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OUR ANNUAL STATEMENT.

First of September, 1877. On the first of September the DEMOCRAT will issue a correct, concise and comprehensive statement of the commerce of the city of New Orleans during the past year, made up and compiled by gentlemen whose facts and figures cannot be disputed by the commercial community.

This issue will contain several exhaustive essays on Agriculture, Railroads and Manufactories, together with an elaborate and statistical treatise on our RELATIONS WITH SPANISH AMERICA.

We will publish a correct and artistic map, prepared and executed specially for the DEMOCRAT by that well known and accomplished Civil Engineer, Mr. THOMAS S. HARDEY.

THE MERCHANTS' MAP

NEW ORLEANS PACIFIC RAILWAY will show its importance to New Orleans as the COMMERCIAL EMPORIUM and BUSINESS CENTRE of the Great Agricultural Region of the Southwest. It will show the position of EADS' JETTIES at the mouth of South Pass, and also the proposed location and route of the BARATARIA SHIP CANAL.

We earnestly solicit the patronage of our friends on this occasion, and those of them who wish to send papers to their constituents would do well to send in their orders as soon as possible. The advantages which the DEMOCRAT offers to its patrons in point of CIRCULATION and POPULARITY are second to those of no other paper in New Orleans.

"POLITICAL AFFINITIES."

Secretary Sherman, in his dulcet and consoling letter to Collector King, uses this well rounded phrase: "The true rule is to select from your force the very best men for the special duties of their position, giving to experience, personal character and political affinities due consideration."

We have italicized the vague and perplexing words of this general direction of the Secretary as giving a happy example of the force of that old latin maxim—dubus in generalibus, which, in plain English, means a catch, a trap, a dead fall set by one of the most cunning, persistent, unscrupulous of political partisans in this country.

The light let in upon Mr. Sherman's inner character, by his actions and reports in reference to the Louisiana case, revealed a degree of partisan unscrupulousness and flagrant insensibility to truth, justice and honor which rendered it one of the most difficult tasks ever imposed upon a people to be reconciled to his appointment by even the brave and manly action of the President toward our State, with his appointment to the leading position in the Cabinet. We knew Sherman had not only been one of the prime contrivers of the huge and revolting fraud upon this State, but that he had gone before and beyond them all by an indorsement of the characters and conduct of Wells and Anderson. A lifetime of repentance could hardly expiate this offense against truth, honesty and the conscience of all honorable men.

AN URGENT NEED.

An exigency of the most serious character has arisen, to which the attention of Gov. Nicholls has been earnestly called by our merchants and by all others interested in the most important trade of our city. We refer to the urgent demand for the improvement of the navigation of Red river, which is seriously obstructed by the escape of the main body of the stream through that troublesome Bayou Tone. This bayou being now open, Red river presents the curious condition of having a depth of water in the current from that point to Shreveport of nine feet, which would afford sure navigation for the Robert E. Lee. Below that point the current gives but two feet of depth, and only half the width.

This stops all water transportation from this city, for the immense trade with Texas and our northwestern parishes, of which three-fourths would come to this city, with a uniform depth of Red river, at prices for transportation fifty per cent lower than those to St. Louis by river and rail. With this uniform depth, with the same stage of water from Tone's bayou to Shreveport, the boats now laid up would be engaged in bringing to this city the immense produce which is accumulating in this region we have indicated. And the almost impracticability, or at least the enormous cost of sending any needed supplies, machinery, flour, pork, etc., from this city to that section would be saved. Residents, planters and merchants in large numbers have recently visited our city with a view of

ascertaining whether they can effect this transportation at reasonable rates. Great is their disappointment and annoyance to find that the navigation is entirely closed by this escape of the great body of Red river through Tone's bayou. The closing of this bayou is therefore a most pressing urgency, similar to that of a great crevasse or other casualty endangering any great interest of our city. It is one which the Governor justly estimates as calling for prompt action. He has therefore sent the State engineers to Tone's bayou to examine and report upon the practicability, effect and cost of its closing, and when that report comes it will be a question which the Governor and our citizens will promptly meet in a practical manner, to have this great obstruction removed in advance of the more substantial and permanent provision of the Federal government. There will, we feel satisfied, be no delay in the action imperiously demanded by this serious and pressing emergency.

THE CASE OF CARR & LAUN.

