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Kellogg has given \$1000 to the N. O. and Pacific railroad. A small amount from a person who has stolen, and helped others steal, millions of dollars from our people.

Thanks to the polite and attentive officers of the Pool line steamer, R. T. Bryarly, for files of late New Orleans and Western papers.

The enterprising firm of Russell & Barbee, Grand Ecore, have placed us under obligations for late papers. Many thanks, gentlemen.

The famous Washington Artillery of New Orleans, are making preparations to attend the Centennial next year. Preliminary musters are being held, and the organization is in a fair way of revival.

The Koeley motive power is receiving severe shocks from the Scientific American, and we are led to inquire, is it a humbug or an invention of utility? It is a "mixed" affair as it stands.

What, with telegraphs and railroads, Natchitoches will be a new place in a few months. Strangers will flock in, business increase and every one will be happy.

This city and vicinity has been visited with fine rains, too much, some say, but to us they were delightfully refreshing after our long drought.

Kellogg states that numerous murders have been committed near Bellevue, in Bossier parish, within the past month, and that he derives his authority from authentic sources.

We receive regularly the Banner, published in Bellevue, and it has not mentioned the occurrence of one; we are prone to believe what the Banner says. Some one has lied, and we are led to believe from the past conduct of our Governor in that line, that Kellogg is the man.

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Railroad.

The excitement of our people in relation to the early completion of a road between this point and Alexandria at present, and New Orleans at a future date, still continues unabated; each and every stranger who arrives in our quiet city is taken for a "railroad man" and interviewed to his hearts content.

We like this spirit because it shows a manifest interest is being taken with relation to so great an enterprise; an enterprise which is destined to build up our valley and develop the material resources of our State from one end to another. For this reason, too great an interest cannot be shown.

Mr. E. B. Wheelock, President of the road, is a gentleman well known to our business community as one of the leading Drug Merchants of the South, and thoroughly identified with the business interest of this State. The Company, it is proposed, shall consist of the citizens of Louisiana only, and the road is to be constructed on the co-operative plan, as the paying Georgia railroads were. Assistance is expected, of course, from the citizens, cities and parishes along the proposed route, which will be up the Red River Valley, and we opine that its success will be assured.

It is useless for some to argue that the road will not benefit the country or this town; that has been amply demonstrated hundreds of times already in the great improvement of all countries; all villages and cities which have had railroads constructed through them. The city of Natchitoches has not assumed its present business proportions, small it is true at this moment, to what it has been, through any means save that of the agricultural development of the surrounding country. The value of property in town keeps "even tenor" with that of the value of lands in the parish, let there be a depreciation in price of planting lands, and city property feels the effect, and then the town depends alone upon the country for trade, which is its support, and the country not upon the town.

What has led to the present condition of our parish is too well known to refer to here. Suffice it to be known that it is so, and our duty is to build it up again; to bring it back, by encouraging public improvements, prominent among which are railroads, to what it once was.

Assuming that this town depends upon the surrounding country for support, and that support has fallen off immeasurably, it becomes us to do all we can to bring more population here; more intelligent farmers to improve and cultivate the thousands of acres of fine alluvial lands along the Red, Little, and other rivers or the parish, now lying idle, or worked at by thriftless people. Railroads are the great drains which draw off from the thick populations of countries of worn out lands, vast numbers of immigrants in all conditions of life, searching homes where their labor will be repaid. Natchitoches parish can furnish farms for thousands, and each one of them that comes increases the trade of our city so much, advancing thereby the value of our property, both of town and country, and giving renewed activity and life to all branches of business. In fact the benefits to be derived from this railroad to our parish is incalculable, and each enhancement of values throughout the parish will be felt in the city correspondingly. The pro and con arguments used about the advancement of this city are futile, build up the parish, and the future of Natchitoches as the centre of a heavy local trade, is beyond peradventure.

Our land owners are, or should be, more than anxious to forward this enterprise. All capital has its starting point in the soil, it is the lever that moves the commercial world, if our crops fail, all fails.

