

McKinleyism would not help the country.

It is only the dead Democrats who think the party dead.

This country has suffered enough from the single gold standard.

Let us be patient, reconcile our differences and stand true to Democracy.

Every friend of good government should work for the Democratic party.

The people and not the money lenders are backing up the silver movement.

All the trusts that are organized to rob the people are for McKinley and protection.

The National Democratic platform must mean something. Make it so plain that all can tell what to expect.

There are not enough Republicans and Populists in Louisiana to turn the State over to Republican ruin unless they are assisted by Democrats. Let us not continue the fight in the party. Do the people of this State, with such clean administrations as have been given us by the Democrats, want to return to the kind of government given Louisiana by Warmoth and Kellogg?

The Chicago platform should be so plain that any one can tell what it means. The Democratic party must be for the principles of bimetalism and must be written so that there can be no mistake. Doubtless the Republican party will stand by the single gold standard and a protective tariff, as that is what the rich demand. The masses are more interested in the prosperity of this great country than are the small number of gold grabbers and manufacturers who would be benefitted by the gold standard and a high tariff. The people have rights and they are standing up for them.

"Hello!" he called out as he rushed in the Banner office and fell over the editor's old broken chair, and landed one hand in a bucket of printer's ink, and the other in the pastepot! The excited man scrambled up, and holding out his hands deprecatingly, continued—"Look here, you,"—(the editor remarked that he was looking that way)—"you —, do you know what is going on in Benton? Don't you see? No, you need not look so darnation pitiful at my hands and scribbled but! That's what comes from an old three-legged shackadoodle editor's chair in a feller's path when he's in a hurry! Now look here! Don't you see what Benton is coming to? Big town, sir, big town, and it's going to be boom'n' before long.—Tom Vaughan commenced work this (Tuesday) morning on his brick store—the first brick store to be built in the parish. You spell this with big letters—see? Big thing, sir; big thing, for ever and ever, and it'll be forever gettin' bigger! Great thing to have the first brick store here. Then, sir, here's two fine saw mills turning out large lots of excellent lumber, and a third mill in three miles of us. Hear that whistle? There—listen! Why that's the Bodcau Railroad whistle across Black Bayou! You hear it? And 2½ miles of this was built in 1896, and the year hasn't half gone yet. Look at the new buildings just up and going up, and a new hotel building soon to be erected, fronting the railroad depot! Every house rented, and every one at work. Biggest thing and best times that Benton ever saw, sir, right here on top of us, sir, don't you see? And the excited man mounted his wheel and struck a "Nancy Hanks gate" for Thompson's big brick-yard for the Legislature closed the doors on futures.

Personal Paragraphs.

Elder E. O. Ware preached at the Court House last night.

Miss Mary Gilmer, of Plain Dealing, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Belcher.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Oneal spent Saturday and Sunday in Bellevue.

Prof. W. C. Martin is spending a few days with Elder J. S. Campbell.

Mrs. B. A. Kelly, who has been sick during the past week, is improving.

Mrs. Sam Dreyfuss, of Shreveport, is the guest of Mrs. W. M. Abney this week.

Mr. W. A. Thompson's horse ran away with his cart Saturday, tearing it to pieces.

Mrs. Lucy Head, of Sparta, spent last Thursday at Bodcau, as the guest of Mrs. T. J. Moore.

Mr. George Mackey, who has been sick during the past ten days, left Tuesday for the Hospital at Shreveport.

Mrs. J. P. Creswell and Miss Nina Butler left Friday on a visit to their sister, Mrs. W. E. McDade, of Bossier Point.

Messrs. Geo. S. Morison and Geo. A. Tederle, both of Chicago, were the guests of Mrs. A. C. Butts on the 31st ult.

Mr. James S. Abney, of Hayti, who has been attending school at Iuka, Miss., since last September, returned to his home Tuesday.

Miss Lila Thompson, who has been attending school in Shreveport since last October, returned to her home in Benton Tuesday evening.

Elder J. S. Campbell united in matrimony Mr. J. W. Davis and Miss Lila Ott, in the Court House, at Benton, Sunday, June 7, at 4 p. m.

