The Weekly Comet

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THE CRESCENT AND JUDGE COTTON.—The phrase "up cotton," is now obsolete, cotton is down; and if we must believe the merry editor of the Crescent, Cotton is dead; and one of the staple articles of Louisiana's agriculture, will be no longer quoted "on change." As the Crescent says, "we no longer look upon ridicule as the 'test of truth';" nor do *we*, and no one acquainted with the facts of the case, will remain long under the impression that Cotton is all wrong: there will, by and by, be a reaction in favor of Cotton, and it will take its accustomed position in the price current. Judge Cotton has conscientiously discharged what he conceived to be his duty, and about his being either right or wrong, there is an honest difference of opinion. The question involved, is the constitutionality of a railroad tax, or any other similar tax, to force the people of this Republic to build up companies of doubtful expediency, and when supported by the public treasure—invariably matters of speculation and monopoly. We cite as an example, the Great Northern Railroad affair, which up to this moment is nothing less than a great speculation on the part of money dealers. As an evidence of the fact, when a committee from the last Legislature was appointed to enquire into its affairs, they found that out of $500,000 received from the State, there remained in the treasury of the company, the sum of *nineteen dollars*, for contingent expenses; and the directors of the Company had the impudence to tell the Legislature's committee, that if $500,000 more was not appropriated, the State would have to loose the $500,000 already donated. But the committee asked to be informed as to what had been done with the money? In answer to which question, they were blandly asked to "refer to the papers."

This is invariably the way the peoples money is used, when given to companies having charters to swindle them; but to return to Judge Cotton; in charging the Jury in the Grailhé case, he told them that the Supreme Court had decided the matter, but pointed to a still higher law—the Constitution of the United States, with which the decision of the Supreme Court is in direct opposition. What then? Must it be wondered at, that a jury of disinterested citizens, decided as they did? Pronounce Judge Cotton the modern Doggberry, and cite Hennins Digest, Griffens Creditors, Breedlove on Turner, or any other legal authority; we say Judge Cotton (who we have not the pleasure of knowing) stands in an enviable position, and so far from having violated any of the "solemn functions" of a Judge, he has fortified himself on the side of the mass of the people—at least such of them as are not yet embarked in rail road speculations.

STAG HALL.—Our friend, Col. Peirce, of Mexican war notoriety, has changed the name of his castle, again Whilst bearing the title of "Little Misery," the "flag of our country" was always kept on the out-ward wall.—This has been taken in, for diverse reasons: the principal of which is, that the Col. himself, could never look on that noble banner, without feeling patriotic, and having to take "something" on the other side of the street, to "cool down."

The name of "Stag Hall" is deemed less objectionable to the Col's, many friends. Though there are no Stag's on the premises, or other quadrupeds—except "White Surry"—still it is presumed that the public will understand the appropriateness of the castles present title.

Louisville Jan. 3.—The firm of E. Webb, Maxey & Co., commission merchants and cotton and tobacco factors, has failed.

HOW TO GET RICH HONESTLY.—This is the title of a very lackidaisical half column of worn out morality now going the rounds of what, by common consent, is denominated "the press." The Comet has not yet given place to it, nor will we, because of its ill-adaptedness to the actual and common-place facts of the times. Such a paragraph—floating down to remote posterity would place this generation in a false light before the next, and call for some impartial writer to vindicate the "truth of History." The Red River Democrat—a substantial died-in-the-wool "Republican," speaks in the following manner, and tells the *following* truths in reference to the best and most approved manner of getting rich quickly, and without investing, and thus hazarding *"capital."*

The most lucky politicians in the country, are the gentlemen who composed the late democratic State executive committee, each of whom has secured for himself a fat office. The president of the committee, being rather more ambitious than the privates, believes that he is entitled to all vacancies that may occur—as it appears that he no sooner heard of the death of the master warden of the port of New Orleans, than he applied to governor Hébert for, and received, the appointment. It is worth $5,000 per annum. Horatio Davis is really a lucky man: he now holds the offices of secretary of the State senate, secretary of the city council of N. Orleans, and master warden of the port of N Orleans—all of which cannot yield him less than $10,000 a year! Being president of a democratic club is a profitable business.

