and John C. Breckenridge, of Ky., as candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency of these United States, after which meeting, there will be given, on the right bank of Bayou Tasson, a splendid Feast and Barbecue, which will be attended by the ladies of this and surrounding Parishes as most respectfully invited.

Several speeches will be delivered in English and in French, by distinguished orators. Democrats awake! Rally to the cry and standard of Breck and Buchanan!

Opelousas, June 21st, 1856.

State of the Law of our Country. Citizens of Opelousas: We are requested to announce to the public of this Parish, that the Law of the Catholic Church of Opelousas will be read at session to the High Court of the Parish on the 20th of July next.

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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Opelousas, June 21st.—The Convention met at half-past five o'clock. The committee reported a platform of resolutions. The platform after reading that of 1852, and after a long and interesting discussion, the Convention should clearly define the relations between the States and the Federal Government, and should also define the relations between the States and the Federal Government, and should also define the relations between the States and the Federal Government.

Resolved, That the Democracy recognize and adopt the principles contained in the organic law establishing the relations of the States and the Federal Government, and should also define the relations between the States and the Federal Government, and should also define the relations between the States and the Federal Government.

Resolved, That we recognize the right of the people of all the territories, including Kansas and Nebraska, acting through the fair expression of the majority of actual residents, and whenever the number of their inhabitants shall be equal to that of any one of the States, to be admitted into the Union as equal States, with or without slavery, as they elect, the equal rights of the States will be preserved inviolate, and the perpetuation and expansion of the Union insured to its utmost capacity of embracing in peace and harmony, every future American State.

Resolved, That in view of the condition of the dangerous condition of sectional agitation, combined with an attempt to enforce civil and religious disabilities against the right of acquiring citizenship in its own land, a high and sacred duty has devolved upon the Democracy to take prompt and effective measures to counteract the legislation of the country, as the party of the Union, to uphold and maintain the rights of every State and thereby the Union of the States, and to sustain and advance among us constitutional liberty, by continuing to resist the passage of any legislation which would benefit a few at the expense of many, and by a vigilant adherence to these principles, and to the compromise of the Constitution which would be a step towards the disunion of the States.

The committee stated that the Kansas-Nebraska Act of the platform was not with perfect propriety upon the foreign policy suggested, but recommended it heartily.

Resolved, That the questions connected with our foreign policy are inferior to no domestic question whatever; that the time has come for the people of the United States to declare themselves in favor of the Union, and to resist the passage of any legislation which would benefit a few at the expense of many, and by a vigilant adherence to these principles, and to the compromise of the Constitution which would be a step towards the disunion of the States.

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TURNING HIS SWORD INTO A BEATING. Hook—Gen. Shields, we notice, is now faring in Minnesota, and removed from "war" to "peace." The Senator has become a Cincinnatus, and instead of leading the sword handles the plough. In a letter from him, received in Washington recently, and dated Fairbairn, Minnesota territory, the hero says: "I am in good health; have been employed all the winter in hauling rails; this is a hard but healthy work." Hauling rails. What would some of the Generals and Legislators of the old land think of such a transition.

SCRAP OF HISTORY.—During the revolutionary war, General Lafayette, being in Baltimore, was invited to a ball. He went, as requested, but instead of joining the amusement, as might be expected of a young Frenchman of twenty-two, he addressed the ladies thus: "Ladies, you are very handsome; you dance very prettily; your ball is very fine—but my soldiers have no shirts." The appeal was irresistible. The belles; the ladies went home and went to work, and the next day a large number of shirts were prepared by the fairest hands of Baltimore for the gallant defenders of their country.

INSURRECTION IN HAYTI.—The Boston Traveller of Monday evening publishes extracts from a letter bearing date Aux Cayes, Hayti, May 10, which states that a formidable insurrection had broken out in that part of the island against the Emperor Solouque. The writer says: A body of from 2000 to 3000 insurgents took possession of a post between this place and Pongry last night with a view of attacking the town to-day. The military authorities were only aware of this at seven o'clock this morning. The alarm drums were immediately beaten, and every male adult in town was ordered to join the troops. At ten o'clock A. M. the troops marched out with the citizens, but the rebels were not making an attack on the insurgents, but will content themselves with defending the entry of the town till reinforced.

A postscript to the letter, under date 11 A. M., adds: The alarm drums are again beating. It is said that the troops sent out are repulsed, and the insurgents are pushing forward. People are running distractedly through the streets, closing stores, &c.