Rev. J. S. Campbell attended the commencement exercises at Keachie last week and we are under many obligations to him for a good "write up" of the occasion.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. John H. Stinson and Miss Ruby Martin and Mr. Frank B. Ogden and Miss Alabel Martin, which happy event is to occur at Linwood next Wednesday evening at 8:30. Messrs. Stinson and Ogden are among Bossier's most popular and successful young business men, and the brides-elect are among our most charming and accomplished young ladies. The Banner extends in advance to its estimable young friends its wishes for a long and happy life.

Stay with the old ship—the ship of Democracy. It has tided you safely over troubled seas, through the waves of monopoly, through financial disasters, through panics, has weathered the storms of protection and Republican extravagance, has guided you from the tyranny of Force Bills and other un-American measures. If you are aboard this ship to-day, stay with it. None other has braver sailors or truer pilots. It has done more for you than the ship of any other party ever has or ever will. Every stroke of its great propelling wheel is a stroke against plutocracy, against the increase of Federal power, against gold monometallism, against greed and monopoly, against the governmental policies that build up the few to the impoverishment of the many. Stop not to question "what of the night?" Stop not to reason that breakers are in the way ahead. Fear not the surges through which you may pass, nor the threatening breakers nor false lights on unfriendly harbors. Stay with the ship.

Free silver men will be in control of the Convention. Democracy will continue to stand by the people and the platform will be such as will be for the interests of the masses.

Oh, no; the Republicans are not divided. Isn't it about time the Democrats who took to the woods before the opening gun was fired were returning to their posts?

An effort will be made to unseat Representative Tucker, of Virginia, although the committee on election reported that he was fairly elected to the House.

When We Are Dead.

We should not conclude that the world can't move on just the same when we are dead. No, for the stars will shine in the sky, and the earth will revolve on its axis, just the same. Seasons will come and go, men and women will keep on marrying and being given in marriage, and the places of business will resound with the tumult of contending voices, and the halls of revelry will echo to the strains of sweet music.

The husbandman will continue to sow and reap, scholars will pore over mighty volumes, and politicians will scramble for office, and all things will go on as before. Our absence will not stop a single wheel in the vast machinery. For a little while, some kind-hearted friend that was good enough to love us in spite of our faults, may visit our graves occasionally and moisten the flowers with a tear, that the same loving hands planted there, but even this will soon cease.

The little children that we have so kindly and tenderly pressed to our hearts, will become absorbed in other interests and forget to mention our names, or remember our faces.

In a very short time all traces of our presence here will have vanished away. But let us not be careless as to how we deport ourselves while here. Remember, we are bearers of a trust, and have a duty to perform toward our fellow man, and the main thing after all, is to do our duty in the sight of God, so that when we go hence, we may enter into the house of many mansions.

MACK. Plain Dealing, La., June 7, 1896.

Keachie Commencement Dots.

Keachie College has scored another good commencement. In spite of the small pox they turned out eleven graduates—seven young ladies and four young men.

One of the young men being a peacher, W. R. Brown by name. Also, Mr. W. T. Norman, one of Bossier's sons, was among the number.

The appointees on the program were present, and did well their part. Our Prof. W. C. Martin was on hand to the great pleasure of his many friends. President Tompkins took suddenly ill at the last hour, and the concluding exercises were conducted by Prof. G. W. Thigpen in a straight-forward, clear cut manner characteristic of the man.

The Alumni Association of Keachie Male and Female College was organized, and the following officers were elected: President, Prof. J. H. Thigpen, of Keachie; Vice-President, Elder J. S. Campbell, of Benton; Secretary, Miss Lite Paxton, of Keachie; Treasurer, Mr. J. T. Mosely, of Keachie.

It is very much desired that every graduate of the college shall report to the Secretary in order that their names may be enrolled.

Mary, daughter of Mr. W. M. and Mrs. Maggie Jones, aged three years and six months, died of congestion yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, at the residence of her parents in Dean Point neighborhood.

BATON ROUGE, LA., JUNE 3.—In the Democratic caucus last night Hon. J. C. Pugh was elected on the first ballot. The vote was: Pugh 61, Drew 13, Moncre 11, Graham 3, Weis 3.

In the Second Circuit Hon. E. C. Montgomery was elected on the third ballot. The vote was: Montgomery 56, John S. Boatner 35.

