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Oats, oats, oats, cheaper than ever. Big supply just received at Maurin's Cheap Grocery Emporium.

Hon. Michael Hahn of the Second Louisiana District is the only Republican Congressman from the Gulf States.

Mr. A. K. Hawkes, an optician from Austin, Texas, and a very agreeable gentleman, by the way, paid Donaldsonville a visit last week, and arranged with Mr. S. S. Ingman to keep on hand a supply of the celebrated eye-glasses invented and manufactured by Mr. Hawkes and advertised elsewhere in our paper.

Mr. Sam G. Hollingsworth and Miss Nina Arnold, both of Shreveport, were married in that city on the 1st inst., and the wedding was a very brilliant affair. The groom is well known to the base ball players of Donaldsonville and vicinity as the handsome pitcher of the Shreveport team, and the boys will all heartily unite with the Chief in wishing him and his beautiful bride a long life of conjugal felicity.

Wm. H. Vanderbilt, the well known millionaire and railroad king died suddenly of apoplexy at his residence in New York city, Tuesday morning, the 8th inst., while conversing with President Garret of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Mr. Vanderbilt was in his sixty-fifth year and leaves a widow and eight children. His immense wealth has been estimated as high as \$300,000,000. A portrait and biographical sketch of the deceased will shortly appear in the Chief.

TENANTS WANTED.—Mr. E. Vom Hofe, the well known proprietor of the LeBlanc plantation, just above Darrov, advertises for tenants to work crops during the coming year on the share system, with privilege of buying the land if desired. He will offer terms that can not be excelled for liberality, and as his advertisement says, industrious persons of limited means will find this a splendid opportunity to secure a comfortable livelihood and a good home. For further particulars apply to Mr. Vom Hofe on the plantation or address him through Darrov post-office.

The greatest consolation to one growing old is the improved surroundings which come with age, experience and wisdom. We are reminded of this fact by the appearance of the new Seed Annual of D. M. Ferry & Co., the celebrated seedsmen of Detroit, Mich. (They enjoy the enviable reputation of being the widest and best known firm in any business in the United States.) Millions of people, gardening both for profit and pleasure, have found ever increasing satisfaction and delight in using their seeds. Every one desiring seeds of the highest type and best quality, should secure their Annual. It is sent free on application.

The following communication, announcing the death of a well known colored resident of the New River district, was received just after its date, but was laid aside and overlooked until this week:

DEATH OF A FRENCHMAN.—It is with feelings of deep regret that we announce the death of our beloved friend and sister, Sarah Allison, wife of Rev. Robert W. Allison, who departed this life at 3 o'clock, Tuesday, October 10th, 1885. The deceased had been afflicted with a painful illness for more than three years, and at times seemed to be near her end for months she suffered most severely. According to her last wishes, we believe she has made her escape to a better world, where more bright Christians dwell. She leaves her husband with nine children and many relatives and friends to mourn her departure. The funeral was largely attended. A FUNERAL.

Everybody enjoys Ingman's five-cent Manhattan. Warranted Huggins' filter. Special inducements to those wishing to purchase by the box.

We sincerely regret to report that Mr. Frank Brinker, the industrious and skillful mechanic who has had charge, during the past year, of the blacksmith shop attached to Mr. V. Maurin's livery stable, has made arrangements to return to New Orleans and open a shop at the head of the New Basin. Mr. Brinker has been a resident of Donaldsonville for about three years, and has so comported himself in every way as to win the respect and esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact. While desiring to lose him as a citizen of our town, we hope that he and his estimable wife will find the change of domicile conducive to their happiness and welfare.

If you know a good shirt when you see it, you should call at Kline's Old Reliable Store and look at the new stock just received from Philadelphia. They are selling at only 61 each and are the best shirts ever offered here for the money.