VERMONT.—Montpelier, May 23.—The Vermont Know-Nothing State Council held their annual session yesterday. Ryland Fletcher was nominated for Governor, and James M. Slade for Lieutenant-Governor. Resolutions were adopted denouncing the administration and proposing to unite with the Republicans in the Congressional and Presidential elections. The assault on Senator Sumner was referred to in strong terms, and the House called on to expel Mr. Brooks.

THE HICCUP.—I had occasion to call at a Highland shooting lodge, and on entering the kitchen, where two English sportsmen were sitting, I happened to be attacked by a fit of hiccup. One of the sportsmen took a piece of gray paper from his pocket, and after lighting and blowing it out, he started and held the fumes opposite my mouth and nostrils. I started, to be sure, but was quite astonished to find myself immediately cured, and I have since seen it frequently tried on others, and always proving a never failing remedy.—Inverness Courier.

A MONSTER PETITION.—Mr. Weller presented a petition to the Senate on yesterday, signed by the Washington Union of the 27th ult., signed by seventy-five thousand citizens of California, asking Congress to construct a wagon road from the western borders of Missouri to California, for the accommodation of overland emigrants to that State. The signatures made two large volumes, which were handsomely bound. It was in reality a monster memorial. Mr. Weller immediately introduced a bill appropriating three hundred thousand dollars for the construction of the road, which passed two readings and was referred.

In the municipal election of Plaquemine, Iberville, the Democrats and Anties were triumphant.

FOUND HIS FATHER.—My son, can you take a trunk for me to the hotel, said a passenger stepping from a boat on the levee, to a ragged-looking youngster, who sat balancing on the tail end of a dray.

Your son? said the boy, giving him from head to foot. Well, I'll be damned if I ain't in luck. Here I've been trying to find my daddy for three years, and all of a sudden you comes the old boss himself, and knows me right off. How are you? stretching out a muddy-looking paw.

The traveler was nonplussed. Between a smile and a frown, he inquired, What is your name, sir? My name? So you don't know. Well it's nothing for people in these parts to have so many children that they don't know their names. My name's William, but some folks call me Ragged Bill, for short. What's the other part, I reckon you know, if you don't know you must ask the old woman.

And shouldering the trunk, he marched off to the hotel, mauling to himself. Well, it is a good thing, the old woman come home at last. Good clothes, big trunk, must have the tin. Well, I am in luck.

"Sarah, dear," said a wretched husband to his wife, "if I were in your place, I wouldn't take that babe so full of butter as you do." "Butter, my dear? Never give it any butter." "No; but you poured about a quart of milk down the infant's throat and then trotted it on the knee for nearly two hours. If it doesn't contain a quantity of butter, it isn't for want of stirring."

Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19. ST. JOHN FESTIVAL. This festival will be celebrated by this Lodge, on Tuesday the 24th of June, at 6 o'clock, P. M. A previous meeting will be held at half past two o'clock. Brothers in good standing are invited to join us in this occasion. By order of the W. M., J. P. MORROGH, Sec'y. Opelousas, 21st June 1856.

Bell-Cheney Springs. THE undersigned have the honor to inform the public that they have taken the direction of the above named Establishment, which will be open for the reception of the public, on the 1st of July next. The virtues of the different waters of these Springs, and the great and salutary properties, are so well known that it is thought needless to give any further detail. Conditions of the board: Per month, \$80. Per day, 2 1/2. Children and servants, half price. 25. Horse, per meal, 25. PROVENT & PATIN. Parish of St. Landry June 21, 1856.—1m

MORE BARGAINS! AT THE SHEAR STORE. Variety is the spice of Life. PROVISIONS AND GROCERIES. FLOUR, Bacon, Shoulders, Sides and Hams, cured Hams; Butter, Lard, Cheese, white and brown Sugar, Cocoa, Tea, Rice, Raisins and Almonds, Flax seed, and other Groceries, Lobsters, Sardines and Sausages of a superior quality, Mackerel, assorted Sausages, Soap and Candles, Mustard, Buckwheat Flour, Currants, Raisins, old Brand and Whiskey, Madeira, Port and Cherry Wine, Union Club, Hosiery, Boots, washing Soda, Indigo, Cinnamon, Nutmegs and Maca, Candies, Sugar-plums, Raisins, Currants, Apples, Cakes, Macaroni, Vermicelli, Peas, Lentils, choice Tobacco and Segars, and a great variety of articles suitable for house-keeping, for sale by E. L. NIMMO, Opelousas, June 21st, 1856. Pat's corner, Main street.

PUBLIC SALE. Estate of Jean Baptiste Robin. THE public are hereby informed that there will be sold, at public sale, to the last and highest bidder, by the undersigned, Auctioneer, on Tuesday, 22nd day of July next, 1856, at the