☞ It will be seen, by Notice to Contractors in another column, that the Gorsse Tete Plankroad company is now ready to receive proposals for grading, ditching, falling timber, &c., on all the remaining sections of the road, that are not now ready for planking. Plans, specifications and necessary information in reference to the work, can be had, on application to Maj. S. M Hart on the Levee.

☞ Mr. Meagher has gone to California. The papers say he has won *"golden* opinions of all sorts of people" (we hope something more substantial besides) and has now gone to the land of Ophir, to do the same thing. It is as well for our people to spend their surplus revenue in patriotic speeches as any thing else. Go on Mr Meagher—success attend you.

☞ It is a matter of no moment to us, whether, the weather is good, or whether it is bad, therefore we say very little about it. The worst, is too good for some things, and the best is not half good enough for some of the world's fastidious citizens. The past few days of January have been so mild, that things begin to look green again, and if it holds, all nature in a brief period will be resurrected.

Still more rumors of Cuban Expeditions. The New York Herald's Washington correspondent writing from the latter place of date the 25th ulto., says:

We are enabled to state that the Government has received information which they deem of a reliable character, that a formidable expedition has been organized, and is about sailing from New York and New Orleans, for the purpose of landing in Cuba, with a view to the independence of that island. The expedition is represented as being in such a state of forwardness as to render it probable it will sail within a few days.

Orders have been dispatched from here for the immediate apprehension of the parties said to be implicated in the movement. It is believed by well informed persons, however, that the efforts of the Government in this respect may be a little too late, and that a portion of the expedition will, at all events, get away.

☞ The aggregate cost of the public printing, ordered by the thirty-second Congress at its first and second session, amounted to $125,595 60 and the cost of the paper to $191,956 27.

Mrs. Amelia Opie, the popular author of numerous works of fiction, died at Norwich, England, the city of her birth, on the 2nd of December, at the age of eighty-five years.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.—There is a great deal of nonsense that enters into the talk, of even wise people It is funny to listen to fashionable company when it comes together; either in doors, or out-doors; and hear them talk the common-place compliments, fashionable at this day. With the gents there are set phrases, that none but the initiated are acquainted with; and with the *buisiest* buisness men there are but few compliments, of no interest. It is only with the ladies that the whole volly of compliments and questions of solicitude, are run over. "Run over" this is the appropriate phrase.

A lady meets a lady, in a public thoroughfare or a fancy trumperry establishment—"Good morning Mrs Skates—when did you come in? when are you going over? How is Skates? Have you seen the beautiful new goods at the cheap store? I declare I—never saw the beat,—French Cashmere de laines, at forty cents the yard, and such beautiful patterns—How's Willie and Molly Ann and the baby?

At this volly of questions, Mrs. Skates gets a word in "edge-wise" and *skates* away, cutting exceedingly beautiful figures with her tongue—at which the clerk on the other side of the counter, (who has returned from pomadding his hair in the back room) languishes. Mrs Skates "Why lor me Mrs. Wiggles you would'nt know the baby" Mrs. Skates prefers beginning at the end and going back. "The child can nearly stand alone—only six months old, five weeks ago—he says "Bah" and "Mah," as plain as can be—Willie has grown so you would'nt know him—weighs three pounds and a quarter, more now—than he did before he went to Muggins—you would really be astonished—Doxy Anne *she* has grown right out of her last winter clothes—none of her dresses meet—she has gained fourteen pounds this last three months.—I am going down when Mr. Skates comes—Doxy's going to her aunts in the morning—when Willie comes back we will all go over to Mr. Browns.—Cousin Fitzgig is coming down next week—you must come over—do be sociable Eliza Jane?—Come and see me—good morning—good Morning Mr Merryweather"—then the second lady with a kind of victorious swing of her new Mantilla (cost $30 at Phillipses) swings out before another word can be said. The clerk awakens from his reverie, about Doxy Ann's weights and measures; and begins to wade into the dry goods—as Mrs. Skates does not know exactly what she wants.

A Valuable Receipe.—How to make a candle burn all night. Have the candle twice the lengh of one, that will burn till twelve. Another.—Have two candles; get up and light one when the other burns down.

[Mackenzies 500 000 receipts.

