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Religious Notice.

The Rev. Joel T. Davis, Presiding Elder of the Second District, will hold his second Quarterly meeting at Natchitoches, by preaching in Trinity Church Wednesday 31st, at 7 1/2 P. M., and each succeeding night, until June 3rd, at the same hour and place.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the Convention of the Democratic-Conservative party held here, May 8th, 1876:

Resolved, THAT THIS CONVENTION EARNESTLY REQUEST THE VOTERS OF THIS PARISH TO SUBSCRIBE FOR, AND USE EVERY EFFORT TO INCREASE THE CIRCULATION OF THE PEOPLE'S VINDICATOR, the true and faithful exponent of the People's wishes.

Speaker Kerr, it is thought, will not only resign the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives, but will be compelled to give up his seat in Congress.

Thanks to the officers of the New Dart Able for a full file of city papers, last Tuesday.

The people of Brazoria county, Texas, want the county divided. It is over seventeen hundred square miles in extent, one third larger than the whole area of Rhode Island, water and all.

A call for a meeting of the Parish Central Executive Committee, will be found in to-day's issue, and it is hoped all the members will find it convenient to attend on the 20th inst., when organization will be perfected, and the party placed on a firm working basis.

To-day, (Saturday) Mr. Emile St. Ann Prudhomme will offer his Red River land for sale, at public outcry. This is a very valuable tract of land, and a chance to make a good investment.

The river at this point is rapidly falling, and will soon be too low for navigation.

ICE always on hand at Paul Carrol's.

RATHER OVERDRAWN. "Though she may be as ugly as a mud fence, jeweled with hop-toads, clumsy as a cork-leg or club-foot, and stupid as a boiled owl garnished with fricasseed donkey ears."

The New York Sun's Presidential Ticket. For President, Samuel J. Tilden, of New York; For Vice-President, Gen. John M. Palmer, of Illinois.

The New York Sun in speaking of the exhibition of American pictures at Philadelphia, and the probability of coming to naught, says:

One of the stupid decisions has been to hang in the most conspicuous place in the gallery a badly painted picture of great size by a Philadelphia artist, Rothermel, depicting the battle of Gettysburg. This at the Centennial feast of good will and brotherhood!

H. D. CUNNINGHAM, the celebrated artist on Trudeau street, has concluded to remain a while longer in Natchitoches, and offer, to its citizens, the opportunity of having their pictures taken in a better style than has ever been offered them before.

These wishing anything done in his line would do well to call at their earliest convenience.

Old Whigs.

It is not uncommon in these days of political talk, to hear men say that they are not Democrats, but Old Line Whigs! Wonder if they have ever thought how perfectly ridiculous and absurd such an expression is!

Who cares any thing about what was taught and believed by the men of the passed generation, unless it be to take guidance by some wise act or word left by them, as sign-posts on the high road of life.

In the first place why was he a Whig? Is a political party in these United States such an entirety, that a man can become so thoroughly imbued with its principles as to partake of its doctrines to such an extent that he will become inoculated, and act as he may ever afterwards, this principle, like vaccination, will remain in his system, protecting him from any thing like intellectual progress, or political advancement?

The proof of this thing is that the Radicals in this State presuming on the known weakness of "old whigs," have been competing with them, and attempting to lead them to join their ranks.

It is very natural for the human mind, however constituted, to seek amusement of some kind occasionally, and this proclivity is more especially peculiar to the young and joyous youths, who have little to restrain them in their waywardness and frolicsome notions.

This places the Reporter positively under the Democratic-Conservative banner for the campaign, and those who hoped to class it as independent or doubtful, will find themselves mistaken.

Farmers wishing information on the subject of tanning leather in California, will find valuable hints in a paper published by the authority of the Secretary of War.

There, will be found all the particulars minutely described by Lieut. D. A. Lyle, U. S. A., from actual observation at the tanneries. There is no good reason why this branch of industry should not be pursued here in this country, as profitably as any where in the world, for here, every thing can be found necessary, and in the greatest abundance.

