

# The Weekly Comet

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To-morrow will be a busy day, in Court House street. The Police Jury for the Parish of East Baton Rouge will meet. The Washington Hotel Bar will be opened free, to all the republicans who will promise to vote for the successful candidates. Justices of the Peace and Constables are to be elected for this growing city, and it behooves the people to select such men as are judges of the fact, as well as the law. A bottle of "Sillery Monseaux" is before us, to drink the health of the successful candidates. "White Surry" has been saddled for the field, and the contest will be a warm one.

**THE WEATHER.**—It is not often that this paper says any thing on this interesting "standing" subject, for newspaper articles. It is only when the venerable clerk so far forgets himself, as to cut up unseasonable freaks before "high Heaven," as at present; that we step aside to notice him, from other subjects over which we have more control.

Now, no excuse can be offered for giving us July weather, in November. The sugar planters have most cause to complain, because they have filled all their vats with molasses, and it positively refuses to congeal into sugar. The cane has commenced sprouting at the eyes—the birds have come back—and the earth is still carpeted with green, as if the world were positively in mid-summer. Did not the Almanac—that never failing chronicle of what is to be—inform us that to day is the 20th day of November, there is not even enough in the community to make us believe with their "oaths," that such is the fact.

Mr. JACOB PIPER came to our office yesterday to inform us and the public through us, 'that he is not dead.' A rumor having prevailed to this effect, we beg the lovers of truth for "truth's sake only" to contradict the report.—Due notice will be given of such an event, and Piper says it will be put off to the very last day of grace.

The Shreveport Democrat of the 10th inst., is in mourning for the Hon. Wm. R. DOUGLASS, of the parish of Caldo. Mr. Douglass died at Greenwood on the morning of the 18th inst. Mr. D. was a delegate to the Convention that formed the present constitution—was a member of the last, and had just been elected a member of the coming legislature.

**THE HARNEY HOUSE.**—This establishment, will soon be ready for business. It has undergone complete and thorough repair, and long needed improvements and additions have been made under the supervision of Capt. Markham, that will render it without any exception, the most comfortable house of its size any where in the State.

**WHAT IS A HEAD WITHOUT A HAT?**—See Booth & Quiggins' advertisement. No discernible difference would be perceptible in "heads" if it were not "for hats." The hat, is all that the historian should ask for in order to be able to write a biography of the man who wore it. If you cannot tell the character of a man by his hat, there is no use to study noseology to discover it. Hence we say the whole pride of ambition should be directed to the head's covering. A man should always select a hat with an eye to its 'characteristic fitness,' there is no other place in town where this can be done, better than at the Lafayette street Hat Store.

We would say to our friend of the "lost pocket book" that in his absence of mind when he came to get the book; that he left on our table a hat-  
chet and a saw.

The New York Herald says that Mrs. Gen. Gains publishes a communication, denying in toto the statement of the Wilmington, Delaware Gazette, a few days since, she says: "It is so utterly incorrect in the whole, and in every part, that I cannot in justice to myself pass it by without endeavoring to restrain it from further currency."

**ROW IN CHURCH STREET.**—A kind of pitch battle took place yesterday morning at the Advocate office. We have not the particulars. All we know, is, after a few "rounds," that Mr. Fits got a gentleman down, by the name of Severe, and though "fits" were not exactly the result of the contest, Severe was severely—if not savagely dealt with.

We see it stated that a Mr. R. W. Scott, has married one of the Heron's of the "Heron family." This calls to mind the fact that a few years ago, whilst the Heron family were performing here, that several gentlemen devoted themselves exclusively to the study of old Isaac Walton's book on angling; to do, what Mr. Scott has succeeded in doing. If our memory serves, some of the Hon. members of the grave legislature, actually forgot the cares of state, for piscatorial excursions. It was all however to no purpose; the Heron's could not be caught; notwithstanding the faultless dressing and agreeable manners of the anglers, the Herons left—it pains us now to notice that one of 'em has been caught in northern waters.

**THE VACANT JUDGESHIP.**—The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Larue of the First District Court, seems to have thrown the forces in New Orleans, into confusion. The act of 1847 makes it the duty of the Governor, whenever a vacancy is occasioned in any elective office to issue a writ, ordering an election to be held. The Constitution of '52 established an elective Judiciary, and the acts of '53 are silent as to the mode of filling vacancies. Hence the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Larue, must be filled by an election held under the Proclamation of the Governor to this effect.

The editor of the Baton Rouge Comet, in speaking of our readiness to raise a company in case of a war with Mexico, says: "We think that if Captain Ingraham will renounce his claims to the Presidency, the editor of the Jefferson Herald (if he is a Democrat) ought to be taken up immediately."

