THE DEMOCRAT.

EDWARD J. PULLEN, Editor.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 6, 1858.

☞ The Legislature, after a weeks' recess, meets on Monday next. Tuesday, the 9th is the day fixed upon to go into joint session for the election of a State Printer.

RESIGNED.—Gen. R. E. McHatton, Post Master at New Orleans, has sent his resignation to the President or Department at Washington. Cause—ill-health.

SUDDEN DEATH.—A Mr. Williams, living on the Amite river, near Greenwell Springs, died sudddenly on Sunday night last. He had been hunting during the day, and on going to bed at night complained of a choking sensation in the throat, which was not thought of sufficient importance to resort to the simple remedies at hand; in the morning when his wife awoke she found him dead.

THANKS.—To our friends in and out of the Parish we tender our grateful acknowledgments for the interest they have manifested in behalf of the DEMOCRAT. Our list already numbers over three hundred subscribers, and the cry is "still they come." Don't be backward gentlemen, in sending in your lists of subscribers; we have bought—expressly for the purpose—a book that will contain 1000 names. Of course, we will be pleased to have it filled.

☞ The steam gin-house of Dr. Gibb, of Madison parish, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 14th ult. It contained about 50 bales of cotton.

☞ The river bank in front of Ashton about fifteen miles above Lake Providence, is caving in badly; as we learn from the Herald, and threatens to carry along with it a large portion of the levee. It is thought that the incursions now going on must finally carry off pretty much all the ground upon which Aston stands.

☞ Alfred Elson, an Englishman, twenty-five years of age, has just accomplished, in Hartford, Ct., the great feat of walking one hundred and eight consecutive hours without sleep or rest.

SHOOTING AFFAIR AT MANSFIELD DE SOTO.—Mr. James Cunningham, proprietor of the Globe Hotel, Mansfield, De Soto parish, was shot on the 12th ult., by S. B. Martin, an itinerant artist, and now lies in a dangerous condition.

HOTEL BURNED.—The St. Cloud Hotel, at Dubuque, Iowa, was consumed by fire on the night of the 21st ult. It was the finest and most spacious hotel in the west, upwards of 200 feet long, 114 feet deep, and six stories high, and cost $120,000.

SHOOTING AFFAIR AT FORT SMITH.—The Fort Smith Herald records a murderous affray in that town between a Mr. G. Bollinger and a boy named Thomas Scully, which resulted in the death of the former. The difficulty originated in a bar-room, or rather the whiskey thereof, when Bollinger drew a knife and inflicted a wound on the face of Scully. Scully thereupon drew a pistol and fired at Bollinger, hitting him in the head and killing him instantly.

BURNING OF A SCHOOL HOUSE IN BROOKLYN.—The New York papers are filled with the particulars of the burning of a school house in Brooklyn, a short time since. There were nearly 900 children in the building at the time. The fire broke out about 3 o'clock P. M., and is believed to have originated in a lathed wall through which passed tin heaters. The teachers acted with great coolness, and a large number of the classes were dismissed and gotten out of the building without serious accident. The great rush was on the stairs immediately leading to the street. These were filled with small boys; the older ones, in their anxiety to escape, rushed upon them until the whole space was packed with children. The little ones were pressed down under the weight, and here seven boys were smothered to death.

☞ Thomas Green, Esq., was shot dead on Thursday, 28th ult., at Amite city, by a man named Hardy.

THE MISSION OF DEMOCRACY—WHERE WE STAND.

The Democrat is uncompromisingly Democratic in all predilections and faith. The party we believe to be right; we believe we are upholding the Constitution in attaching our faith to the principles advocated by the party—and shall make war upon all factions and isms afloat in our land, darkening the bright skies of our national horizon with the shadows of their repulsive histories, and exerting a tendency to destroy our country's prosperity, to weaken the bonds of brotherhood between rival sections and render inexpressive to the great heart of the nation, the true principles of that sacred bond of union cemented by the best blood of the Revolution.

God grant that the intelligence and patriotism of the people of the South may keep them intact from the fanaticism of the North, which dares to spurn our national flag, and claims allegiance only to "conscience—a higher law," and with the daring of a bold highwayman strike from the "Flag of our Union" fifteen of the stars, and say that Southern States are incapable of enjoying freedom, and deserve no place by the side of Massachusetts.