After a full and patient hearing and investigation before Judge Smith day before yesterday, Mortimer Carr & Laun were committed for trial before the Superior Criminal Court on the charge of forging bills of lading for a large amount of cotton and drawing upon the same, and selling their bills of exchange to Seligman, Hellman & Co. and to the Citizens' Bank to a very large amount.

Laun, who is a young German, was brought from California on a requisition of our Governor, and Carr was arrested and has been held a prisoner, being unable to give the bail fixed by the Judge. Laun, on appearing before the Police Judge, confessed his guilt of the act of fabricating the forged bills of lading, but seeking to imply that he did so under the superior authority and by directions of the senior partner of the firm.

This course naturally suggested the suspicion of a plot and concert on the part of the accused which might entrap the prosecution into using Laun as a witness, which, it was thought, would be a dangerous experiment. But the prosecution was too guarded to be thus caught, so the accused, Carr, was compelled to avail himself of Laun's evidence in his defense. But it did not avail much. The prosecution made out its case in the most ample and conclusive manner and both parties were committed for trial. They will have a fair trial, and we have no desire to anticipate the verdict of the jury. We only now refer to the case to applaud the rigor and vigilance of the prosecution, and especially to commend the spirit and sense of duty of Messrs. Seligman & Hellman and the President of the Citizens' Bank in incurring serious expense and responsibility to bring these parties to trial and justice.

Special counsel were employed by them who co-operated most efficiently with the regular State officers in this prosecution. The success of this prosecution would not reimburse them their heavy losses. But it will vindicate the efficiency of the laws and the reputation of the honest dealers of the city by showing that those who trample upon the one and violate all the obligations of the other, shall not go unpunished. It is needful that this lesson and example should be adopted and followed by all good citizens. Those who shrink from this responsibility; who, with a knowledge of a flagrant crime fail to present the same to the proper authorities; some who even seek to cover up and compound crimes in order to save themselves from losses, ignore very gravely one of the first duties of good citizens. In the present, or in the recently past prevalence of crimes of embezzlement, defalcation, and various forms of malversation and bad faith, the prosecuting and judicial officers of the State greatly need, on account of the accumulation of an unusual burden of labor and responsibility on them, this co-operation and aid of the citizens in the prosecution and punishment of all violators of the law, and of the peace and dignity of the State.

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

It is very plain that affairs in France are rapidly tending towards the inevitable coup d'etat. The Bonapartists are clamoring for a proclamation of a state of siege. The Figaro calls for the resignation of the Duc De Broglie, President of the Council and Minister of Justice, whose liberal antecedents render him an obstacle to such a step. But it is hardly probable that the Duc De Broglie, who is an Orleanist, will do anything of the kind merely to silence the clamors of the Bonapartists.

Although profound peace prevails throughout all France the conservative press is urging proclamation of martial law, and the reasons they give for so doing are alone sufficient to prove that true democracy does not exist in that country, and that the people are not yet prepared for a republic. There is, indeed, a report that the Cabinet has already determined upon such a course by a vote of five to four. Commenting on this report L'Univers says: "If the ministers have really decided, as alleged, by five votes to four, to proclaim a state of siege, we shall highly approve of the measure. We ask for a state of siege that the electors may vote freely, and be uninfluenced by the falsehoods of the Radical propaganda."

The same paper goes on to say that a declaration of martial law is rendered necessary "by the license of the Radical newspapers, which dare to talk of civil war unless their candidates obtain a majority at the approaching elections."

The Defense says: "It is natural to suppose that the government may be forced to meet by a state of siege the fierce and unconstitutional war the Radicals wage against it; the 363 have inaugurated a veritable government and social crisis; the constitution is formally attacked, and the government would be wrong if it did not seek the means to defend itself. It is hardly necessary to tell this community what a peaceable election under the shadow of bayonets means. It does not mean republicanism, and the government that finds it necessary to maintain itself by such elections is not a government of the people, and the people who endure them are not prepared for self-government."