At a time when men could afford it, it was well enough to own baronial estates, but the war has changed all that. The labor cannot be depended upon to that extent as when in a state of slavery, even large farms with intelligent white labor has been demonstrated in the West to be failures. These surplus lands our citizens are anxious to sell, there is no market and their value is nominal; but build this road, and in favoring it you but study your own interest, and you are immediately on the line of the flow of immigration, your lands come in demand and a value is at once fixed. Some may say, "but we don't want to sell!" Granting that, why do you keep anything to leave as an inheritance to your children that is of no practical value, when you admit that with a railroad, your lands and homes would be worth something. You have for instance, a thousand or two thousand acres worth, we will say, \$5 per acre now; when the road comes it will be worth \$20, or even \$30, are you not increasing the inheritance for your children 3, 5, or 7 hundred per cent, at an investment of nothing in comparison to the enhanced value of your property. We consider all these objections, as the arguments of the "contraries," but think it well to combat them for the reason that some may have influence enough to deter other men, who would otherwise favor and assist the New

Orleans and Pacific road. It is proposed to hold a meeting of our citizens in this city on Monday next, at which time the plan to raise the means to construct the railroad will be fully developed, and all information desired will be given. We have had many talks of, and about railroads as we well remember, for over twenty years, but it must be distinctly borne in mind that Mr. Wheelock and the gentlemen connected with him in this enterprise are well known and influential citizens of our Capitol; have their all at stake in its material advancement and that of the State, they mean business certain, and are determined to build the road from Alexandria to this point, immediately.

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We hope to see a large number of our people here upon the day proposed, and such a spirit manifested as the present exigencies of our deplorable condition imperatively demands.

The city of Natchitoches possesses advantages of no ordinary character in the way of a central business location, and a commanding situation for a fine, large, local trade. Surrounding us on all sides are the finest and most desirable lands in the world. Nature has showered her blessings now desire to make us a prosperous business little city, is easy and quick transit to the markets.

The population of the parish aggregates 18,265, according to the census of 1870, and the area of her territory is 302,162 acres, of that, more than 150,000 acres of arable land, thousands of acres of which are now cleared and have been in cultivation, are lying untilled. To add to the prosperity of the city permanently, these lands must be settled up, as other countries have been, by inviting and holding out sufficient inducement to immigrants of the proper kind. It will only require a little exertion to accomplish this; half the talk expended on our streets, and very little money, would accomplish the desired end.

When we are offered such an opportunity to build us up as is held out by the New Orleans Pacific Railroad, we should not neglect it. Bear in mind that Natchitoches, as a city, must depend upon its local trade for life and activity, and with all the natural advantages we possess, the jewel of prosperity is within our grasp if we but profit by the occasion. Take the "tide at its flood" and it will lead to prosperity.

It will be seen from our telegraphic summary, that Clinton has resigned, and in accepting the resignation, Kellogg "damns him with faint praise," as it were. Generally speaking, a certificate of this kind attached to the acceptance of a resignation of an official by a Governor, was regarded as a high commendation; but that "was before the war." Kellogg's "Cards of Honor" don't pass in good circles, that we know of, and most persons would rather be kicked from office by a decent man, than politely bowed out by such an unmitigated cuss as Kellogg.

Col. E. C. Davidson, of Sabine, formerly member of Congress from this District, visited our sanctum last Monday. The Colonel is on his way to Portland, Maine, to spend the summer. He is looking as hale and hearty as ever, and is still the same sound, enthusiastic white man's Democrat, as of yore. We wish the Colonel a pleasant Summer, and a safe return to his people.

Much complaint has been made us of the manner in which the Census is being taken, and we learn that whole neighborhoods of our white citizens have never seen the Census taker, or any one representing him. As we do not desire to be considered obtrusive or as making this as a sensational article, we state the neighborhoods: Ward 3, right bank ascending. Ward 5. Ward 6, the greater part of 7 and 8, and many persons in town, and in the country of other wards.