These papers can be had by application to the War Department, for they have been printed for general distribution and information.

If any one will read these notes carefully and understandingly, he will certainly know more about the tanning business than he did before, however perfect he may have considered himself in the art.

For real Havana Cigars, the importation of Riquelme, No. 11 Decatur Street, New Orleans, go to J. J. McCook & Bro., Washington Street.

The Judgment Creditors.

The parties to whom the parish of Natchitoches is indebted, whether justly or unjustly must look to the Courts for final adjustment and settlement of their claims, and the attempt to lug this question into the present canvass, as belonging to it, is simply absurd, and bears falsehood on its face, and stamps those engaged in trying to do such a thing as malicious falsifiers, and not entitled to belief in any community of respectable people.

This attempt of the Radical leaders to interject this Judgment Tax business into the canvass for the purpose of dividing our people will prove a very vain and futile movement, and will in no way lead our people from the track of their vile deeds, but on the contrary, must make them more determined than ever, to put such men where they will be forever powerless for harm again.

There is not a single honest judgment holder in this parish, who is not perfectly willing to submit his claim to the arbitration of the Courts, and abide their decision, and whether such decision may be for, or against him, he will quietly submit as a good and law-abiding citizen should.

Amusements.

It is very natural for the human mind, however constituted, to seek amusement of some kind occasionally, and this proclivity is more especially peculiar to the young and joyous youths, who have little to restrain them in their waywardness and frolicsome notions.

Now, all these things are harmless in themselves, and provided, no one is injured in person or property, or seriously incommoded in their daily avocations, we can see no reason why individuals should not indulge, to their hearts content, in these innocent diversions.

There are various kinds of Beans in this country, some harmless and fit for table use, but when you come to Carpet-bag Beans, then look out for hard cases.

A \$1,000 MURDER.

THOMAS BEAN ALLEGED TO BE THE ASSASSIN OF TWITCHELL AND KING AT COUSHATTA.

From an officer of the steamer C. H. Durfee which reached here from Red River on Tuesday, it is learned that Senator Twitchell, who, with one King was shot at Coushatta a few days ago, charges the commission of the crime upon Thomas Bean, who, it will be recollected, was connected in the spitting away of the election returns of one of the polls of DeSoto parish in 1874, when Twitchell and Elam, were contestants for the State Senatorship from that district.

The Times' informant states that, according to Twitchell's story, the latter promised Bean a thousand dollars for the service of suppressing the returns, but that this money he subsequently refused to pay, on the ground that Bean had failed to perform the task according to the strict letter of the contract.

And now after our people have been abused and vilified, all the Radical papers throughout the United States detailing in the most outrageous manner the killing of King and the wounding of Twitchell, setting forth how they were the victims of Southern malice and proscription, hate, arousing all the bitter feelings possible against us; the New Orleans Republican, howing as if mad, over the White League assassination in Coushatta, the Chicago Inter-Ocean eating up and re-echoing the cry, and all the other lesser lights following in the train, it turns out that the man who did the work was one of his own gang of thieves, from whom Twitchell had withheld promised reward for some dirty work performed two years ago to insure his (Twitchell) seat in the State Senate.

What a tale of dark deeds and bloody acts Twitchell could unfold before the Congressional Investigating Committee if he was put on the witness stand and made to tell all he knows about his transactions in and around Coushatta for the last five or six years. And since the demand has been made by a Republican member of Congress, McDougall, of New York, that a full investigation of the outrage should be had, and the Hon. Wm. M. Levy on behalf of the people of this section, insisted that it should be done, we hope for the good name of our people, that the Committee will spare no pains in getting to the "bottom facts" in the case, and if they do not unearth things that will astonish every one having any respect for decency and propriety then we are mightily mistaken in regard to the misdeeds of this man Twitchell and his co-adjutors in Red River parish.

The people of the United States will not remain ignorant of these things this year, for all parties will be on the alert to hear the news from the South, and light must shine on these dark corners, which have been so long shaded by professed rogues and accomplished thieves.