Work was commenced this week upon the new levee to be constructed at Lacroix place, and there is a force of twenty or thirty white men employed which is to be considerably increased. We were some what mistaken relative to the awarding of the contract for this work. Mr. Martin Head is not the contractor, but Mr. Martin charge of the job as foreman, or superintendent for Mr. Magnity, of the firm of James & Magnity. The State Engineers have deemed it advisable to extend the new levee several hundred feet farther below the caving baturo than was at first contemplated, giving the embankment a total length of 1750 feet, including the three levees connecting it with the old levee, which cover about 150 feet of the distance mentioned. We understand that Mr. Head expects to complete the work during the latter part of January or the beginning of February. The old levee is still intact, and in all probability will remain so during the coming high water season.

An old and intimate friend of mine is Dr. Kerr's Hair Ointment. I have used it two years, and could not do without it. It has stopped my hair from falling, restored its natural black color and wholly cured it from dandruff.—Mrs. P. C. HARRIS, St. Louis, Mo.

## RECOVERING A BATTLE FLAG.

The interesting fact has recently come to light that the flag of the Second Louisiana Cavalry, C. S. A., which was captured from that famous regiment in the Trans-Mississippi Department during the civil war, is in the possession of an ex-Union soldier residing at Dans, Green county, Iowa.

Among the surviving officers of the Second Louisiana, a friend recalls Colonel W. G. Vincent, the well known auctioneer, New Orleans; Adjutant R. N. Sims, attorney-at-law, Donaldsonville; Capt. Hiram H. Carver, attorney-at-law, Napoleonville; Capt. Allen Jewel, State Senator, Iberville; Lieut. Alex. Hebert, District Attorney, Iberville; Capt. M. Kenison, commanding steamer Warren; Lieut. D. Webster Kelly, Grosbe Tote; Major W. W. Brazels, Natchitoches; Capt. E. T. Lewis, ex-Congressman, Opelousas; Capt. Dave Paul, Sheriff of Rapides parish; Capt. Jeff Stafford, Alexandria; Capt. G. Gallion, Natchitoches; Capt. W. F. Strong, ex-Secretary of State; Capt. L. D. Prescott, newly appointed Postmaster at Washington, St. Landry parish.

Measures have been taken by the gallant Colonel of the regiment to secure the return of its beloved colors, and all the old soldiers who marched under the war-worn banner will await its recovery with impatient interest.

## EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY AND THE INCREASE OF CRIME.

An examination of the official records in the office of the Secretary of State has been made by the Baton Rouge *Capitulation-Advocate* with a view to ascertaining whether there is any justification for the charge that Gov. McEnery has contributed to the increase of crime by showing extraordinary and undue clemency towards convicted criminals. Our contemporary reports, as a result of this inquiry, that the number of convictions for criminal offenses under the McEnery Administration is double that attained during the administration of Governor Nichols, whereas the percentage of commutations has been reduced by Governor McEnery from 28 to 30%. While the Chief confesses to a decided predilection against the present State Administration—and this without regard to its political complexion—we have not preferred or endorsed the accusation which seems to have been so successfully refuted by our esteemed Baton Rouge contemporary. Under existing laws it would be manifestly unjust to blame the Governor alone for commutations of criminal sentences, since he can not exercise the executive prerogative in such cases until a majority of the Board of Pardons—which consists of the Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and the Judge who presided at the trial of the condemned—shall have recommended such action; and it is reasonable to presume that a body so constituted would not advise interference with the verdict of a jury without weighty reason. A Governor who declines to acquiesce in the unanimous recommendation of the Board of Pardons—and its conclusions are nearly always unanimous—would undoubtedly be more likely to commit a defenseless fellow creature to unmerited and punishment than to inflict an injustice upon society by heeding the Board's advice.

Though the records cited by the *Capitulation-Advocate* effectually show the Governor, from the charge of indiscriminate or unusual clemency, they apparently bear out the allegation that crime has increased under his administration. If the number of convictions for criminal offenses, as compared with Governor Nichols' administration, has been doubled, the presumption arises that the number of criminal offenses has increased in corresponding ratio. To successfully combat this presumption it will be necessary to show that juries, Judges and other officers of the law were more lax in the discharge of their duties during the term of the Nichols administration than has been the case under the McEnery regime. We sorely believe that a task of this kind will be so much as attempted.