Although this law, like all other radical enactments, is unsatisfactory on all points, save that of compensation, we think the census taker should visit the domicile of each citizen of the parish, and be would thereby arrive at a correct enumeration of the population; otherwise the census is a farce.

Winn parish has completed her census returns with the following results: Whites..... 4355 Colored..... 997

Total population, 5352 Whites entitled to vote 842 Colored " " 161

Total voters 1006 White majority 684. We can learn nothing definite about the Coushatta Nicholson's. Some say one thing and some another, and the entire affair is to us a muddle. When it "assumes some less questionable shape," we will comment upon it, until then, our readers can say that they are killed, not killed or otherwise, as the case may be.

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Mr. Jordan, telegraph operator at this place, will be pleased to furnish information in relation to matters connected with his office to those who desire it.

The following tariff of rates will be charged from Mr. J., on the Western Union line, any point in the States named.

Table listing telegraph rates for various locations: British Columbia \$2.50, Cape Breton land 2.50, California 2.50, Colorado 2.00, Connecticut 2.00, Delaware 2.50, Idaho 2.50, Maine 2.00, Massachusetts 2.00, Montana 2.50, New Brunswick 2.50, New Hampshire 2.00, New Jersey 2.00, New York 2.50, Nevada 2.50, New Mexico 2.50, Nova Scotia 2.50, Oregon 2.00, Rhode Island 2.00, Utah 2.50, Vermont, Conn. Ter. 2.50, Wyoming 2.00.

RAIL ROAD MEETING.—We trust there will be no holding back on the part of our people to attend the proposed meeting on Monday next.

Let us have an old fashioned rouser and show to Mr. Wheelock our people want a railroad and will do all in their power to assist in its construction. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

Maj. Green the Engineer in Chief of the New Orleans and Pacific R. R. Co., gives us some insight into the proposed route of the road from Alexandria to this place. The road will come directly up Red River to Cotile and cross Cameron river first, about a mile and one half above its mouth and follow the inland route to this place. It is claimed that this is the cheapest, nearest and best route to construct the road along.

Our friends in Winn, Grant, Sabine and Natchitoches parishes, as well as Sabine and San Augustine counties, Texas, should not forget that we will give them through the Vindicator, news per telegraph thirty hours earlier than any paper in north Louisiana. We hope to see our subscription list increased largely in consequence.—Sustain your home paper that gives you not only all the local news, but the latest telegrams from all parts of the world.

A special dispatch to the Memphis Appeal says that the democratic convention for the First Mississippi District met at Corinth, Miss., on the 21st, and renominated L. Q. C. Lamar by acclamation as their candidate for Congress. Fully five thousand persons were present. Mr. Lamar responded in an eloquent speech, after which the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That we are opposed to the formation of parties among the people of this State, founded on the difference of race or color, and we cordially invoke the union of good citizens of every race and color in patriotic efforts to defeat, at the next election, the present State administration and its supporters, and to secure for all the blessings of an honest and capable government.

Of course the people of each and every State know their own business best, but we say that the white people of Mississippi are gone higher than a kite. They can no more carry the State against the negro combination, for such is the case, as the negroes will nominate candidates for Congress in all the Districts of the State save one, Lamar's, than they can fly.

It is a strange thing to us how men, claiming to be sensible, blindly stumble along, and with beef and "chin music," big Democratic banners and such clap trap, expect to carry a State where they have been beaten time and again in the same manner. If Mississippi is lost it will be by her own people, and we shall not sympathize with her.

We want Democracy in these negro States it is true, but color line Democracy and none other.

A friend of ours and an enthusiast on home manufacture and home patronage, asked one of our wags how they made the holes for the telegraph posts; "make 'em," says he, "why they got them from New Orleans ready made by the sack." "Yes, d-d 'em," says our friend, "that's always the way, go off North and get things that can be done at home cheaper." The joke is, our friend was in dead earnest.