Third Circuit—Hon. Julian Mouton was elected on the fourth ballot. The vote was: Mouton 49, A. J. Lafargue 42.

Fourth Circuit—Hon. W. W. Leake was elected on first ballot. The vote was: Leake 62, John H. Stone 19, L. B. Claiborne 8, M. A. Strickland 12.

In the Fifth Circuit Hon. Rene Beauregard was nominated by acclamation, having no opposition.

In the Sixth Circuit Hon. Horace L. Dufour was elected on first ballot. The vote was: Dufour 48, Wynne Rogers 33, J. D. Coleman 9.

Confederate Veterans.

The sixth annual general meeting and reunion of the United Confederate Veteran Organization will be held at Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 30, July 1 and July 2, during which the corner-stone of President Jefferson Davis' monument will be laid, and the report of the Confederate Memorial Association committee on the Battle Abbey of the South will be rendered.

The unveiling of the Winchester monument to the Louisiana dead and to the deeds of her sons, who made in the valley of Virginia an imperishable record of valor and heroism, which will take place at Winchester, Va., on July 4.

The executive committee of arrangements at Richmond have made provisions to accommodate the veterans with quarters and food, free of charge. Those who wish to be accommodated at hotels can do so at a cost of from \$1 to \$2.50 per day.

At Winchester the people propose taking care, free of charge, of all Louisiana veterans on the occasion.

General Orders No. 163.) Many of the veterans who attend the reunion at Richmond will visit the historic battle fields in Virginia, numbers of which they enriched with their own precious blood, and contributed to their valor to make memorable for all time.

In addition to the "laying of the corner-stone of the Jefferson Davis monument," which will take place during the reunion, the General commanding deems it proper to call the special attentions of all veterans to an incident of great importance which will occur at Winchester, Va., on July 4, (the date having been changed from June 27.)

The Louisiana Veterans will take advantage of the time and occasion to unveil the monument which they have erected in the beautiful Stone-wall cemetery, in the historic town of Winchester, to the memory of their beloved comrades, the Confederate dead of Louisiana.

The reunion will close July 2, and the unveiling of this monument to the Louisiana heroes will occur on July 4. It will be an event of unusual interest. The "maimed hero," Gen. Francis T. Nicholls, stainless citizen, distinguished soldier, statesman and jurist, he who led the Louisiana troops to that extreme limit, where intrepid valor met death in every form, will be the orator of the day, and the good people extend a hearty welcome to all.

The occasion is full of pathos, and will excite the tenderest emotions in every sympathetic heart to witness the survivors of that gallant command which Louisiana sent to the front in the sixties, then in the flower of youth, now aged and bent, journeying over a thousand weary miles, and after the lapse of a third of a century, to stand by the grassy mounds and place a last memorial of love and affection over the graves of their beloved comrades, who, after deathless feats of courage, fell at their side, and are now reposing upon the generous bosom of the "mother of States," far away from home and kindred.

The General commanding feels assured that the gallant Louisians will not stand alone during the ceremony upon that sacred spot, but that heroes all the way from the Lone Star State to "My Maryland" will join the throng, gathering, as they journey to the "cemetery of the brave," the magnolia, the orange, and all the sweetest Southern flowers, to deck the graves of their own honored dead, who lie side by side with the brave Louisianians, and who, like them, will live forever in story and song. By order of

J. B. GORDON, General Commanding. Texas Gazette: The Democracy is again in the saddle. Does the Citizens' League care to ride with it or does it prefer to walk?

Bible Brilliants.

Gird up now thy lions like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.—Job xxxviii, 3.

The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.—Psalm lxxiv, 10.

Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; and my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives will be widows, and your children fatherless.—Exodus xxii, 21-24.

Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury: Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all that thou doest which thou hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.—Deuteronomy xxiii, 19, 20.

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AND A GOOD BUSINESS EDUCATION NEARER HOME—SPECIAL OFFER. On June the 15th Draughon's Practical Business College, Nashville, Tenn., will open a branch school in TEXARKANA,

under the management of Prof. R. R. Lunan, who has not only served as Principal of Draughon's Nashville College twelve months, but he has for years kept books for some of the largest firms in Tennessee and Kentucky. He will be assisted by other competent teachers.