We thank the editor for his kind intentions towards us and the laudable zeal which he thereby displays for the good of our common country, yet we could not, considering that we have been heretofore treated with unmerited neglect, allow our name to be used in connection with the Presidency. Our pride forbids it. We are now twenty-three years of age, and if the people have been blinded to our merits so long, they and the country must suffer for their neglect in not appreciating us properly at an earlier day. This declaration may be a death blow to many of our friends, who doubtless, expected office under our administration, and to the various presses throughout the country, who may have raised our name at their mast head, yet duty to ourselves, to our wounded sensibilities compels us to this course. We authorize our friend Pike of the Comet to say that we will not accept the nomination if tendered us.

Well done, say we for the Jefferson Herald. "Clark" will not have equivocal honors "thrust upon him." Our little notice has had the effect to introduce to us a very clever fellow if nothing more, and we should like to shake hands "in fellowship" with the man who is of our own mind. When we get to be President (and the Comet has already been spoken of in this connection, at Pompeii) we will make Clark (with his consent) Prime minister.

## Official Election Returns.

The following is a correct list of the official returns of the election, in the Secretary of State's office. Other returns will be added as they come in:

	London.	Aberdeen.	King.	Merch.	Lawyers.	Oranoux.
East Baton Rouge,	406	496	407	405	409	
St. Charles,	07	09	138	89	121	85
Tensas,	110	171	199	163	194	164
Iberville,	484	384	429	278	499	
West Baton Rouge,	9	140	204	188	208	198
West Feliciana,	119	207	180	240	141	261
St. James,	141	258	259	121	231	191
Assension,	292	293	260	313	292	292
Concordia,	90	108	129	89	115	99
Madison,	128	220	177	213	170	211
East Feliciana,	268	288	248	207	228	221
Point Coupee,	180	200	200	236	212	236
Lafayette,	99	261	24	239	80	230
St. John the Baptist,	127	158	159	149	159	144
Ascension,	609	608	609	671	621	621
Terrebonne,	283	280	249	273	241	271
St. Martin,	614	593	591	554	516	561
Catahoula,	299	412	303	404	399	400
Parish Plaquemine,	51	599	529	672	68	618
St. Mary,	396	168	357	168	440	175
Assumption,	280	459	459	459	459	459
St. Helena,	212	255	212	255	229	229
Carroll,	295	297	298	299	294	294
Washington,	118	149	123	145	127	148
St. Landry,	295	284	283	213	240	269
St. Martin,	614	592	591	554	516	561
Livingston,	159	194	168	169	169	168
St. Tammany,	295	180	182	190	200	203
Acadiane,	285	428	340	476	321	421
Rapides,	283	259	258	255	277	268
De Soto,	289	449	347	402	389	444
Caddo,	434	404	421	418	439	418
Iberville,	120	256	190	269	191	264
Morehouse,	304	300	300	307	295	306
Jefferson,	345	348	342	325	450	323
Vermillion,	154	155	155	154	154	154
N. Orleans 1st. Dist.	9045	8765	2891	9715	9890	8607
do 2d	1541	2289	1299	2070	1800	2089
do 3d	912	2869	1830	2787	1898	2792

## CONGRESSIONAL RETURNS.

	Gay.	Dunbar.
Orleans First District,	1349	2249
" Third District,	784	1054
" Right Bank,	92	189
St. Bernard,	201	199
Plaquemine,	376	882

  

	Davis.	Hunt.
St. Charles,	27	109
Assension,	231	240
Assumption,	276	226
St. Mary,	173	447
St. Martin,	225	599
Orleans, First District,	2555	2992
" Fourth District,	878	616
Jefferson,	515	464
St. John Baptiste,	9	167
St. James,	116	319
Lafourche,	59	654
Terrebonne,	260	345

  

	Perkins.	Pond.
Tensas,	209	104
Iberville,	436	278
West Baton Rouge,	143	261
West Feliciana,	257	140
Concordia,	129	192
Madison,	231	147
Carroll,	349	241
St. Helena,	234	215
Washington,	819	174
Livingston,	679	168
Avoyelle,	408	308
Catahoula,	407	308
St. Tammany,	197	307
East Feliciana,	381	370
Point Coupee,	281	326
East Baton Rouge,	468	478

  

	Smith.	Jones.
Vermillion,	135	156
Lafayette,	95	389
St. Landry,	624	624
Rapides,	369	692
De Soto,	349	460
Caddo,	430	423
Iberville,	129	595
Morehouse,	300	310

The following is a list of candidates elected to the Legislature.

