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NOTICE—Wants, for Rent and for Sale advertisements inserted in the Democrat at Fifty Cents (50) per square, each insertion.

Monday, March 19, 1877.

The office of the New Orleans DEMOCRAT has been removed from 74 Camp Street to 109 Gravier Street.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

VARIETIES THEATRE—Benefit of J. Kittredge—"Caouli"; ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Milton Nobles—"The Phoenix."

Our subscribers will confer a favor upon us by reporting at this office every failure in the delivery to their address of the DEMOCRAT, as we are particularly desirous of achieving absolute exactitude and punctuality.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

In 1873 the United States Senate appointed a committee on transportation routes to the seaboard, consisting of seven members, four Republicans and three Democrats, and of which Senator Windom of Minnesota was chairman.

Under this authority meetings were held by the committee at many of the principal cities of the United States, and an immense amount of valuable information was obtained and embodied in their report to the Senate, covering nearly fifteen hundred pages.

As the result of their labors they recommend to the consideration of Congress four water routes of communication between the interior and the seaboard, designated as the "Mississippi route," "Northern route," "Central route," and "Southern route."

We shall at present confine ourselves to the Mississippi route. Of this the committee say: "In the opinion of the committee no individual or company should be allowed to exercise any exclusive right upon a natural navigable highway of commerce within the jurisdiction of the United States. It is the duty of the government to maintain unrestricted freedom of commerce upon such waters."

From this it is obvious that the committee mean that this great water thoroughfare, draining with its tributaries that vast region between the Alleghenies on the east and the Rocky Mountains on the west, known as the Mississippi Valley, with its outlets in the Gulf of Mexico, should be owned exclusively by the Nation, and should constitute forever a highway of commerce and travel free to all sections of the great Republic, and unembarrassed by regulations or tolls of any corporation or State authority.

To accomplish this let Congress appropriate annually twenty millions of dollars to be expended in repairing, enlarging and building new levees, and to be continued until the whole work is completed from Cairo to New Orleans, or further if necessary.

The amount of money required to accomplish this great work may reach one hundred millions of dollars, but this amount expended amongst our own people, who are begging for employment whereby to obtain bread for their starving families, would do more at the present time to relieve the absolute pauperism entailed on the South by the late destructive war and the unwise political measures since pursued, than all the legislation proposed by the political parties of the country since the war.

As to the lands to be redeemed from swamp and from overflow by this system, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find figures to estimate their value, while to the Government the increase in the production of cotton alone, as an exchange for the markets of the old world, will afford an ample remuneration for all its outlay.

In connection with this great improvement so important to the South, we shall cheerfully applaud the success

of projected improvements in other sections of the Republic and shall heartily favor a system of improvements under the auspices of the General Government that will be a guarantee of its paternal care and protection to every part and portion of its dominion, assuring the common interest of all, and proving its great value in the trying hour of need.

It is now well understood that an extra session of Congress will be called at an early day, and if the Southern people are alive to their own interests they will see that their Representatives will look to this matter immediately. No time should be lost. The country is now almost pauperized, and its industries paralyzed, and gloom and despondency brood like a mighty nightmare over the whole land.

What we want now in the councils of the nation is live men, who can and will be heard. Instead of the senseless clamor about retrenchment and reform, and the bitter vituperation engendered by party strife, let us hear in glowing and eloquent terms appeals for our relief.

Let a commission be appointed by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress, or by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, to control and manage the money thus appropriated, to let contracts under the advice of competent engineers, and to be required to render at the opening of every session of Congress a full account of their proceedings.

We appeal to the people to speak out in behalf of this great measure through public meetings and the press. Let the voice of their representatives be heard, and the law-makers of the land be compelled to give ear to their requirements. An earnest united effort is all we need to guarantee success.

AN UNPRECEDENTED POLITICAL EVENT. A remarkable incident has occurred in the political world. The oldest, most inveterate and most avaricious politician in this country has resigned the position of United States Senator. This is Simon Cameron, aged seventy-eight, but still vigorous, lively and uncompromising in his long practiced virtues of partisan fidelity and unscrupulous tenacity in ways which he has trodden for half a century.

Simon is perhaps the last, he is certainly the oldest, of that class of politicians which has always existed in this country, who have made of politics a lucrative trade, capitalizing therefor their partisan virtues and services, and reaping rich rewards in the way of contracts, jobs and partnerships with public officials having large sums to expend and patronage to distribute.

With limited old fashioned school attainments, without any advantages of education or training in any profession, he embarked in early manhood in this sort of political trading, and through political relations and influences managed to obtain large contracts for public works in his native State, which, about a half century ago, was seduced into canal digging and other public works that swamped the finances and credit of the State and brought on her the reproach of repudiation, and made Pennsylvania the favorite target for the happiest sallies of the inimitable wit and satire of Sidney Smith, and of the fiercest objections of foreign investors in all the large capitals of Europe.

A Frenchman is never willing to die a sensational death without taking the public into his confidence. Before killing himself and Eugenie Quinette, Le Fall wrote a letter to her father which was found at the scene of suicide and read at the inquest. After the assassin had murdered his wife and stabbed her friend, he resolved on suicide, and called on Mlle. Quinette to tell her what he had done and to say adieu. She asked leave to die beside him, and when he sought to despatch her, threatened to drown herself. He then consented to end their lives at the same moment, and the design was carried out in a solitary place outside the town.