INAUGURATION OF THE STATUE OF MARSHALL NEY IN PARIS.—A Paris letter of the 8th ult., says:

The bronze statue of Marshall Ney was inaugurated yesterday, with all possible pomp, under an execrable sky. Prince Napoleon presided. The decendants of the Marshall occupied a reserved tribune. A deputation from Sarrelonis, where Ney was born, was present. The Archbishop of Paris officiated. M. Fould, after the *De Profundis*, read the decree which ordered the execution of the statute; St. Arnaud delivered a historical address, in which he made it very clear why, under a Napolean, the memory of so Nepoleonic hero as Ney should be rehabilitated; then Mr. Dupin, who in 1815, was, M. Benyer, charged with the defense of Ney, reviewed in an earnest discource, the souvenir of the unhappy epoch, in which the marshal fell a victem to party discord and the hatred of the Holy Alliance. The troops then defiled before the statue, the deputation from Sarrelonis laid a bunch of everlasting upon the pedistal and marched to the house of Madame la Marechale Ney, to assure her of their profound attachment and respect.

Leutze, the historical painter, is now engaged in painting a large picture of Washington at the battle of Monmoth, with the arrest of Gen. Lee. This work has been ordered by David Leavitt, Esq., of Brooklyn, who pays $10,000 for it.

☞ The following on *dit* is in circulation; it certainly flavors of the causticity of the exchancellor. Baron Rothschild, it seems, was complaining to Lord Brougham of the hardship of not being allowed to take his seat. "You know" added he "I was the choice of "the people.'" To which his lordship replied: "So was Barabas."

☞ Madame Jenny Lind Goldsmith is about to return to the stage. Galignanies Gazette, says that she appeared for the first time in Dresden, on which occasion she sang the beautiful hymn, for solo and chorus, by Mendelssohn, "Hor, mein Bitten, Herr."

The annual festival of the Printers of New York will take place in that city on the 17th of February—the 148th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, the patriot, philosopher and printer.

WHOLESOEE TRUTHS.—"Who marries for love takes a wife, who marries for consideration takes a lady. You who are loved by your wife, regarded by your mistress, tolerated by your lady. You have a wife for yourself, a mistress for your house and its friends, a lady for the world. Your wife will agree with you, your mistress will accommodate you, your lady will manage you. Your wife will take care of your household, your mistress of your house, your lady of appearance. If you are sick, your wife will nurse you, your mistress will visit you, your lady will inquire after health. You take a walk with your wife, a ride with your mistress, and join parties with your lady. Your wife will share grief, your mistress your money, and your lady your debts. If you are dead your wife will shed tears, your mistress lament, and your lady wear mourning.

Married.

On Saturday evening the 31st ulto., by the Rev. W. H. CRESSHAW, NICHOLAS V. WOLVERTON, of New Orleans, to Miss. SUSAN LOCKWOOD of this city.

Died.

At the residence of Thompson J. Bird in this Parish, on the night of the 3d inst., Col. JOHN W. DAWSON. Col Dawson was a native of this Parish where for a number of years he has been a respected—and public spirited citizen.

In this city on Friday, the 6th inst., Mrs. ELIZABETH SHIELDS consort of HENRY FITZSIMMONS Esq.

New Advertisement.

Parish Tax Notice.

THE undersigned having been appointed collector of Parish taxes in and for the Parish of East Baton Rouge; give notice to all persons indebted for Taxes for the year 1853, to come forward and make immediate payment of the same, at his office at the store of Hacket & Brooks, on Church street in the city of Baton Rouge,

O. HACKET,

jan 7 '54. Collector of Parish Taxes.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Baton Rouge, Grosse Tête and Opelousas Plank Road Company, for the following works:

Grading west of Lake Cocodrie to the Grosse Tête.
" from the Lake to Flin's Tract of Land.
" " Flin's to the Mississippi River.
Falling the timber on the sides of the road, from Grosse Tête to Lake Cocodrie.
Planking eight miles or more.
Securing down the Planking.

The proposals to be presented on or before the 4th day of February next (1854.)

Specifications for the said work to be seen at the office of the President of the Company, on Bayou Grosse Tête, and at the office of S. M. HART, in the Town of Baton Rouge. JAS. H. JOHNSTON,

Jan.6-1m. Secretary.