The Northern press is now fulminating a first-class article of indignation over the action of the Georgia Constitutional Convention, in grafting into the forthcoming constitution a repudiation of the \$8,000,000 of Bullock railroad bonds. Jay Gould's stool pigeon is especially gushing with his virtuous wrath in the Tribune, and in the mad intemperance thereof treats us to the following novel theory of republican government: "To say that the reconstructed government which issued them was not valid is an absurdity that only a blatherskite Bourbon like Robert Toombs could be guilty of. If the Bullock government was not valid, neither is the present State government, which succeeded after the Constitutional Convention itself. All law and authority existing in Georgia grew out of the acts of Congress reconstructing the State. We have a quaint old tradition in this part of the world, to the effect that "all law and authority existing" in any free and sovereign State, exists by the will and consent of the people, and when we see it stated in one of the leading papers of the country that the authority for a constitutional convention is derived from an act of Congress, we blush to own for a countryman the miserable one that could write such sickening nonsense. The truth about the business is simply that the railroad subsidies were passed by corrupt and venal means, for purposes of barefaced robbery and pillage; the roads were not built, or so poorly constructed as to be valueless, and the funds appropriated to them stolen, and fraud, theft and rascality stain the whole transaction from beginning to end. The people of Georgia have rights, as debtors, as well as the fraudulent holders of these spurious obligations; and these they have chosen to assert in their own way. It would be a very absurd thing to allow themselves to be robbed and plundered through an insane superstitious reverence for an acknowledgment of indebtedness which possesses not one essential of an honest obligation except the form. AVENGING HERSELF ON THE CHURCH. The Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer prints this statement: "A negro woman who was a member of the choir of the Locust Hill Church, which is situated in Muscogee county, near the line of Harris, was requested not to sing with the choir. She got mad with the church, and told them that if she couldn't sing no one else should, and Monday the church was burned down. She was arrested, and confessed setting the house on fire. Locust Hill was probably the best finished house the negroes have in this section, and the woman deserves severe punishment."

McULLOH—On Wednesday, August 15, 1877, at 6:20 o'clock p. m., W. J. McULLOH, aged fifty years.

GREENFIELD—At Clarksville, Tenn., August 12, 1877, Louise Shelby, youngest daughter of the late Thompson Greenfield and Elizabeth Brunson Greenfield.

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OFFICE OF THE NEW ORLEANS PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company, held this day, it was unanimously resolved: That whereas, the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company have satisfactory assurances that the company can procure, by means of first mortgage bonds, all the necessary rails, spikes, fish-poles, locomotives, cars, depots, water stations, turn tables and other necessary improvements, after the road shall have been graded, the bridges built and the cross ties procured, for the entire line, and

Whereas, when the sum of \$675,000 shall have been subscribed, said company will be able to complete the entire line, ready for the rails and rolling stock; therefore, Resolved, That the President of this company be and is hereby authorized to issue in the name of the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company, bonds on its entire line from New Orleans to Shreveport, La., and Marshall, Texas, at an amount not to exceed \$12,000 per mile, payable in forty years, and bearing interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum; and to secure the payment of said bonds, in both principal and interest, the said President of said company is hereby authorized to execute a first mortgage and act of pledge on all the railroad's capital stock, corporate franchises, and real and personal property of every kind of said New Orleans Pacific Railway Company, either now owned and possessed by said company, or hereafter to be acquired, and that said President be authorized to offer and obtain subscriptions for \$75,000 of said first mortgage bonds in the city of New Orleans, it is further

Resolved, That the proposition to issue second mortgage bonds on said road is hereby withdrawn, and parties having subscribed thereto are hereby authorized and entitled, on application, to have their subscriptions changed to subscriptions to first mortgage bonds. It is further Resolved, That subscriptions for said first mortgage bonds will be received at the office of the company, and payable in monthly installments of twenty per cent.

E. B. WHEELLOCK, President. E. L. RANLETT, Secretary. August 16, 1877. auit 2nd

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, New Orleans, August 16, 1877. This office having been informed that certain persons are visiting the places of business of merchants and dealers in this city, and assuming to exercise the powers of revenue officers, in demanding to see the special tax stamps of such dealers, the public is hereby advised that the revenue officers of this district bear their authority with them, and are instructed to exhibit the same whenever called for. Any person who cannot show his authority to make such visitation and demand should be treated as an impostor. JOHN COCKREM, auit 3d Collector District of Louisiana.

ASSOCIATION ARMY OF TENNESSEE.

Persons wishing to apply for membership in this association are notified that printed forms for that purpose can be had on application to the undersigned, or at the Democrat business office, or to Capt. N. T. ROBINSON, City Attorney's office, City Hall. Applicants and others will please inclose their communications to Postoffice Box No. 243, addressed to the Association Army of Tennessee. The requirements are to have served honorably in the Confederate army, south of Virginia and east of the Mississippi river till honorably discharged or paroled, to have enlisted from Louisiana, or to have served as above from another State, and to be a resident of Louisiana at this time. JAMES LINGAN, First Vice President, Acting President. JNO. C. GOLDING, Secretary. auit 2w

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