Through the kindness of Jas. A. Gresham, Bookseller and Stationer, No. 92 Camp Street, New Orleans, we received Daniel Dennett's work, entitled "Louisiana As It Is."

Benoit C. Rachal, Jr., vs. Mrs. M. M. Breazeale. Sale of land, June 3d, 1876. State vs. Richard Williams and James Blakely. Sale of land June 3d, 1876.

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More Radical Rascality!

The Records of the Court Purloined!

LET NO GUILTY MAN BE PUNISHED! The District Attorney, J. M. B. Tacker, looking over the records of the Court, in the Clerk's Office, was made aware of the fact, that the indictments against Van Dusen, H. C. Myers, and fifteen others, had been feloniously abstracted from the office, and no account could be given of their whereabouts!

District Court is to begin here next month, and these worthies have taken this step to escape legal consequences, of which they stand in some dread. The disappearance of these indictments are not fatal to the prosecution, we presume, and it is to be hoped that the officers of the law will put them to the benefit of a vigorous criminal suit.

Judge Chaplin should remove the incompetent Clerk, and appoint some one who will do his duty according to the oath of office taken on assuming his functions.

Weather and Crops.

This week has been rather favorable for our planters, and they have been busy "scraping cotton" and getting rid of the troublesome grasses. The weather has been warm and cloudy most of the week, the wind standing from the rain quarter, (South East) but up to present writing, we have had no rain worth mentioning, only an occasional shower now and then, not sufficient to stop work in the field.

The stand of corn and cotton throughout the parish, is reported good, laborers working well, complaining of hard times, and thoroughly determined to make a crop, politics to the contrary, notwithstanding. We have really flattering prospects, almost a good crop in sight, and Louisiana certain to be redeemed from Radical rascals this fall!

Let no Northern man be deterred from going South by the partisan hue and cry of Southern late and endurance toward Yankees. This is one of the devil's own slanders. Nothing promises such immediate aid, to the depressed South as the influx of Northern energy and Northern capital. This is perfectly understood and freely acknowledged. Every intelligent person you meet and all the leading journals in the South are vying with one another, each in his special way, to encourage immigration. They do not want Northern politicians to come down there and run their State and municipal governments, but they do want working and business men from the North to settle among them.

The above is an extract from a correspondence of the Louisville Courier-Journal, and speaks the plain truth. Let Northern men read it, and if they will come among us, they will soon find out how much we have been vilified and traduced by dishonest place-seekers, political bunners, and thieving carpet-baggers.

Glorious Victory.

MINDEN ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY DEMOCRATIC. The election held in our town last Saturday resulted in a complete victory for the Democratic Conservative ticket. Maj. C. S. Smith was elected Mayor by 135 majority, and all the other officers by majorities ranging from 133 to 141—numbers of the colored people voting the straight Democratic-Conservative ticket.

Keep the Ball in Motion.

The organization of a DEMOCRATIC-CONSERVATIVE, WHITE and COLORED Club at Campte, on Saturday, 13th inst., was effected after speeches by Capt. Hunt and Scott Gordon. Fifty men joined on the spot, half of whom are COLORED. They pledged themselves to redeem the State and parish from its present downfallen condition.

Sheriff's Sales.

Benoit C. Rachal, Jr., vs. Mrs. M. M. Breazeale. Sale of land, June 3d, 1876. State vs. Richard Williams and James Blakely. Sale of land June 3d, 1876. Henry Safford vs. Mrs. J. J. Bosnier. Camp Salubriety land, June 3d, 1876. Oscar Chopin vs. Seraphine Levasseur. A tract of land, on the 20th May, 1876; for cash. John Genoe & Co., vs. Evelina Olive. A tract of land, on 20th May, 1876; for cash. Subscribe to the Vindicator.

Our Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C. May 5, 1876. THE COTTON BUREAU.