This branch school became a necessity, as the Nashville College found it difficult to accommodate its large attendance from the West and other sections. It will give the same advantages as given in the Nashville school. It is generally known that Prof. Draughon's course of book-keeping is considered by business men by far the best in the Union, while the other departments are second to none. Prof. Draughon's College guarantees positions under reasonable conditions.

Those who enter the Texarkana school within a reasonable time will receive a special discount. For catalogue, etc., address J. F. DRAUGHON, President, Nashville, Tenn.

Sheriff's Sale.

Equitable Securities Company of New York vs. Heirs of R. L. Stinson, deceased. No. 4021. In Second District Court, Bossier Parish, La. By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued by the court in the above named suit, and to be directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell, at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House, in the town of Benton, La., within the legal hours of sale, on Saturday, July 11, 1896, the following described property, to-wit:

The northwest quarter of southwest quarter, northeast quarter of southwest quarter, north half of southwest quarter of southwest quarter, north half of southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 4; the northeast half of the northeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 5, in township 13 North of range 13 West. The southwest quarter of southwest quarter and northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3; the northeast quarter, the southeast quarter of northwest quarter and the east half of southwest quarter of section 4, township 13 North of range 13 West, containing in all 480 acres, more or less, together with all improvements, situated in Bossier Parish, La.

Terms of Sale—Cash, without the benefit of appraisement, to pay and satisfy the sum of \$22,000, with 8 per cent per annum, on \$18,000 from Dec. 1, 1892, on \$3,000 from Dec. 1, 1893, on \$300 from Dec. 1, 1894, on \$300 from Dec. 1, 1895, and all costs of suit, including 10 per cent on said sum and interest as attorney's fees, and according to law.

A. R. THOMPSON, Sheriff.

Homestead Entry No. 4816.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., May 2, 1896. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on June 12, 1896, viz: Homestead Entry No. 4816—Richard McCullough—for the west half, northwest quarter section 32, township 21 North, range 12 West.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Ed English and John Jefferson, of Midway, La., and Frank Jennings and Morris Jennings, of Rocky Mount, La.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.

EDWARD PHILLIPS, Register. June 11, 1896.

Homestead Entry No. 5009.

Land Office at Natchitoches, La., May 20, 1896. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Benton, La., on July 10, 1896, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5009—Marion Hall—for the south half of southwest quarter and west half of southwest quarter, section 2, township 18 North, range 11 West, Louisiana Meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. E. Pevey, W. G. Wadley, Wiley B. Allen and Dick Green, of Allentown, La.

State Tax Sales of Immovable Property.

The State of Louisiana vs. Delinquent Tax Debtors. Parish of Bossier. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, I will sell at the principal front door of the Court House in which the Civil District Court of said parish is held, in the town of Benton, La., within the legal hours of judicial sales, beginning at 11 a. m. on Saturday, the 18th day of July, A. D. 1896, and continuing on each succeeding day until said sales are completed, now due to the State of Louisiana, Parish of Bossier and the Bossier Levee District, to enforce collection of taxes assessed in the year 1895, together with interest thereon from the 31st day of December of the year in which said taxes were due, at the rate of 2 per cent per month until paid and all cost.

The number of said delinquent tax payers, the amount of taxes due by each on the assessment of said year, and the immovable property assessed to each to be offered for sale are as follows, to-wit: WARD 3. J. E. Johnston—Lot 66 of the 1st addition to town of Plain Dealing, fully described on page 18, Volume 15, Conveyances. Taxes for 1894 and 1895, \$13 45.

Zack Gardner—South half of northeast quarter and northeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 4, township 21, range 12, and southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 32, township 22, range 13. Taxes for 1895, \$6 10.

Estate of Frank Ward—Half interest in northwest quarter of section 8, township 21, range 13. Taxes, 1893-4-5, \$3 60.

WARD 5. Sidney Brittenline—Northeast quarter of northeast quarter and northwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 19, township 21, range 11. Taxes for 1894-5, \$7 45.

Estate of Joseph Graham—Sixty acres in fractional north half of northwest quarter of section 10, township 21, range 12. Taxes for 1893-4-5, \$2 70.