SALE OF UNCLAIMED ARTICLES ON The Wharf Boat.

THE FOLLOWING articles remaining on the Wharf Boat, at Baton Rouge, La., if not claimed in thirty days, from this date, will be sold at Public Auction to pay the Storage:

2 Chests with contents, marked Mlle Adele.
2 Saddle Bags do. No Mark.
7 Cooper's Truss Hoops, do.
1 Trunk with contents marked Alex. Sutherland, Caddo Parish, La.
1 Box new Books marked C. B. Jones.
1 " " " marks defaced.
1 " old " no mark.
1 Cloth Package, marked Madame Emilie White.
5 Trunks with contents, no mark.
1 Trunk " " mark defaced.
1 Carpenter's vice, no mark.

WM. MARKHAM.

Baton Rouge, Dec. 16th 1853.

Notice to Sugar Planters.

THE BOSTON STEAM ENGINE COMPANY, of Boston, Mass., OTIS TUFTS, Agent, hereby give notice, that having purchased of Messrs. NILES & Co., of Cincinnati, all their Patterns, Drawings, &c., with the good will of the same, connected with the manufacture and sale of all kinds of Machinery heretofore furnished by said NILES & Co, for SUGAR PLANTATIONS, such as STEAM ENGINES, SUGAR MILLS, STEAM APPARATUS, &c., are prepared to manufacture the above-described Machinery in any quantity and of the best quality, and respectfully solicit a continuance of the liberal patronage which has formerly been bestowed upon the said Niles & Co. They will also continue the manufacture of STATIONARY STEAM ENGINES, MARINE ENGINES AND STEAM BOILERS of every description.

We are pleased to announce that we have made an arrangement with Mr. S. H. GILMAN, late a partner of Niles & Co., to act as our Agent, in contracting for any of the above-named Machinery, and pledge ourselves to execute with promptness and fidelity any contracts made by him. All communications for Machinery may be addressed to him, care Messrs. J. O. Woodruff & Co., New Orleans, at whose office he can be found.

BOSTON STEAM ENGINE COMPANY,
Boston, Nov. 1, 1853. OTIS TUFTS, Agent.

THIS MAY CERTIFY, That we have sold to the BOSTON STEAM ENGINE COMPANY, all the Patterns, Drawings, &c., together with the good will of the same, pertaining to the manufacture and sale of all kinds of Machinery heretofore furnish by us for SUGAR PLANTATIONS, such as STEAM ENGINES, SUGAR MILLS, STEAM APPARATUS, &c. We cheerfully recommend the said Steam Engine Company to all our customers and others desiring Machinery of this description, feeling assured that they will furnish them promptly and efficiently. Our Mr. J. M. Niles, who is now in New Orleans, will give any information that may be desired upon this subject, and render any assistance in this business that the said Company may need. NILES & CO.

Cincinnati, Nov. 19, 1853. [dec18-1m.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

SUCCESSION SALE.

In the matter of the Succession of CHARLES TESSIER, *deceased.*

[282] Probate, Sixth Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BY VIRTUE of a commission issued in the above succession and to me directed from the Hon. Sixth Judicial District Court, in and for said Parish of East Baton Rouge and State aforesaid,

I will offer at public sale in said Parish, in the city of Baton Rouge on Lafayette Street—at the last residence of Charles Tessier, deceased, on

Wednesday, the 18th day of January next, 1854, *at* 11 *o'clock* A. M., the property herein after set forth and described; belonging to the succession of Chas. Tessier, late of said parish dec'd., to wit:

A LOT of ground, situated in that part of the City of Baton Rouge, laid out by R. Devall, measuring twenty feet front on Lafayette street, by one hundred and twenty feet in depth, being the northern part of lot number three, with all the improvements thereon.

ANOTHER LOT of ground adjoining on the rear line of the above described lot, measuring one hundred feet on the said rear line, and running back sixty feet to the west line of a lot of ground belonging to George A. Pike.

ANOTHER LOT of ground situated in Devall section of the City of Baton Rouge, described on the plan thereof, as lot number 8, of square No. 3, measuring sixty feet front on Third Street, by one hundred and twenty feet in depth.