## Good News of Good Things.

An immense invoice of new goods and novelties just received at the Cheap Grocery Emporium, of which the following are a few of the specialties: Boused, Botted and Pickled Mackerel, Brook Trout in Cans; Smoked and Boneless Herrings in Boxes; Snowdrift Codfish, Corned Beef, Spices; Pickled Pork, Pigs' Feet and Tongues; Oatmeal, Buckwheat and Barley; Split, Black-eye and Lady Peas; Swiss, Limburg, Hogshead, Western and Northern Cheese; a fancy Creamery Butter; Dried Apples, Peaches, Prunes and Pears. Also a large and complete assortment of Cooking and Heating Stoves, which will be disposed of at 15 to 25 per cent. lower than ever, owing to lack of space to store them away.

Chas. Maurin, on his extended Northern, Eastern and Western trip, selected the above in person, and purchased ever care, therefore he is enabled to give very low figures on everything in his stock. Epicures will find anything they may desire in the line of Meats, Fish or Vegetables, Imported or Domestic, at the Cheap Grocery Emporium.

Nearly all the former officers of the House were re-elected; a committee appointed to notify the Senate and the president of organization; the usual drawing for seats conducted; after which resolutions referring to the death of the Vice President were adopted and the House adjourned until Tuesday as a mark of respect to his memory. As in the Senate the greater portion of the second day's session was occupied in hearing the President's message, and the main topic of discussion since then has been a proposed revision of the rules which will make some highly important changes in the manner of conducting business, particularly with reference to appropriations.

## A CARD.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, etc., I will send a receipt that will cure you, pure or change. This great remedy was discovered by a physician in North America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. J. T. LEMAN, Station D, New York City.

## LIST OF LETTERS.

Remain in the Post-office at Donaldsonville Ascension Parish, La., Dec. 12, 1885.

Anderson, James  
Bishop, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Bill, P.  
Clappan, Joe  
Duckson, James  
Davis, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Farragut, George  
Gibbert, Louis J.  
Gee, Mrs. Matilda  
Harris, Ophelia  
Hollister, J.  
Hickson, C.  
Jackson, Morgan  
Jenkins, Miles

## For Rent.

THE DOUBLE HOUSE on the Darrovville road, nearly opposite Donaldsonville, lately occupied by Mrs. Adams' friend, is well furnished, in excellent condition, and has a central water supply. A modern and complete kitchen. Apply to SAM'L SIMPSON, Darrovville post-office, Ascension, La.

## Employment Wanted.

By a First-Class Engineer.

ANY one in need of an ENGINEER for putting up large pumps and running same, or for putting up machinery or to run a saw-mill, or in fact, any other steam machinery will do well to address P. O. BOX 10, Donaldsonville, La.

## For Sale.

Desirable Residence in Donaldsonville. THE desirable property lately occupied by Mr. Michael Feely and family, located on the Iberville and St. Vincent streets, opposite the residence of Mr. J. S. Smith, is well situated, and has a double kitchen attached as well as a large yard. For further information apply to or address Wm. D. PARK, Donaldsonville, La.

## PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

The National Congress assembled in regular session, at Washington, last Monday, with nearly all the members in attendance. The Senate organized by electing Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio, nominee of the Republican caucus, as its presiding officer, the vote standing 34 for Sherman against 29 for Senator Harris, of Tennessee, nominee of the Democratic caucus. Senator Sherman's remarks in assuming the chair were very brief, and included a touching allusion to the death of Vice-President Hendricks. As soon as intelligence of the organization of the House had been received, a joint committee appointed to notify the President, resolutions relating to the demise of the late Vice President were adopted, and the Senate adjourned in respect to his memory.

On Tuesday the President's message was received and read, and since then the Senate has been engaged in discussing Senator Hoar's presidential accession bill and the transaction of ordinary business. There will be little change in the formation of committees or subordinate officers of the Senate.

