

Parish Reform.

Editor Vindicator.—In your last week's paper, you invite discussion as to the best measures of relief to the hitherto overburdened and oppressed tax payers of Natchitoches parish.

First, let us consider the question of current expenses: The taxable property, paying parish taxes, amounts to about one million of dollars. This is exclusive of property in the town of Natchitoches, which pays State and city taxes only.

I have embodied my views in a memorandum, on which laws should be based, to be passed at the next session of the General Assembly, as special measures of relief to this parish.

Next, these parish taxes shall constitute a special fund, for that year, in the hands of the Parish Treasurer, to be paid out in the following order:

1.—For the payment of the salaries of the Sheriff and Clerk, as hereinafter allowed, and of other parish officers.

2.—For the payment to the Sheriff for the care and feeding of prisoners, for conveying convicts to the penitentiary, and for pursuit of fugitives from justice who escape into another State or parish.

3.—For the payment of other current expenses of the parish.

4.—For the payment of current interest on bonds previously issued.

5.—For the liquidation of debts incurred prior to the year 1874, and indebtedness to be first approved by the Police Jury.

This surplus, over and above current expenses, and current interest on bonds shall be

used for WARRANTS, &c. It must be provided that this money remaining in the Treasury, intended for the payment of indebtedness incurred prior to 1874, shall be held before the Court House door by the President of the Police Jury to the highest bidder in warrants, judgments, or other evidence of indebtedness, (judgments) approved as aforesaid.

NO TRANSFERRING PAPERS. The Police Jury shall hereafter issue no warrants, or certificates, or other negotiable paper, or shall it approve any account without endorsing thereon "We will if transferred."

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allowed by law in criminal cases, the sum of Three Hundred dollars, to be paid quarterly on his own warrant.

Let it also be expressly stipulated that no extra compensation shall be granted to any parish official above the salary and fees established, under any pretext whatsoever.

Let a special law be passed that the fees and per diem of grand and petit jurors, of jurors and witnesses on coroners' inquests, and of all witnesses in criminal cases before any court in the parish, are abolished, and that hereafter no compensation for such service shall be allowed; provided, that no petit juror shall be compelled to serve more than one week in every three years, and no grand juror more than at one term of the district court in every three years.

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no means exhausted. Other and abler pens than mine ought to take it up, and present it in all its phases to the public mind through your columns, as a matter of greater practical value than any other at this time.

The Garry Owen, [Capt. John Hiatt, reached Grand Ecere on Sunday last with a good trip. Thanks to our friend Albert, her genial agent, for favors.

Alberts, on the Garry Owen, solicits orders for fish, game, meats and vegetables, from the city. Now that Christmas is approaching, our good people will find that they can, on that day, enjoy luxuries cheap, by patronizing this worthy young townsman of ours.

We are in receipt of No. 22: Vol. 1, of the American Medical Weekly, published at Louisville, Ky., by E. S. Gaillard, M. D.

Financial, Commercial and River News. COTTON STATEMENT. On hand last report.....1750 bales Received during week.....441 "

MARKET QUOTATIONS. (It should be remembered our quotations are for round lots, at retail, higher prices will have to be paid.) Corrected Weekly by Carver & Taylor.

Cotton.....11 @ 130. Hides, dry.....12 @ 20. Hides, green.....12 @ 20. Bacon.....The market is in limited supply Clear sides are quoted at 18; shoulders at 15; brusked bacon at 15.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Convention of the Land Owners of the Parish of Natchitoches.

ALL PERSONS owning lands in the Parish of Natchitoches and desirous of utilizing them in any way, either by sale, rent, or long lease, are requested to meet in the city of Natchitoches on Saturday, the 18th inst., at 12 o'clock m.

CITY HOTEL! Corner CAMP and GRAVIER Streets, NEW ORLEANS, LA. HUNFORD and WATSON, Proprietors.

PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE, —BY— F. M. HARTMAN, Trudeau Street, NATCHITOCHE, LA.

Red River Plantation for Rent. The Plantation known as the Morse Place, three miles below Grand Ecere at Tiger Island, will be rented for the year 1875, very cheaply.

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Prospectus for 1874—Seventh Year.

THE ALDINE: An Illustrated Monthly Journal, universally admitted to be the handsomest Periodical in the World. A Representative and Champion of American Taste.

THE ALDINE, while issued with all the regularity, has none of the temporary or timely interest characteristic of ordinary periodicals. It is an elegant miscellany of pure, light and graceful literature; and a collection of pictures, the rarest specimens of artistic skill, in black and white.

ART DEPARTMENT, 1874. The illustrations of the ALDINE have won a world-wide reputation, and in the art centres of Europe it is an admitted fact that its wood cuts are examples of the highest perfection ever attained.

Every subscriber to the Aldine for 1874 will receive a pair of chromos. The original pictures were painted in oil for the publishers of the Aldine, by Thomas Moran, whose great Colorado picture was purchased by Congress for ten thousand dollars.

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THE WEEKLY ENQUIRER, A Paper for the People, a Friend of the Farmer and Industrial Classes, A BEAUTIFUL NEW CHROMO ENTITLED "Perry's Victory!"

Given to every \$2 00 Subscriber. This picture represents Com. Oliver H. Perry in the act of passing from one ship to another in a small open boat, during the heat of battle, exposed to the fire of the enemy.

It measures 16 by 22 inches, is artistically finished in thirteen colors and is undoubtedly the most desirable chromo ever offered as a premium. Single copies of it sell at \$3.00.

Editorials, Agriculture, Correspondence, Humorous, Poetry, Telegraphic, and General News.

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And a full and complete stock of general merchandise suited to the wants of the country trade. Consignments of cotton and merchandise for shipment collected and promptly attended to.

Oct. 24-ly.



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THE SALES of the SINGER last year was the greatest ever attained for any Sewing Machine in a year, and was nearly double the sales of its highest competitor, as may be seen by reference to the account of sales for 1873, from sworn returns made to the owners of the Sewing Machine Patents—from which statistics we select the five leading machines, viz:

The Singer sold 235,444 " Wheeler & Wilson, " 119,190 " Domestic, " 40,114 " Grover & Baker, " 36,176 " Weed, " 21,700

It will be observed that the difference in favor of the SINGER, is the enormous amount of 113,254 over the highest competitor. This result has been obtained after years of competition.

WE submit to an interested public if it is claiming too much to say—the Singer is the most popular Sewing Machine in the world.

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The A1 extreme light draught passenger steamer, JOHN OWEN, GARY HEINN, Master, WM. CULBERTSON, Clerk.

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And All Way Landings. The A1 Magnificent and fast running side-wheel passenger packet BART ABLE!

will leave New Orleans for Grand Ecere and intermediate landings every Saturday at 5 P. M. The steamer R. T. BRYAN!

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