We look to the Democratic party, South and North, as the corner stone of the Union. The assimilation of the entire policy of our party to the interests of the people, the States and the Union, renders another evidence in the accumulative link, of the people's faith in the identity of the party and the true mission of a Democratic government.

"United we stand"—the thorough and complete adaptation of this proposition to the end sought to be gained by the framers of the Constitution is evident from the rapid progress which our country has make under such a policy, and to-day we occupy the proudest position among the nations of the earth. In the same ratio with our increase in wealth, population and political grandeur, has the genius of Truth and Religion, like the ancient Shekinah, shed its hallowing influence upon the habitations of our countrymen, and no matter how varied the creed, we bow at the shrine of our choice.

Let it ever be our proudest boast that we have preserved inviolate, the sacred institutions bequeathed to us by our sires, so that ages hence, when another Childe Harold

"With sandal shorn and scallop shed"

shall go upon a pilgrimage through this land of sovereigns, he may here find the beau ideal of Freedom's Temple.

Statistical Report of the Population, the Wealth, the Production, &c., of the State of Louisiana.

The following statistics we take from the Auditor's Report for the past year:

Value of property,.....	$358,299,505 00
Am't taxes assessed...	1,383,224 69
Uncultivated land–acres	5,670 79

LAND IN CULTIVATION.

	Acres.
Cultivated in Cane,.....	177,119
" Cotton.....	687,884
" Corn.....	723,996
" Rice.....	5,682
Total in cultivation.....	1,594,681

PRODUCTIONS.

Sugar—hogsheads.....	196,965
Molasses—barrels.....	332,002
Cotton.—bales.....	461,422
Corn—bushels.....	13,086,440
Rice—bbls.....	9,282

POPULATION.

No. of Free White.....	303,271
" " Colored.....	22,907
" " Slaves.....	264,985

According to the same Report, about one-half of the State Tax Collectors in the State are in the list of defaulters.

☞ The Tennessee Legislature has passed a bill declaring that the banks of that State shall resume specie payments on the 1st of January, 1859, at which time they are to issue no notes below $10. No bank, broker, or insurance company dealing in money is permitted hereafter to pay out for circulation the notes of any bank not chartered by Tennessee; and no bank shall pay out any notes except its own; nor shall it sell or dispose of gold or bank notes for any premium or discount. No dividend shall be paid during suspension, except the profits arising from the Bank of Tennessee, and no interest shall be paid on deposits of any kind.

IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO!

The City Baricaded and in Arms.

The news by the steamship Tennessee is of the most exciting and important character. The capital is barricaded and in arms; the blood of citizens has already been shed; and a universal civil war seems now to impend upon this distracted and unhappy country.

The movement at the Capital was as sudden and unexpected, as it was violent. The attention of all was turned at the time to the formidable coalition organizing in the interior. There was at first a hesitation to come hand to hand. Firing was kept up all over the city, from the streets and house tops, but no combined movement was made. The Radicals seemed to have the city all to themselves, and continued to fan the flames of popular fury by intemperate appeals like these:

To the Mexican People.

Twenty-five days of conspiracy and intrigue among the enemies of the people, and the basest of them all have succeeded in consummating the most perfidious crime against the sovereignty of the nation. Zuloaga and his Janissaries seek, in the holy name of religion, which they profane, to place the capital in the hands of a few fanatical hypocrits and highwaymen for their own elevation and aggrandizement.

Be not deceived, countrymen. The designs of these traitors and their accomplices are concealed under the well worded programme issued at Tacubaya; but be you on the alert and armed for vengeance. We are in the midst of a great revolution. To arms, citizens! The revolution is proclaimed. Organize in the name of the constitution. Signed

ANGEL TRIAS, Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF THE STATE ENGINEER.

The Report of Col Hebert is characterized by an outspoken and straightforward tone which should accompany the recommendation of a public officer. After urging his recommendations at length, he sums them up as follows:

1st. An appropriation, at an early day of the session, to enable the Department to cancel its present indebtedness ($9,679 32.)