- E. Baton Rouge, G. C. McWhorter, I. H. Bontier,
- St. Charles, W. B. Taylor, (Senate) no opposition, F. B. Freygnier, A. V. Trudeau,
- Tensas, H. McCullough,
- Iberville, Louis Helbert, (Senate.) E. D. Woods, E. W. Robertson,
- West Baton Rouge, W. M. Fayot,
- West Feliciana, R. C. McKim, (Senate.) U. B. Phillips,
- Assension D. F. Kenner, (Senate.)
- Assension, J. A. Richard,
- St. James, Emile Leosol, Theodore Lagrone,
- Madison, W. B. Scott, (Senate.) Lafayette Jones,
- Point Coupee, G. B. Miller and A. D. M. Haralson,
- St. John the Baptist, Joseph Bossier,
- St. Bernard, R. L. Milaudon,
- Concordia, P. F. Key, (Senate)
- Catahoula, S. T. Lacroix, and E. Olivier,
- Terrebonne, R. D. Jordan,
- Lafayette, Y. Bertrand and V. Cornier,
- Lafourche, J. Williams, T. Harang, M. Thibodeaux,
- St. Martin, P. F. Helant, H. J. Heard, J. Ellis,
- East Feliciana, F. Barclay and T. A. Randalson,
- New Orleans, J. A. Brown, J. B. McMurdo, (State.)
- Assumption, P. F. Key, (Senate)
- St. Martin, John Moore, (Senate)
- East Feliciana, O. W. Munday, (Senate.)
- Parish Plaquemine, C. J. Viller,
- St. Mary, P. C. Bethel, W. T. Falvey, (Senate.)
- A. B. Baker, W. W. Wagon, (S. H.)
- St. Landry, O. G. Guerry, A. Dageau, J. D. Garder,
- E. N. Oulton,
- Assumption, W. W. Pugh, F. A. Williamson and A. D. Truxillo, P. Key, (Senator.)
- St. Helena, F. H. Hatch, H. Richardson, (Senate.)
- Carroll, R. C. Floyd,
- Washington, Jefferson Roberts,
- Livingston, Thomas Green Davidson,
- Jefferson, Dr. S. Green,
- Vermillion, P. O. Broussard,
- St. Tammany, J. F. Cooper,
- Rapides, G. Lebat, P. Tanner,
- De Soto, J. D. Whipple,
- Morehouse, J. R. R. Jones,
- Iberville, W. W. Wagon,
- Caddo, W. R. Douglas,
- Avoyelle, G. Berlin, L. Gauthier,
- Lafayette and Vermillion, D. Pellerin, (Senator.)
- Rapides, and Avoyelle, Michael Ryan, (Senate.)

The large dry goods establishment of A. F. STEWART, Broadway, New York, pays annually more than a million of dollars for duty into the Treasury of the United States.

Dr. Homes, the facetious poet, who says he "Dares not be as funny as he can," for fear, perhaps, that he will be the death of us, is lecturing to the Mercantile Library Association of New York.

The schooner Advance, which was captured several months since by the U. S. sloop-of-war John Adams, as a slaver, and sent into Norfolk for trial, was condemned by Judge Halyburton in the U. S. District Court at Norfolk, on the 2d instant.

Eastern agents are employed throughout New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, in buying up the apple crop for the Eastern and Southern markets. The prices commonly paid is fifty cents per bushel for good fruit.

By letter to the Secretary of State, we learn that Judge Andrew Lawson, Judge of the 7th Judicial District Court, died at Homer on the 3rd instant.

**TABLE MOVING EXTRAORDINARY.**—We learn from a gentleman who is in the habit of moving in the highest circles that the Table Movement party, has lately derived great encouragement from the fact that the Table Rock has been moved down the Niagara Falls.—Punch.

**A THIRSTY DEAD MAN.**—At Arnhem, in Holland, was born Beck, the painter, who after he was apparently dead, was rested to perfect health in a singular manner. It is related that his valets to drown their grief had recourse to the bottle, and knowing how well their master had loved it in life one of them proposed to give him a bumper. They did so, and Beck began slowly to open his eyes. He lived several years afterwards.

The Knickerbocker relates the following characteristic anecdotes of the famous Tom Marshall.

"When Pileher was haranguing about his father having been a poor man, his father was a cooper, and more of that sort of thing, Marshall said he would admit the gentleman's father was a poor man; perhaps a cooper, but if he was (pointing to Pileher,) he had put a mighty poor head to one of his whiskey barrels."

**REMOVAL OF THE SIOUX.**—The Indians of Minnesota Territory have been removed from their lands on the Mississippi river, opposite St. Paul, to their new location on the Minnesota river, by the United States officers, and will there be paid their annuities for the present year.

The submerged telegraphic cable stretched beneath the Ohio river at Mayaville to the opposite shore, although prepared with great care, and at a cost of \$100,000, has received some injury which renders it entirely useless. Another cable was shipped from Louisville a short time since.

The Lambertville (N. J.) Iron Mines are to be opened, and furnaces erected to carry on the manufacture of iron, as soon as a charter can be obtained from the New Jersey Legislature to form a corporate company for purpose.