An attempt is being made to investigate the Bureau of Captured and Abandoned Property, in the Treasury Department, and should it prove even moderately successful, there must come therefrom what even in ordinary times would be called "astounding disclosures," but what, in these days, will only add more names to the thieves' catalogue, and more portraits to the Rogues' Gallery. Rotten as was the Internal Revenue Department with Whisky Ring rascality, it is doubtful if it approached the measure of that which was perpetrated under cover of picking up captured and abandoned property, by which men, with permits, traversed the South, with ear and steamboat, and wagon, and carried off hundreds of millions worth of cotton, and other things belonging to private parties. There is one Camp who ought to be called before that committee, if he has not been cotton and tobacco through— who made a \$400,000 haul of the latter in Arkansas, in which it is said an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury had a third interest, and a prominent railroad man in Baltimore, now deceased, another third. If Treasury officials were partners of the agents, it may readily be inferred that the temptation to wrong doing was strong; and when a man on \$3,500 a year salary manages to save several hundred thousand dollars in a few years, the world is apt to think that he has either "struck a Bonanza," or has been very economical. It is also said that a proprietor of a Washington newspaper managed, as chief clerk of that Cotton Bureau, to amass a large sum through the skillful manipulations of one of the proprietors of Willard's Hotel, who roped in the claimants and secured the divy.

TRUCKS OF TRADERS.

It is a pity that the bill of Mr. Parsons, of Kentucky, to regulate commerce among the States has not been pushed through Congress yet by the appropriate committee. It was an effort to correct the rascalities of traders which lie at the basis of the general demoralization of the country. The trading politicians are the representatives of the trading population. What with scant measures, short weight, adulteration, and like, the people are cheated in everything they buy. Mr. Parsons' bill required the use of standard articles and full weight and measure, inflicting penalties for fraud in either. While we are trying to reform the country, and make the politicians honest, let us also try to make their constituents honest, by reforming the morals of trade.

POLITICAL.

The Northern Republicans, however willing to subject the intelligence, culture, and all that is good in the South to the domination of carpet-bag thieves and ignorant negroes, have still among themselves a decent regard for public opinion, and are becoming generally ashamed of their party management. Hence, they have organized a reform Club in Boston, and now New York follows suit. There has been a secession of rich respectability from the Union League Club, and an address to the public calling for the formation of a Republican Reform Club, signed by Judge Knott, Hon. W. E. Dodge, John Jacob Astor, Isaac Sherman, A. A. Low, and a long list of others equally prominent names. Although these men think a legislature of negro field-hands, a majority of whom cannot read, and never handled ten dollars at a time in their lives before their election, good enough for a Southern State, they want what they call gentlemen for home rule and personal association. So they take a crack at Conkling, Morton, Blaine & Co. in the following neat style by resolving "To signalize the opening of the new century of our national existence by having nominated by the Republican party for President not a mere political partisan, but a statesman of tried character, in sympathy with the best sentiments of the people on all public questions, conversant with the affairs of government, discriminating and independent in the choice of public servants, one who will thoroughly reform the public service, and whose name alone will be a guaranty of official integrity, of wise and prudent administration, and of fearless enforcement of the laws."

So they are getting sick of Grantism, at last, although they have elected the President, drunk or sober, and, to be near him, have abused themselves before him and associated with low fellows like Tom Murphy, and his gang. But Jayne and Butler were too much for Dodge and respectability. How would they like a black carpet-bagger as collector of Boston or New York? This movement is opposed to the Custom House King and Conkling, and is supposed to be in sympathy with the call of Bryant, Schurz and Woolsey for the 15th inst. Mr. Bryant's paper, the Evening Post says the conference "designates Bristow, or Evarts, or Adams as plainly as ever sign post at a cross road designates the way to town. It does not designate Conkling, Morton or any other mere politician. If Cincinnati puts forward a name worthy of the Centennial year, they will support it; but if it does not, then they will look elsewhere for a standard bearer." This means business.

Judge Blair's letter appears to have produced a great impression in Maryland, and the Baltimore American expresses its surprise at the unanimity of the country press in indorsing Mr. Blair's views, and thinks that with so much growing strength all over the country, Tilden will be likely to carry off the prize at St. Louis. There seems to be little doubt of it. Tilden is gaining in strength every day. He is a man who will bear talking about.