2d. An appropriation of $11,250, for the prosecution of work on the Teche Locks.

3d. Provision for the payment to the Second Swamp Land District of the estimated cost of the dredge boat "Harmanson," (20,000.)

6th. That the State Engineer be allowed to complete the Morganza and Opelousas Road, at least between Morganza and Atchafalaya.

7th. That some measure be adopted to replenish the Internal Improvement Fund in the State Treasury, so as to provide for present arrangements of this Department, and for its future operations.

8th. That the State provide for this Department a Ship-Yard and Dry-Dock at Baton Rouge, with shops, store-rooms, hospital, etc., attached, for the purpose of building and repairing of boats, the storage of property of all description, and the protection and occupation of invalid or sickly slaves.

11th. A survey of the State according to previous Report of January 31, 1857.

12th. A Geological survey of the State.

BAD NEWS.—As we go to press we hear the news, from a reliable source, that the eyes of matlayed cane are on many stalks more or less rotten, probably caused by the recent heavy rains.—*Pioneer of Assumption.*

We would suggest to the planters of this parish, a thorough examination of all matlayed cane, before planting. It may prove of great advantage.

THE FRENCH SLAVE TRADE.—A private letter received at Washington City on the 6th ult, from Loango, coast of Africa, dated September 23, 1857, says that the French Government has practically engaged in the slave-trade under the name of apprentices, and that a ship, the "Clara," of Bordeaux, was at Loango at the date mentioned above, loading with negroes for Martinque. A French war steamer lay along side to protect her from the English cruisers, who would have seized her but that she had a French Naval officer on board with orders to the French commodore to protect her. The English are also using negroes as slaves at Sierre Leone. The French and English governments are participating in a trade which they affect to deem so hideous. A barracoon has been built by the French at Loango to be used for the safe-keeping of the slaves until they are ready for shipment. There is no secret in this business, and no disguise is attempted.

☞ They must be having remarkably warm weather up in Michigan just now, as an exchange from Detroit of recent date, reports the arrest of a woman in that city, "having nothing on her person but a love letter and daguerreotype."

MONEY MARKET.

The money market, says the Courier of the 1st. inst., continues to strengthen. The statement of the banks shows a plethora of resources, fully ample to protect double the business done now The Bank of Louisiana, without including the dividend of $140,000 payable to-day, shows fifteen hundred and twenty-two thousand surplus, or above the demands of the law. The four old banks exhibit a surplus of over $3,500,000, sufficient for a basis of $10,000,000 expansion. The free banks—the Southern Bank particularly—are all strong.—With all these favorable appliances business is contracting daily. So little paper is being made that the business of brokers and shavers is almost obsolete.

The exchange market declined to-day. Some of the banks sold checks on New York at par. Outside figures ruled from par, ⅛ to ¼ dis. Sixty days' sight 2¼ to 2½ per cent. dis. for the best, and 2¾ to 3 and 3¼ for good to low grade.

☞ The New York News, in alluding to the position of the Democratic press of that State, in support of the Administration on the Kansas question, says: Of the seventy or eighty Democratic papers in New York, not one, we believe, has varied a hair's breadth in its support of the President and of the principles laid down in his unanswerable message on the Kansas question. They are a unit, and stand by the Executive as firmly and proudly as when battling for his election. And there they will continue to stand. The Democracy of this State have seen nothing as yet calculated to wean them from the support of one who holds the helm of State with a steady hand, and who is guided by the principles of the Constitution and those of the party which placed him in power.

PACIFIC RAILROAD.—The bill matured by the Pacific Railroad Committee of the Senate, and reported in the Senate on the 19th ult., proposes to locate the railroad between the Big Sioux and the mouth of the Kansas river to San Francisco. Alternate sections of land on each side of the road are to be granted, and $12,000 per mile advanced upon the completion of every twenty-five miles of the road, until $25,000,000 is reached—the amounts thus advanced to be returned in mail service and in transportation of men and munitions of war. Five per cent of the stock is to be issued. The President is to receive the bids, make the contract for twenty years, and locate the road, having a view to economy and the best route.