Madison Hughes—Southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 6, township 21, range 12. Taxes for 1894 and 1895, \$5 32.

Estate of Anthony Harris—Northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 24, township 21, range 12. Taxes for 1891 and 1895, \$3 87.

Estate Jack Coates—Lots 2, 3 and 4, in fractional north half of northeast quarter and northwest quarter of northeast quarter of section 15, township 20, range 11. Taxes, \$1 92.

John Wesley—Southeast quarter of northwest quarter and northeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 12, township 20, range 12. Taxes for 1893, 1894 and 1895, \$7 98.

WARD 6. J. R. Brown—Southwest quarter of section 29, northeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 33, south half of southeast quarter of section 28, southwest quarter of section 29, township 18, range 11. Taxes for 1894 and 1895, \$17 51.

NON-RESIDENTS. Heirs D. W. Hughes—Southwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 17, township 21, range 12. Taxes for 1893-4-5, \$1 80.

Robert and J. L. Hodges—Northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 12, township 16, range 11. Taxes, \$6 87.

Dr. T. A. Snider—Northwest quarter, north half of fractional northeast quarter of section 5, east half of southeast quarter, fractional west half of northeast quarter of section 6, township 18, range 12, and fractional southeast quarter and southwest quarter of southwest quarter, and lot 8, of section 32, township 19, range 12. Taxes, 1895, \$12 95.

Stauffer & Kortum—Lots 6 and 9, Block 25, Plain Dealing. Taxes, 1894 and 1895, \$1 45.

Estate of John Chaffin—North half of northeast quarter, south half of northeast quarter and northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 25, and southeast quarter of section 35, township 18, range 11; northeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 25, township 19, range 12. Taxes, \$8.

Ambrose Broadus—Southwest quarter of southeast quarter of section 11, township 18, range 12. Tax, 1895, 60 cents.

Johnson & Shafter—Block 19 and 32, and Lots 4, 4 and 5, Block 42, Benton, La. Tax 60 cents.

Estate of W. J. Crawford—Half interest in east half of southeast quarter of section 4, township 20, range 11. Tax, 60 cents.

On said day of sale I will sell such portion of each of said specific property as each debtor shall point out, and in case of a debtor who shall not point out sufficient property I will at once and without further delay sell the least quantity of said specific property of any debtor which any bidder will buy for the amount of taxes, interests and costs due by said debtor. The sale will be without warranty of any kind, or legal tender money of the United States, and the property sold shall be redeemable at any time for the space of one year, by paying the price given, with 20 per cent and cost added.

A. R. THOMPSON, State Tax Collector, Bossier Parish, La. Benton, La., June 11, 1896.

Notice

To Mortgage Creditors on Bossier Parish Property. In conformity with Section 63, Act 85, of 1888, notice is hereby given to all parties holding mortgages upon real estate in Bossier parish on which taxes for the year 1895 have not been paid, that I will begin the sale of same at the Court House on Saturday, July 13th, 1896, and that a number of pieces of property so delinquent are now being advertised in this newspaper in conformity with the law preparatory to such sale. The attention of the mortgage creditors is especially called to these advertisements of tax sales, and they are warned to take such steps prior to the sale as may be necessary to protect their rights.

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COTTON SEED MEAL.

Wholesale Grocery jobbers have lately shown quite an aerobic aptitude in sporadic efforts to keep things moving. Some advance 15 cents others reduce prices, but as a rule prices are without exception of a nature. I have been suffering somewhat from an aggravated attack of guessing, which has had a quieting, if not a soothing, effect upon my energies. Figuratively speaking the situation has been something of a melonous contraband, stimulating doubt and watchfulness. I have been sawing wood by the carload, and I presume it will be in order to continue sawing a while longer, but I propose to keep a firm hold on the SAW END of the machine without regard to consequences—self preservation first, consequences afterward.

Hence offer 1,000 sacks Cotton Seed Meal, 75 half barrels Grape Cider, Lime and Cement, together with a full and complete stock of GROCERIES at prices which will command orders.

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Assessment. The assessment lists of Bossier parish will be open for inspection and correction from June 10th to the 30th. W. H. BLEDSOE, Assessor.