**LEAD IN IOWA.**—In Clayton county, Iowa, an immense lead mine was lately discovered, by Messrs. Holmes & Dickson, who have taken out 120,000 pounds of mineral within the last four weeks, and have another 100,000 in sight. The lead is considered good for 1,000,000 pounds.

## Communicated.

DEAR COMET—Do you ever read a very considerable newspaper, published in your great city, called the "Gazette?" But why ask the question—how else could you make up your "spirit of the morning journals?" Look into the last paper, and see how some fool who signs himself "Erebus" abuses you. The editor of that paper (who ever he is, and this discovery has yet to be made) must have a very transparent intellect to admit such a document, to pass through his editorial grist-mill. The logic of the author is based upon the fact that if Powers combines in himself business habits with temperance enough to make an upright Constable, of course the inference is, that his opponents do not; and upon this miserable flimsy-flimsy—wishy-washy struff, the writer spins out a half column, of interesting matter for that organ of the Whig party, the Gazette—the ancient newspaper that has had ninety-nine editors, but none of them to be compared with the present. I know very well that such stuff does not disturb your nerves, but it makes your friends feel funny. About "Charley's 1805" if you have really got any let me know, and I will come around and bring—and—and—and we will test the quality of it, without the any regard to what the people of this superfluously moral community has to say about it.

As to myself, "I hold the world's opinion at as little worth, as it holds mine—the I know to be your own politics. To despatch the subject matter of this epistle, I would advise Erebus in all kindness to go black his face, his *cavoches scribendi*, which is a vulgar expressing for the itch, will never throw much light into darkness. Your advice to "Syntha dear," would be the best he can follow, if his desire is to become immortal. To be classic, allow me to sign myself MOMUS.

## The Moonshine Railroad.

Such is the title given by the New York Tribune, to the recently organized Pacific railroad company with the Hon. Robt. J. Walker at its head as President. The Tribune calls Mr. Walker the snow-plow of the scheme, and says that he either has, or is about to put his name down, for the small figure of ten millions of the capital stock.

A formidable list of subscribers, names are presented to the world, and such a company of Directors, as never was heard of before. What has become of the adjourned Memphis convention? Have our friends the Doctor, and the Delta editor, settled the relative claims of the Crescent city and the capital, for the next meeting? If so we should like to learn the result.

We hope really that the Great Memphis convention will not rest satisfied with what they have done towards building the Pacific railroad. It should awaken to the fact that enterprising gentleman in the North have organized—opened books—received "subscription" by the millions—from fellows who bank upon their political capital, and the Moonshine railroad will be built whilst the south is in slumber.

Look to the Royal Bengales (with banking facilities) Moonshine Pacific railroad Company, with the Hon. R. J. Walker President, and see what is being done. But let us give place to the Tribune's own words:

The Moonshine Company is intended to be a self-acting machine. It goes upon the plan upon which interminable arches are constructed. Given a place to stand upon, the work can be carried on indefinitely without external supports or an ultimate landing place. It is a sort of Vanderbilt yacht project, to be undertaken and carried on at the expense of Uncle Sam, and where the company cannot only dodge in and out of every body's harbor free of expense, under 'yacht license,' but where champagne and chicken fixas are to be thrown in gratis to enliven the jaunt. This company is bound to have a jolly time, so long as its life lasts. Its rooms will be open at Washington this winter, and well lighted at night, where any body who wants to out and come again can have a free pass. Any body can find the place. The sign on the lower door will be, "Walk in."

That the Hon. Robt. J. should subscribe ten millions, may somewhat astonish the Mississippians, not more however, than the Louisianaians will be surprised, to learn that the Hon. Rev. Joel G. Sever, formerly of New Orleans, has put his name down to the capital stock of the road for half a million. The Bulletin's word is out for this. We know that Joel's friends in New Orleans are alarmed at this rash venture, which is to put in jeopardy his large estate; but we think they will become quietted when the following questions are correctly answered.

Are not the subscribers to the "Capital stock" responsible men? Are they not "good" as the phrase has it? Is not a good man's note, an acknowledgment of debt? Is it not logical to argue, that a good man's note is good? If so what more? Is not the holder safe? Then how can the railroad-building multitude desire, more? A man who desires to be more, than safe should be d—d in his own presumption. Go on gentlemen of the moon shine railway, you deserve the approbation of mankind at large, for your enterprise. When the railroad is finished instead of having mile post on the way, of bare stones; we will have exquisitely fretted marble statue of each of you, to stand—and loo down on the train as it passes with the smiles of your own approbation.

The Italian Opera, in Paris, opened on the 5th of November, under the management of Col., Rogans, an uncle of Grisi. Among the artists engaged are Mario, Lamburini, Nabolec Rossi, Alboni, Frezzolini, etc. Alboni is engaged at the sum of \$400 night.