FROM WASHINGTON.—The House went into a Committee of the Whole on the printing of the Deficiency bill. Davis, of Mississippi, made a speech against Free Soilers and the North, and threatened war against it. Gibbens asked if he would attack the Western Reserves. Davis replied yes, for there resided the meanest and worst Abolitionists in the whole country.

In the Senate, Pugh presented a resolution from the Ohio Legislature, endorsing the Administration but instructing her Representatives and requesting her Senators to vote against the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton or any Constitution, not accepted by the vote of the people. Wade denounced the Ohio Legislature for its cringing policy towards the Administration.

BURR AND BLANNERHASSET.—In noticing the death of R. S. Blannerhasset, Esq., of St. Louis, a nephew of the subject of Wirt's celebrated apostrophe, Mitchell writes in the Southern Citizen:

We knew him well, admired his talents, and enjoyed his friendship. He was a most genial and courteous Irish gentleman, extensively known and highly esteemed in his adopted State, but especially dear to his own family, who were all enthusiastically devoted to him. He seldom spoke of his cousin and his misfortunes; but had in his possession the manuscript journal kept by Hermann throughout all his transactions with Burr—the same documents from which Mr. Davis, in his life of Burr, has given several extracts. We have heard that it is the intention of a member of the family at St. Louis to edit and publish that journal, together with some letters throwing light on a transaction in which Americans, especially of the West will never cease to take an interest.

☞ The Fort Smith Herald reports heavy rains and very high water in that region.

KENTUCKY.—At the Kentucky State Convention, held at Frankfort, on the 8th of January, to nominate a Clerk of the Court of Appeals, resolutions endorsing Buchanan were offered by Lynn Boyd, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, and passed. The following is among the resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the patriotism and wisdom of our distinguished Chief Magistrate, and believe that the views expressed by him in his first annual message to the Congress of the United States in reference to the admission of the State of Kansas into the Federal Union, are wise, patriotic and just.

COMMERCIAL.

LOUISIANA COURIER OFFICE, February 3, 1858.

COTTON.—The demand was fair, but operations were restricted by the poor assortment offering, and the sales were confined to 4,000 bales.

Inferior.....	4 a6	Middling.....	9¾a10
Ordinary.....	6¾a7¼	Good Middling	10⅛a10¾
Good Ordinary..	7¾a8⅝	Middling Fair..	11 a—
Low Middling..	9 9¼	Fair.....	Nomin'l

STATEMENT OF COTTON.

Stock on hand, Sept. 1, 1857.....	7,321
Arrived since.....	872,820
Arived to-day.....	6,268
Exported to date.....	520,189
Exported to-day.....	9,087—
	529,276
On hand and on shipboard not cleared..	357,124

SUGAR—The demand continued fair.—sales comprised 1,200 hhds at—Fair to fully fair 4¼a5c.

MOLASSES—Sales, 1,500 bbls at 17½a18¼ for prime to choice; half bbls 21a23c.

PORK—1,900 bbls mess sold, in three lots, at $14, and 53 rumps at $10,50.

BACON—25 casks ribs sides sold at 8c, and 48 tierces sugar cured hams, in several lots at 13c.

LARD—The sales comprised 881 bbls and tierces, including 89 at 6¾ and 8c and 350 kegs at 9¾c.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons concerned that W. H. Neilson, administrator of the succession of Jared C. Neilson, deceased, has filed his final tableau of distribution of the funds of said succession in the Ninth District Court, in and for the parish of Pointe Coupee: and that if no opposition is made to said tableau within ten days from the publication of this notice, the same will be homologated and approved by said Court.

Pointe Coupee, La., this 18th day of January 1858.

[2dls] J. B. BLANCHARD, Dpy Clerk.

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Jan. 30, 1858.1y President,—Pte Coupee, La.

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State of Louisiana

Parish of Pointe Coupee—Ninth District Court.

John Burton. vs. R. W. & C. F. McRae. Bibb & Hopkins, Int. } No. 1486.