In the House of Representatives Hon. John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, was re-elected Speaker, receiving 177 votes, against 138 for Hon. Thos. B. Reed, of Maine. On assuming the chair, Mr. Carlisle addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.—In assuming the duties and responsibilities of this place for a second time, I beg to return my most profound thanks for the manifestation of your confidence in me. It is a confidence which I shall always remember with pride and gratitude.

Nowhere else in the world can there be found a legislative assembly representing so great a constituency as that represented by this House, and certainly no similar body, consisting of equal number of members, is its superior in point of ability and devotion to the interests entrusted to it.

The privilege of presiding over the deliberations of such a body is a very high and honorable distinction, the highest and most honorable that can be conferred on any member, and I appreciate it as such, but, gentlemen, my full appreciation of your action to-day can best be shown by a conscientious and untiring discharge of my official duty, and although it may not be wise to make pledges in advance, I venture to promise that to the fullest extent of my ability the law governing the proceedings of the House shall be evenly administered, with a view to the preservation of order and decorum, the protection of the personal and representative rights of members, and the prompt transaction of public business. None of these results, however, can be obtained without your active cooperation and support.

In a body so large as this, representing such vast and sometimes conflicting interests, a constant observance of established rules and precedents is imperatively required, not only by considerations vitally affecting the public interest, but in order to maintain the honor and dignity of the House itself. In the sharp contests for priority which unavoidably occur in such a body, the restraint of the rules is especially if there has been a large accumulation of business, but experience has shown that the most effective means of regularity in the consideration of legislative measures is so fully appreciated by gentlemen on the floor that they can always be relied upon to maintain the presiding officer in every proper effort he may make to obtain that result.

In view of this fact I feel much more confident of a reasonable degree of success in this trying position than would otherwise be justifiable.

Questions of order must be decided promptly, as they are raised, generally without much opportunity for deliberation and consequently whoever may occupy the chair and however careful he may be, mistakes must frequently be committed, but, fortunately, this house has, at all times, in its own hands the means of correcting them and preserving the integrity and consistency of its practice, and I am sure, gentlemen, that you will not hesitate to exercise that power whenever the occasion may demand.

Gentlemen, we are about to enter upon the work of an important session. More important perhaps than any that has preceded it for many years. The political relations heretofore existing between the two bodies of the House and the Executive Department of the Government have been reversed and, of itself, imposes new obligations and duties on both.

Under a normal course of Government like ours a political change in the executive administration inaugurates a new legislative policy, and consequently new questions for the consideration of the people and their representatives. It is probable therefore, that many questions not heretofore presented to your attention will engage a large share of your attention during the present Congress. It may be reasonably anticipated that the wide differences of opinion which will exist on many of these questions, resulting in long, earnest and perhaps exciting contests on the floor and in the halls of the Senate, will not always be defined by recognized party lines. Under these circumstances, a proper appreciation of the integrity and patriotism of each other, and sincere respect for the honest opinions of opponents in debate and the cultivation of a mutual forbearance will be necessary to enable the House to conduct its proceedings with order and deliberation and avoid unpleasant incidents, which are always, in the expression of my own mind, regretted by those who participate in them.

The House is the only custodian of its own peace and dignity, and without its cordial support no presiding officer can preserve either.

And now, gentlemen, before taking the oath of office, allow me to renew the expressions of my sincere appreciation of the great honor you have conferred and the great trust you have confided to my hands. I accept both with a most grateful sense of the obligations they impose and certain with the earnest desire to discharge these obligations without prejudice to any public interest.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
Auditor's Office, Baton Rouge, May 29, 1885.

DR. G. H. TICHEENOR,  
Baton Rouge, La.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Planters will find it to their interest to employ the undersigned in all their operations, as he has unexcelled facilities for supplying skilled, reliable labor and doing the best kind of work at the lowest rates. First-class references furnished whenever required. Apply at Mechanical Exchange, or address through Donaldsonville post-office.

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The table will bear comparison with that of any hotel in town. Bar attached, fully supplied with good liquors, cigars, etc. Special rates for permanent guests. J. H. BOMBERVILLE, Proprietor.

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