ESCAPE OF A CONVICT.—Louis Bernard who was tried and convicted of burglary at the last term of the District Court at this place, escaped from Deputy Sheriff Collier, who had him in charge on his way to Baton Rouge. Bernard was hand-cuffed and chained to a station on the boat, but worked loose, and upon landing at Montgomery, took leg bail and has not been heard from since. He had been sentenced for five years. Collier is still in pursuit and may succeed in recapturing him.

We were shown a circular from Choate Somerly, Secretary of the "Texas Mutual Benefit Association," situated at Kaufman, Texas, which bears upon its face the vilest intent to defraud. It says: Some time ago we forwarded you by mail, five tickets in the supplementary distribution of our Association; class No. 2. You neglected to remit us the money for the same, and they are still charged to you on our books. The five tickets sent to you were numbered from 347306 to 347311, and one of the above tickets has been awarded a valuable Gift. I am directed by the officers of the Association to notify you of this fact, and to request you to remit to us the sum of two dollars the price of the five tickets.

We are anxious that you should retain these tickets for two reasons: First, The tickets are held by you and you are entitled to all the benefit which accrues from their possession. Second, The fact that you have received a valuable Gift, will be a strong incentive to you and your neighbors to invest in our next Enterprise.

And such other stuff. The whole affair does not need comment. The parties to whom they are addressed have never received the five tickets mentioned and the move is to extort \$2 from the unwary. Beware!

Our own telegraphic dispatches: NATCHITOCHES, July 27, 1875. You live long and prosper. Telegraph has just reached us and we are all telegraph men.

J. H. CONGROVE. SHREVEPORT, July 27. J. H. Cosgrove:

The Shreveport Times congratulates you and hopes that your electric connection with the outer world may be as successful as the many efforts of the Vindicator against wrong and oppression.

H. J. HERSHEY, Shreveport Times.

ADVICE FOR DELL TIMES.—Advertising is a great bother. It only brings a lot of folks to your place of business. If they want you let them hunt you up. Then if you get your name in the paper you will be bored with drummers, and people from the country will call on you and you will have to show them goods, and like enough have to do up bundles for them, which will exhaust your stock so much that you will be obliged to buy more goods, which is a great trouble. If you advertise, too, it gives your place a reputation abroad; folks will go there and crowd you, and make it too lively. If you don't want to do anything, keep as still as you can.—N. Y. Con's Advertiser.

We refer our business community to the above and would beg them to act accordingly. Now that we are to have a railroad sure, they will, of course, want no business as it may be too much trouble to handle goods, wait on customers or take in money, even. Who will be the first to indulge in the great bother of advertising.

We are told that a certain Marshal of France was always taken in conclusions at the sight of a sucking pig; that Tycho Brahe swooned at the very glimpse of a hare; and that the physiologic Bayle was seized with sickness at the sound of water running from a cock; but the concentrated force of all these phenomena would scarcely produce a shock to the nerves of the denizens of the Vindicator office (to say nothing of the ten line puff we'd get up) by the sight of a present of peaches or water-melons from our country friends. We hope no one will take offence at this and bring us in a cart load of each. We mean nothing personal, rest assured.

Parties lately returned from New Orleans, report that city quite enthusiastic over our railroad, and predict its completion in November. The Bulletin of the 22d, speaks in no flattering terms of the smallness of the subscriptions of the leading business men, and says, but \$168,000 has as yet been subscribed.

New Orleans must do better than that, else the railroad is a failure. Country parishes cannot be asked to subscribe a cent in the face of the above amount from such a city as New Orleans. The press of the city generally do not seem to take much interest in the enterprise, at which much surprise is expressed by our country folks.

Hereafter boats of the New Orleans and Red River Transportation Company will leave New Orleans on Tuesday's and Friday's instead of Wednesday's and Saturday's. Shippers will govern themselves accordingly.

We learn that our friend W. B. Carr, Esq., has been appointed Magistrate for Ward 11. A good appointment and a worthy gentleman; the people of that Ward will no doubt be well pleased.