THE CONNECTICUT SENATORSHIP.

Representative W. H. Barnum, of Connecticut, has gone home for a few days, where his presence is required in the canvass for the U. S. Senatorship. It is believed here that Mr. Barnum will be the successor of Senator English. If so, he will prove a most valuable member of the Senate. He has been long considered one of the most indefatigable workers in the House. A man of wealth and high social position, he has no interests to serve except those of his constituents. His valuable services to the Democratic Party are fully appreciated in Washington, where being a member of both the National and Congressional Committees, he is brought in personal and official contact with leading members of the party from every section of the country.

A NUT FOR Tertium quid LEONARD TO CRACK.—The following is taken from the New York Sun and is a pretty clear delineation of the situation:

Mr. H. C. Warmoth of Louisiana, to whose ingenuity, when he was Governor, the people of that State are indebted for the Returning Board which has been so effectually used to reconstruct election returns, is undertaking the arduous task of regulating the political machinery of both parties in the approaching election. His plans, it is alleged, are to obtain the nomination of the Republican party for Governor, and then to organize a Fusion party, which shall be nominally Democratic or Conservative. This is precisely the same program which Chamberlain has in view, except that the latter modestly expects that his Fusion party will absorb the whole Democratic vote, instead of a part of it. The argument for fusion part forth in both States is that the Democrats cannot elect a Governor of their own political faith, and therefore, it is expedient for them to make the best possible bargain with their opponents. Leaving out of view the immorality of such bargaining for office, the argument, so far as Louisiana is concerned, has no basis whatever. The Democrats, at the last two elections, legally elected their candidates for State officers under far less favorable circumstances than now exist, and no intelligent estimate of the Presidential vote in November places that of Louisiana anywhere except in the Democratic column. For the Democrats to surrender to any such inducements a Warmoth can offer, would be the height of stupidity, and they are not likely to fall into such an open trap. The New Orleans Democrat says a third party will be formed, and that if Warmoth leads at all he must lead the same bands of thieves he led when he plundered the State from Caddo to the sea.

A Call for Organization.

We the undersigned members of the Parish Central Executive Committee do hereby request that a meeting of the same be held for the purpose of organization in the town of Natchitoches, on MONDAY, MAY 23d, 1876, at 12 o'clock.

R. W. TAYLOR. C. F. DRANGUET. J. H. COSGROVE. L. CASPARI. L. A. DEBLIEUX. R. E. BURKE.

Members of the Parish Central Executive Committee.

- Ward 11 P. E. Prudhomme. " 10 E. Masson. " 9 L. Chopin. " 8 Jacob Kile. " 7 J. D. Addison. " 6 W. A. Ponder. " 5 A. P. Massey. " 4 W. B. Butler. " 3 L. N. Lane. " 2 S. P. Raines.

Parish at Large.—L. Caspari, G. E. Gillespie, R. E. Burke, R. W. Taylor, J. H. Cosgrove, M. H. Carver, David Pierson, L. A. Deblieux, and C. F. Dranguet.

The Electoral Vote.

Table with columns for NEW ENGLAND STATES, MIDDLE STATES, and WESTERN STATES, listing electoral votes for various states.

SOUTHERN STATES.

Table listing electoral votes for Southern States: Alabama 10, Arkansas 6, Delaware 3, Florida 4, Georgia 11, Kentucky 12, Louisiana 9, Maryland 8, Mississippi 10, Missouri 15, North Carolina 10, South Carolina 7, Tennessee 12, Texas 8, Virginia 11, West Virginia 5.

PACIFIC STATES.

Table listing electoral votes for Pacific States: California 6, Oregon 3, Nevada 3.

Total Pacific States 12. Whole number of electoral votes, 363, (if Colorado votes in the next Presidential election, 3 votes are to be added.) Necessary to a choice 184. *States which were carried by the Democracy in their latest elections for State Officers or Representatives in Congress.

A. B. Lemoine, NOTARY PUBLIC.

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