AN THER LOT of ground having—— feet on Lafayette street, by one hundred and twenty feet in depth, it being the southern part of lot No. 2, of square No. 3, of that part of the city of Baton Rouge laid out by Devall, with improvements thereon.

ANOTHER LOT of ground having—— feet front on Lafayette street, by one hundred and twenty feet in depth, it being the northern part of lot No. 2, and ten feet of the adjoining lot, one with all the improvements thereon.

ALSO, A TRACT OF LAND, situated on Jones' Creek, in this Parish, at about 8½ miles South East from the city of Baton Rouge, containing five hundred arpents more or less, bounaries given on the day of sale. Also, a plan of the above mentioned lots to be submitted on the day of sale.

ON THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS, TO WIT: The houses and lots fronting on Lafayette street, on a credit of One, Two and Three years from the day of sale, the other property, to wit: A fraction of a lot adjoining Fishers, in the rear of his lot to be sold for cash.

THE LOT fronting on Third Street and the Tract of Land on Jones' Creek to be sold for one third cash, and the balance on a credit of one and two years, the purchasers to furnish their notes with good and sufficient personal security and special mortgage retained on the property sold until the final payment. Said notes to bear six per cent interest from the day of sale, until the full and final payment, and payable at the Recorder's Office in the City of Baton Rouge. H. V. BABIN,

dec13-6t *s.* Sheriff.

Vente de Succession.

Dans l'affaire de la Succession de REBECCA BRASHEARS, *épouse décédée de* JACOB ZUG.

[No. 353.] Cour des Preuves du Sixième District Judiciaire—Paroisse d'Est Baton Rouge, Louisiane.

EN VERTU d'une commission lancée dans la succession ci-dessus à moi adressée par l'Honorable Cour du Sixième District Judiciaire dans et pour la Paroisse d'Est Baton Rouge, Etat de Louisiane.

J'exposerai en vente publique dans la dite Paroisse à la porte de la maison de Cour dans la ville de Baton Rouge,

Lundi, 30 *Janvier prochain,* 1854, à midi, La propriété ci-après désignées et décrites, appartenant à la succession de Mrs. Rebecca Brashears, épouse de Jacob Zug, dernièrement de cette Paroisse décédée—savoir:

UN négro homme JIM ou JAMES, agé 45 ans. Condition de la Vente—COMPTANT sur delivrance.

déc28-6ts. H. V. BABIN, Sheriff.

Successi n Sale.

In the matter of the Succession of REBECCA BRASHEARS *deceased wife of* JACOB Z. G.

[353] Probate, Sixth Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BY VIRTUE of a commission issued in the above succession and to me directed from the Hon. Sixth Judicial District Court, in, and for said parish of East Baton Rouge and State aforesaid,

I will expose at public sale at the Court House door, of said Parish, in the city of Baton Rouge.

On Monday the 30th day of Jan'ry next A. D. 1854, at 12 o'clock M. The property herein set forth and described, belonging to the succession of Mrs. Rebecca Brashear, wife of Jacob Zug, late of said Parish deceased: To wit.

Negro man, JIM or JAMES, aged 45 years.

Terms of sale, cash on delivering.

dec 28 6tw. H. V. BABIN Sheriff.

Office of the Baton Rouge and Clinton Plank Road Company.

PROPOSALS will be received at the office of this Company until Tuesday the 10th day of January next, (1854) for ditching and grading the Third and Fourth Sections of the Road (comprising four miles in each Section.) in accordance with the specifications of the Engineer to be seen at the office of the Company. Proposals are invited for either one or both Sections. By order of the Board.

dec. 1. ALFRED SHEPPERS, *Sec'y.*

Office of the Baton Rouge and Clinton Plank Road Company.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Stockholders of this company that an installment of ten per cent on the amount of stock ($2 50 per share) will be due and payable on the first day of February next, (1854.) By order of the Board.

dec 1. ALFRED SHEPPERS, Sec'y.

HARNEY HOUSE.

THIS well known establishment has been thoroughly repaired and renovated and is now open for the accommodation of Boarders and travellers.

nov. 22 WM. MARKHAM *Prop't*