Legislature of Pennsylvania, which he has held ever since, and now by donation inter vivos hands over to his worthy son, the Don. Simon has been Senator for over thirty years, with intervals of interruption to enable him to fill the office of Secretary of War when all the big contracts were being given out, and when displaced by Stanton he was sent as Minister to Russia, which he found too cold and inhospitable a field for his favorite pursuits.

Let it not be imagined, however, that this resignation of Simon has been prompted by any change in the nature of the man, or satiety of avarice and greed of power and pelf, or by any of those philosophic views and motives which drove Diocletian to his cabbage garden or Charles V. to the Convent of Yuste. Not even the feebleness of great age has moved him to such self-abnegation.

Paternal pride, a desire to perpetuate the Cameronian dynasty, has alone prompted this abdication. His oldest son, having so suddenly concluded the first chapter of his political career by the refusal of Hayes to retain him as Secretary of War, naturally hankered after his father's perpetual seat in the Senate, and grew impatient of the great longevity of the sturdy old sire, whose best and longest contract appears to have been the lease of physical and political vitality which he secured some fifty years ago.

This son succeeds. A sturdy, self-reliant and energetic man, with all the physical and intellectual qualities of his father, and with some virtues which he did not inherit from that parent. Despite some unfavorable indications given whilst Secretary of War, and a partisan of the Grant administration, we have heard from persons who are intimate with Don Cameron (that he is a man of far more liberal spirit and broader views than his father, and that his course towards the South will be in harmony with that of Mr. Hayes, whose nomination at Cincinnati he was largely instrumental in effecting).

We published a paragraph yesterday giving the names of the surviving veterans of the war of Texan independence. There were but four surviving signers of the Declaration of Independence, which was issued in 1835. Nearly every day we meet on our streets a hale and hearty gentleman, hardly entitled to be called a veteran, who was the captain commanding the squad which captured Santa Anna after the battle of San Jacinto, in 1836. This is Captain Silvester, whose claim to the honor of this capture was long ago recognized by General Houston and Santa Anna himself. Captain Silvester is a very robust specimen of a veteran. Long may he live!

NOTES. A remarkable decrease of pauperism is reported from Manchester, England, the number of paupers having been 13,643 in 1870, and 4611 in 1876. The expense of constructing the different branches of the new subterranean railway in Paris, which will be twenty feet beneath the surface, is estimated at 137,000,000 francs.

Fifteen factories in Sweden are now engaged in producing a cheap non-explosive oil from wood. The wood used is chiefly pine, and the results thus far have been encouraging. The average annual production of kid gloves in France is two and a half million dozen pairs, three-fourths of which are exported. Ninety thousand operatives are employed in the manufacture. The honey of California now amounts to about one thousand tons annually more than is consumed in the State, and the supply is rapidly increasing on the coast, from Santa Barbara southward, between the summit of the coast range and the ocean.

Because the Kansas City Times call the Representatives who voted for a resolution of sympathy for Wells and Anderson of the Louisiana Returning Board "a pack of d--n fools," the Kansas Legislature proved the truth of the assertion, by unanimous vote, expelled all its correspondents from the privileges of the floor and galleries. Three new ports were opened to trade in China in February. They are Wen-Chow, near Foo-Chow; Wookoo, on the River Yangtze; and Johang, on the Upper Yangtze, 1000 miles from the sea. By this act of the government the commercial frontier is pushed 300 miles further up the great river of China, and into the heart of a rich and populous region. The new ports will sustain a large trade.

It is said that in Tasmania there is an insectivorous plant which grows in the crevices of rocky ground, is about six inches in height, with a single vertical stem, from which project one or two dozen small foot stalks, carrying small discs about one-half inch in circumference, fringed with tentacles. A sticky substance exudes from the ends of the tentacles and filaments, which effectually retain a fly, and at once convey it to the centre of the flower, which closes tightly over it, and, according to the report, the fly is digested.

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to find that repose for which I have long sighed. Accuse nobody of my death. I wish to expire by the side of Armand Le Fall. Grant me love and pardon." The bodies were buried side by side, and the good people of the little resort go out to the cemetery every Sunday afternoon to look at the graves. This is French all the way through—the romance, the crime, the morbid sympathy.

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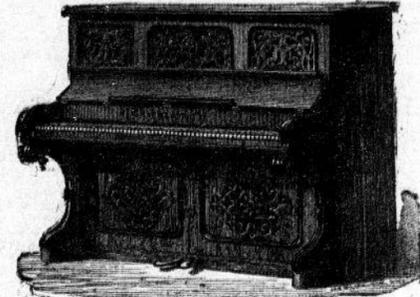
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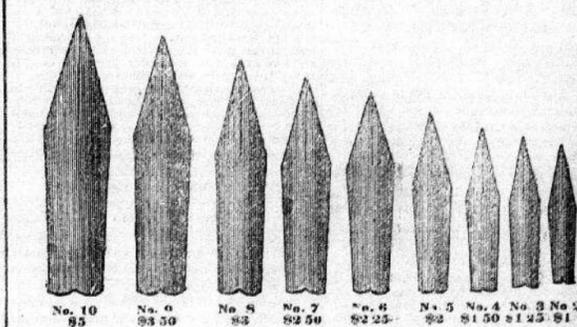


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