BY virtue of, and to satisfy a writ of fi fa, issued in the above entitled suit and to me directed by the Honorable the Ninth District Court, in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, to satisfy plaintiff's demand and costs of suit, I have seized, and will offer at public sale on the premises on

Saturday, the 6th day of March, 1858,

at 12 o'clock, a. m., all the right, title and interest that the defendant has in and to the following described property, to-wit:

A tract of land situated on Bayou Fordoche in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, known as the Lancaster plantation, being composed of the following lots: Nos. 58, 57, 56, 55, and 54 and the rear corner of lots 50 and 51, containing eleven one-hundredths of an acre, all in township No. 4, of range No. 8, in the Southern District in said Parish, State of Louisiana, together with all the buildings, improvements thereon, and the following named slaves, to-wit:

Levi, negro man aged thirty-four years.
Tom, negro man aged twenty-seven years.
Peter, negro man aged twenty-four years.
William, negro man aged twenty-four years.
Spencer, negro man aged twenty-eight.
Scott, negro man aged twenty-five years.
Squire, negro man aged eighteen years.
Dave, negro man, aged twentry-three years.
John, negro man aged eighteen years.
Jacob, negro man aged thirty-eight years.
Daniel, negro man aged forty-five years.
Dick, negro boy aged fourteen years.
Jenne, woman, aged twent y-two years, and her child.
Lucinda, negro woman aged sixteen years.
Maria, negro woman aged sixteen years.
Patsy, negro woman aged twenty-two years, and her child.
Lucinda, negro woman aged thirty-four years,
Jane, negro woman, aged twenty-seven years, and her two children, viz: Eliza and Amanda.
Juli, negro woman aged twenty-four years, and her two children.
Lucy, negro woman aged twenty-two years.
Lucinda, negro woman aged twenty-three years and her two children.

Terms of Sale—Cash, with Appraisement.

SEVERIN PORCHE, Sheriff.

Pointe Coupee, jan. 30,' 58. tds. $30,00

The State of Louisiana.

Parish of Pointe Coupee, Ninth District Court.

M. Britto, f. m. c. for the use of others, vs. Charles Lallande, f. m. c. } No. 886.

BY VIRTUE of, and to satisfy a writ of fi fa, issued in the above entitled suit and to me directed by the Honorable the Ninth district Court, in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, to satisfy plaintiff's demand and costs of suit, I have seized, and will offer at public sale, at the Court House on

Saturday, the 6th day of March, 1858,

at 11 oclock, a. m., all the right, title and interest that the defendant has in and to the following described property, to-wit:

A tract of land situated on Bayou Cirier, containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less, bounded on the upper line by the land belonging to the heirs of Lebeau, on the lower line by land belonging to B. Jewell, on the east by land of U. Broussard.

Also a negro woman named Lucy, aged about forty years.

Terms of sale—Cash with appriisement.

SEVERIN PORCHE, Sheriff.

Pointe Coupee, jan. 38, '58 tds $13,50.

STATE OF LOUSIANA.

Ninth District Court Parish of Pointe Coupee.

In the matters of the succession of Gyllum A. Hudson deceased.

WILL BE SOLD by the undersigned by virtue of an order of the Honorable the Ninth District Court in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, at the late residence of the deceased, on

Thursday, 18th of February, 1858.

at 11 o'clock, a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

All the moveable property, such as house furniture, kitchen utensils, mules, horses, oxen and cattle, hogs, wagons, carts, &c.

Terms and conditions of Sale—Cash.

SEVERIN PORCHE, Sheriff.

Pointe Coupee, jan. 30, '58.—3w3 ($5)

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE—NINTH DISTRICT COURT

H. A. Castle vs. R. W. McRae. } No. 1795.
Giquel & Jamison, vs. R. W. McRae. } No. 1778.
Wilson & Funk, vs. R. W. McRae. } No. 1819.

BY VIRTUE of, and to satisfy three writs of fi fas, issued in the above entitled suits and to me directed by the Hon. the 9th District Court in and for the parish and State aforesaid, to satisfy plaintiff's demand and costs of suit, I have seised, and will offer at public sale, on the premises on

Saturday, the 6th day of the month of February, 1858,

at 11 o'clock, A. M., all the right, title and interest that the defendant has in and to the following described property to-wit:

Forty-three Hogsheads of Sugar.

SEVERIN PORCHE, Sheriff.

Pointe Coupee, jan. 23, 1858. $6 w3

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