Jules Locals, a long time resident of Natchitoches, and well known to all our old people as the proprietor of a hotel here for a number of years, has opened a boarding and lodging house, No. 70, St. Louis St., New Orleans, and would be pleased to see all his old friends with him during their sojourn in the city.

"Who is that," "I never saw him before?" is the pat question on our streets every day. The railroad is coming gentlemen! the telegraph is here, and you will see many, very many men you never saw before—and may never see again. Remember Monday, Aug. 2d, 1875.

From our Texas exchanges, we learn the wheat crop of that State is unusually large this year, and extensive preparations are being made to supply this and other States South, with flour, during the fall and winter. We understand that some merchants here intend ordering from Texas instead of New Orleans.

At 7 o'clock last night the jury in the Clinton case came into court and were asked whether they had agreed. The foreman stated that they could not. After some delay the Judge discharged them. Inquiry developed the fact they stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal. The one for acquittal was James Mullin, who keeps a second-hand clothing store on Camp street.—N. O. Bulletin, 18.

We advise the Donaldsonville Chief to keep cool this hot term. The Shreveport Times and Natchitoches Vindicator, will do what they consider is best for their people. We are engaged in railroad and telegraph matters at this time, and expect to be until next Spring, when we propose to give the Chief and its ilk, a lift they will not soon forget. Suck your pap bottle, you have but a short time to feed.

We thought that puffs were mutual, that is, bringing benefit to each party, the puffer and the puffed—but the puffed thought he would deceive the puffer. A certain telegraph man laughed at how he had "got" the "newspaper man." Now we "newspaper men" are all verdant; gourd seed" is a "blinking rose" to us—but we happen to find out what he don't know, and in this instance the telegraph man was sadly mistaken; he will in the end surely find out if we intend to pay for our Press Dispatches or not.

The manager, Mr. Davis, of the Merchant's Union Telegraph Company, has seen fit, to say things about, and derogatory to the standing of this paper, and, although his information of the person who conducts it, may be a "shad-dow of reality," it is no fault of ours. We applied to Mr. Davis for Press Dispatches, weekly, he seemed anxious we should take them, and upon his departure we learn that from \$30 to \$50 per month is as cheap as he can send them, "it made no difference, we would not pay for them anyhow."

H. J. Rivet, Charter and Bienville Sts., New Orleans, sent us a pamphlet entitled, "The Cotton Worm; its Nature, History and Destroyer." It is quite interesting to us and no doubt would be to our planters. The remedy for the pest recommended in this pamphlet is the "Texas Cotton Worm destroyer," a preparation prepared by Messrs. Freston & Rabinas, Galveston, Texas. We are not sufficiently versed with its qualities to judge of what it is composed; but from the numerous certificates of leading farmers in Texas, it no doubt possesses great virtue.

Crops, generally speaking, are as far as we can learn, in a good condition and bid fair to yield such harvest as can be desired. One fourth of the corn crop is entirely lost owing to the long continued drought in some sections. One-half more land planted in corn than there was, which should have been done, would have yielded an abundance and saved money, which must now be sent to the corn crabs West. When will our people consult their own interests?

MAD DOG.—The first mad dog of the season, suddenly appeared on Washington street, in our city, on Tuesday last and was promptly killed by one of the telegraph men at work near the spot. Who says that telegraphs will not do!

We learn that the Funding Board, composed of the Governor, Treasurer and Auditor, to which has been added Mr. May, Chairman of the Board of Trade, of New Orleans, has not been able to get a quorum together for business since the latter was appointed. There is nothing strange in this; the whole affair is a dead swindle and every one knows it—except the city press, who seem too busy on the "Ben Allen" campaign to attend to matters directly under their noses.

We, of the country, anxiously look for some daily paper being established in the city which will represent some one outside of the numerous "rings," that seem to afflict that down-trodden and much taxed people.

The Texas arrived on time, in place of the Bart Able, Wednesday evening last. Thanks to her officers for files of late papers.

Farmers, who are in the rain belt, are busily engaged in pulling fodder. Those in the "drought strip," we are sorry to say, have none to pull.

We sincerely hope our land owners will come to the front in this railroad excitement. Much depends upon them, and they are interested to a greater extent than others, in the material progression of our parish. Heretofore the merchant has been expected to do all in the way of subscribing for improvements. The opportunity has now arrived when land can be utilized as well as cash, and we hope to see it profited by.

We would beg to know why it is that we have no public white school in Natchitoches? The taxpayers certainly pay their money for school purposes, and should enjoy the benefit of it. There has been in this city no public school for white children for over four years, while there has been a colored Academy all along. Our taxpayers are growing clamorous and desire to be enlightened upon the subject.

Court matters are quiet—moving along without jar. Lawyers seem busy and are consequently happy.

Cannot some enterprising man erect an ice factory at this point? It would pay well, as we depend upon boats to bring it to us weekly. Summers, as hot as this, are not good seasons for its transportation.

We understand that the Convent of the Sacred Heart, situated near our city, is in fine operation and ready to receive pupils. We are sorry to say that this really fine school is not patronized as it should be.

Judge Pierpont, Attorney General of the U. S., has opened his batteries by arking the removal of the late corrupt District Attorney for the District of Columbia. Ex-Governor Wells, of Virginia, has been appointed in his stead.

There are many more to remove, and we would suggest he begin at this end of the line and "tap" Packard. The President may equal, but the people will be happy.

The railroad croakers are rapidly disappearing, either silenced or gone from our gaze. We predict that no man who values his standing will say one word to disfavor this enterprise.

Our city has been visited during the past week by several railroad contractors looking over the proposed route with a view of putting in bids. The early completion of the road from this point to Alexandria seems a fixed fact.

The weather, since the last rains, has been, during the day, very warm, while at night, just the reverse, cool and pleasant. Just the weather for fever.

Our North Louisiana exchanges speak rather dispondingly of the crops in their respective sections. Drought and hot winds have materially injured both, corn and cotton.

Much fear is entertained by our farming community that the late rains, if continued, would cause the cotton to shed forms. We hope however, their fears may not be realized.

Mr. E. B. Wheelock, President of the New Orleans and Pacific railroad, has telegraphed Mr. M. H. Carver that he will be at this point on Monday next, 2d inst. The railroad meeting will take place upon that day and all our people should attend without fail.

We received, through a friend, a beautiful peach from the orchard of V. Gainie, Esq., on Red River, above this city. It was of fine variety and of luscious flavor.

The rates of telegraphing to all parts of the world can be learned by those desirous of telegraphing, at the office, next-door to the Vindicator and in the same building.

Police Court has its usual doll appearance; a prisoner now and then is all we can note and they do not bring many notes to the city.

Hog and chicken thieves are hereby informed that it is dangerous to ply their vocations within four miles of the telegraph for they will be caught certain. "A word to the wise."

We call attention to the notice of Mayor DeVargas in to day's issue, wherein he calls attention to the fact of being prepared to correct erroneous assessments of city property on the rolls.

Next week we hope we will have perfected our arrangements to receive full press dispatches. In the meantime we hope our country friends will not be unmindful of us, but subscribe liberally.

We have before us an open boll of cotton, fully matured, from the plantation of Mr. Jos. Henry.

Thanks to Mr. Leon Duffilo for a present of fine roasting ears.

Mr. Sam Hynes, who, by the by, has a very fine crop of both corn and cotton, which will compare favorably with the best, presents us with some really fine large white head cabbage of his own production. Mr. Hynes is using fertilizers also, and by deep plowing and cotton seed manure, has made his crop, despite the drought. Let some, or most, of our old planters do so and do likewise.

Local items, is the cry of the poor county editor, and it taxes his brain to the utmost to fill up. Nothing transpires, and we have looked anxiously for even a dog fight to make copy for a ten line item.

It is a painful sight to behold a small boy broke flat, looking at a fish game of marbles. Makes one feel like he was at the "left aids" on the great day.

Come forward and renew your subscriptions to the Vindicator.